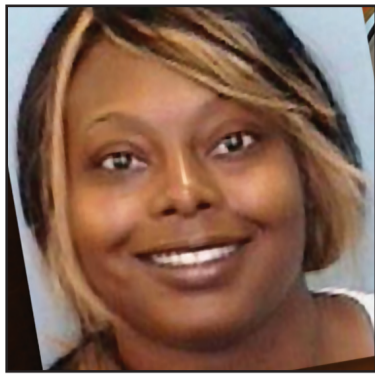


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EBONEE SPEARS

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.

IN THE CHURCH



MINISTER CALVIN ROBINSON

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY!"

God willing, on December 18, 2016 Minister Calvin Robinson, Doctor of Theology will be the guest preacher for the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services, at Pilgrim House of Worship. The Church is located at 4321 Wrightsville Avenue next to Hanger's Cleaners. Doctor Lorraine King-Cooper is the pastor. 910-431-7714"

---MINISTER CALVIN ROBINSON, DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

Watch elected officials

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

By the time you read this week's article, I will be, by the grace of God, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, going to a class for five days. I have asked for the people of Brunswick County to watch our elected officials very carefully and not be fooled by idle gestures that don't mean anything to help our people, Blacks nor Whites, who work for the good of the people of this

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Governor-elect Cooper says he'll make State "work for everyone"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL



NC GOVERNOR-ELECT ROY COOPER

It took almost a full month past the Nov. 8th elections, but after numerous failed Republican legal challenges and a Durham County ballot recount that essentially confirmed the final unofficial numbers, Republican Governor Pat McCrory this week finally conceded his defeat to Democratic challenger, Roy Cooper, in the hotly contested gubernatorial race that captivated the nation.

"Despite continued questions that should be answered regarding the voting process.....," the Governor, wearing a dark suit jacket and open shirt, said in a YouTube video concession speech Monday morning to his supporters, "...I personally believe that the majority of our citizens have spoken, and we now should do everything we can to support the 75th Governor of North Carolina, Roy Cooper."

In an email response, Cooper, the State Attorney General, thanked Governor McCrory and his wife

staving off a statewide recount or any interference from the GOP-led legislature. Top Democrats were delighted.

"We look forward to working with Governor-elect Cooper to support working North Carolinians, invest in our public schools, and work to build a better North Carolina," said North Carolina Democratic Party Chairwoman, Patsy Kever, in a statement.

Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) was just as effusive. "I congratulate Roy Cooper on his election as Governor of the great State of North Carolina. This was a hard-fought and well-deserved win. I am confident that Roy will serve the people of North Carolina honorably, as he has for many years as Attorney General."

State Senate Minority Leader Senator Dan Blue [D-Wake] was also pleased, but concerned about how McCrory and the Republican Party apparently tried

for their service to the State of North Carolina and promised that he will strive to make North Carolina, under his leadership, a State which "works for everyone."

Cooper beat McCrory by over 10,000 votes, thus

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BREAKING GROUND



KARL RICANEK

UNCW PHOTO

UNCW computer scientist collaborates with others to analyze fitness tracker data to predict consumers' health and longevity

BY ANDREA MONROE WEAVER UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

Using sophisticated algorithms developed at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, researchers now have the ability to translate data from wearable fitness trackers into reliable measures of consumers' health and longevity.

Karl Ricaneck, professor of computer science at UNCW, and S. Jay Olshansky, professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of Illinois at Chicago, presented their findings in a new paper published Nov. 1 in *Computer*, a publication produced by the IEEE Computer Society, an international organization dedicated to computer science and technology.

"What we are doing is groundbreaking," Ricaneck said. "We are figuring out how to translate raw health sensor data into information that is more beneficial to consumers than number of steps or calories burned. We

can now translate steps into measures of life expectancy and decreased morbidity. Sleeping patterns, which are also captured by these Internet of Thing (IoT) activity devices, can be examined for early signs of health or mental conditions."

Wearable fitness trackers, such as Fitbit and Misfit, collect information on the number of steps users take each day. Some models also monitor sleep patterns, blood pressure, heart rate, pulse and other health-related measurements. Among consumers, these trackers collectively gather trillions of data points daily.

Ricaneck and Olshansky collaborated on the "Computer" paper with Bruce Carnes, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Claire Yang, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Hiram Beltran-Sanchez, University of California Los Angeles; and Norvell Miller and Janet Anderson of Lapetus Solutions Inc.

Using data on the number of steps users take daily in conjunction with other significant information such as age, weight, height and gender, the researchers developed

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Lawmakers react to special elections ruling

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There's no question incoming Democratic Governor Roy Cooper will be dealing with entrenched Republican super-majorities in the State House and Senate when he takes office, but that could change.

This is thanks to a federal court order issued last week requiring North Carolina's legislative districts to be redrawn by March 15, 2017, followed by primaries in late August or early September, and then November 2017 elections.

The 2017 special elections are required, the court said, because 2011 redistricting maps, drawn by the Republican-led NC legislature unconstitutionally, "stacked and packed" the State's Black voters into a handful of districts. This is otherwise known as racial gerrymandering, done in such a way that they could not influence races in other districts.

As a result, the court ruled that 28 State House and Senate districts had to be redrawn, effectively meaning that virtually the entire 2011 legislative map on which the 2016 general elections were based must now be thrown out, and the new map approved by the federal court and put into force for the special elections for the 2017 primaries and November elections.

State lawmakers will then have

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Tracing and recording your Christian beginnings

Workshop by author of "Finding and Using African American Newspapers"

The Brotherhood of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Grace St., is sponsoring a brunch and workshop on how to collect and compile the history of historically Black Churches on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 11.00 am. The keynote speaker Timothy N. Pinnick, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is an accomplished researcher, popular national speaker, and author of the book, "Finding and Using African American Newspapers." Learn how to trace and record your Christian begin-

nings. Tim is the author of more than half a dozen articles, including "Using an Extended Research Project to Reconstruct a Community" which appeared in the Association for Professional Genealogists Quarterly, "Answers in African American Newspapers" written for Family Tree Magazine, and most recently "The Carnegie Medal" in NGS Magazine.

In October of 2008, Pinnick delivered his fifth historical paper at the

Western Historical Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Past papers were delivered at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Association for African American Historical Research and Preservation, and the Illinois History Conference. In 2009 he returned to the Association for African American Historical Research and Preservation Conference in Seattle, Washington, to deliver the Keynote address.

With the exception of the inaugural year, he has taught as part of the prestigious faculty at the summer Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. This year marked his sixth appearance as part of the teaching cadre in the course "Researching African American

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whole County. We must not let our guard down.

Our color is still a problem to some people, even though we are still teaching nonviolence and peace. We keep talking about doing the right thing and what it takes to make this world a better place, but the hate keeps going on. We need to sit down

RICANEK

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projections regarding the impact of exercise on users' longevity. When activity and health sensor data are added to "selfie" analysis - research known as facial analytics - the potential increases. Facial analytics developed and patented by Ricanek can

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to immediately prepare for the regular 2018 mid-term elections, in which Democrats must do well in order to control the legislature in 2020, and with it, the redistricting process.

Republicans, who are now appealing the court order to the U. S. Supreme Court, predictably blasted the ruling.

"This politically motivated decision, which would effectively undo the will of millions of North Carolinians just days after they cast their ballots, is a gross overreach that blatantly disregards the constitutional guarantee for voters to duly elect their legislators to biennial terms," Senator Bob Rucho, (R-Mecklenburg) and Representative David Lewis (R-Harnett) said in a joint statement. "We continue to believe the maps drawn by the General Assembly, pre-cleared by the Obama Justice Department and twice upheld by our State's elected Supreme Court..."

But Democrats say if the current districts are unconstitutional, then they must be corrected.

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Ancestors" Tim accepted an assignment in 2013 as part of the inaugural Midwestern African American Genealogy Institute staff. There he served as an instructor in the Pre and Post Emancipation Records track.

Pinnick is a member of numerous historical and genealogical associations and received an appointment to the board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies which ended in December 2011.

The 1976 Illinois state high school long jump champion, he was a four year athletic scholarship recipient at Illinois State University and a 1980 Olympic trials qualifier in the long jump. He can be reached via e-mail blackminers@yahoo.com

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at the table of grace and actively seek peace. God is our Light and our Salvation! Whom shall we fear? He is the strength of our lives! Of shall we be afraid? God is our eternal Rock, and certainly, it is God alone whom we should fear, not man!

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

determine age, sex, rate of aging, body mass index and smoking status. With sensor data and a "selfie," public health researchers can better understand the health and wellness of the population. The information may be financially valuable to consumers, as well as health insurers, life insurers, mortgage companies and market researchers.

"We are elected to these offices and hold these offices to serve the citizens who elected us, not to serve our own purposes," State Senate Minority Leader Senator Dan Blue [D-Wake] told The Journal. "The court found, rightfully so, that these districts were unconstitutional because of the way they packed African-American voters into as few districts as possible. That is a constitutional violation, and you want to remedy a constitutional violation as soon as possible."

Sen. Blue continued, "The citizens of North Carolina deserve to have people representing them who are elected from constitutional districts. So since it's about the citi-

Each of the researchers is affiliated with Lapetus Solutions Inc., a Wilmington-based company created as a spinoff of Ricanek's academic research at UNCW and Olshansky's work at UIC.

"It is exciting to think about UNCW being on the frontier of developing algorithms to understand this data and convert it into useful information," he said.

zens and not about us, even if it's a little inconvenient to run two years in a row, the benefit it bestows upon the people that we represent far offsets any kind of inconvenience it might cause the [candidates] running."

"My sentiment is with voters! Voters should choose their representatives, not vice versa, says Linda Wilkins-Daniels, President of the African-American Caucus of the N. C. Democratic Party. "A 2017 election will be costly and taxing but is the remedy for GOP overreach. The GOP should own the political discourse and chaotic climate intentionally created to gain partisan advantage."



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ST. AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY'S ACCREDITATION CONTINUED

[RALEIGH] Earlier this week, the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) voted to continue Saint Augustine's University's accreditation for good cause. In January 2017, Saint Augustine's University will be notified by official letter of its con-



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tinued accreditation and that Saint Augustine's will be placed on probation to give the institution time to continue improvement before a Special Committee of SACSCOC further reviews the institution's financial stability again in the fall of 2017. "I am pleased the University has been given additional time to try to remove the sanction status altogether," said Dr. Everett B. Ward, Saint Augustine's president. "Our recent audit reflects a debt reduction of over \$1 million, which represents a significant shrinkage of our deficit."

GOV-ELECT COOPER DELIVERS SPEECH A MONTH AFTER ELECTION

[RALEIGH] Telling an excited crowd of supporters "We're finally here," NC Gov-elect Roy Cooper took the stage at NCSU's McKimmon Center Tuesday evening. Incumbent Gov. Pat McCrory issued a YouTube concession speech Monday after it became clear before a recount of 94,000 Durham County ballots was completed that he would not make up a 10,000 vote deficit to remain in office. Cooper, currently the state attorney general, actually claimed

victory Election night, but had to endure legal challenges from McCrory and the state Republican Party to the vote count because of issues in Durham. The GOP claimed voter fraud, but in the end, none was found.

TRUMP BRINGS VICTORY TOUR TO FAYETTEVILLE

[FAYETTEVILLE] President-elect Donald Trump brought the second leg of his "Thank you" victory tour to Fayetteville Tuesday evening, and with him, his pick for the next US defense secretary. Trump introduced retired Marine Gen. James

"Mad Dog" Mattis to excited supporters, calling him "one of the most effective generals in many, many decades." Trump promised the crowd that under his leadership, things would be done differently from the White House. On Wednesday, Trump was scheduled to meet with defeated one-term NC Gov. Pat McCrory, most likely to consider McCrory for a job.

KLAN ROLLS THROUGH ROXBORO, TWO MEMBERS ARRESTED IN ASSAULT

[ROXBORO] The Loyal Knights of the Ku Klux Klan showed up unexpectedly in

Roxboro last Saturday, bringing a parade of 20 vehicles to celebrate the electoral victory of President-elect Donald Trump. The motorcade passed through Roxboro in just five minutes, but before the day was through, authorities arrested two KKK members and charged them with assault on another one who went to police headquarters with stab wounds. No word on what the apparent argument was about.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Representatives Price and Adams respond to Trump's Fayetteville rally

Trump's transition is not prioritizing North Carolina jobs, protecting Medicare, or "Draining the Swamp"

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - Representatives David Price (D-NC) and Alma Adams (D-NC) responded to Trump's rally in Fayetteville, N.C. Tuesday.

It hasn't even been a month since the election, and Donald Trump is already abandoning the promises he made on the campaign trail.

Instead of "draining the swamp," Trump is appointing the same billionaire Wall Street bankers and Washington insiders he said were "taking your jobs," and "bleeding you dry" during the campaign:

Trump's pick for Treasury Secretary is a billionaire Goldman Sachs alumnus who ran a hedge fund that was described as a "foreclosure machine" target-



REP. DAVID PRICE



REP. ALMA ADAMS

ing families suffering during the recession.

Trump's pick for Commerce Secretary is a billionaire vulture capitalist

who outsourced hundreds of North Carolina textile jobs, contradicting Trump's pledge to prioritize U.S. jobs as president.

Trump's pick for Secretary of Health and Human Services is a Congressman who is the architect of the GOP's scheme to privatize Medicare - flying in the face of his campaign promise not to cut earned benefits like Medicare.

Just today, Trump interviewed the CEO of Exxon Mobil - who has strong ties to Putin and who pushed for lifting sanctions on Russia - to be his Secretary of State, because nothing says 'drain the swamp' like putting an oil company executive in your cabinet.

Representative David Price said:

"Instead of holding 'victory rallies' around the country, the President-elect should be

focusing on bringing our country together and building an administration that is capable of confronting our nation's challenges. His actions so far show that he is doubling down on the discriminatory rhetoric, divisiveness, and disrespect for the office of the presidency that characterized his campaign."

Representative Alma Adams said:

"I've received countless calls and letters from constituents concerned by President-Elect Trump's cabinet nominees. Selecting divisive figures such as Jeff Sessions, Tom Price and Steve Bannon has set a negative tone for this Administration. These appointments signal that the

fight for social justice and equality will only be heightened over the next four years. We are going to have to work together to preserve the progress made by the Obama Administration."

"Trump's recent appointment of Dr. Ben Carson is further indication of the obstacles that lie ahead. His appointment stands to undermine the vital role that the Housing and Urban Development Department plays in providing equal opportunities for all Americans."

"These appointments have sent shockwaves across the country and around the globe. President-Elect Trump promised to unify us, but his appointments have only worsened the divide."

**Mistrial declared in the police back shooting death of Walter Scott
Prosecutor will retry cop**

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE OF NORTHSTAR NEWSTODAY.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The prosecutor of a former police officer who killed a fleeing black man by shooting him the back in a murder that was captured on cell phone video and shown around the world said she will retry the cop after the judge hearing the case declared a mistrial because of a hung jury.

Scarlett A. Wilson, solicitor for the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Charleston, S.C., issued a statement, saying she was disappointed by the trial outcome involving Michael Slager, a former North Charleston, S. C., cop who faced state charges of

murder or manslaughter in the shooting death of Walter Scott.

"While I cannot overstate our disappointment that this case was not resolved, I commend those who sacrificed so much time, energy and effort to serve on this jury," Wilson said. "We will try Michael Slager again. We hope the federal and state courts will coordinate efforts regarding any future trial dates but we stand ready whenever the court calls."

Circuit Court Judge Clifton Newman declared a mistrial Monday after a juror, believed to be a white man, said he could not vote to convict Slager. The jury was comprised of five white men, six white women and one black man, who was the fore-

man. Eleven jurors voted to convict Slager of murder or manslaughter. The jury began deliberating on Wednesday.

Slager's defense team wanted Judge Newman, who is African American, to declare a mistrial on Friday. The judge, however, ordered jurors to continue deliberating today.

The murder of the 50-year-old Scott, a Coast Guard veteran, was the clearest recent example of a police murder of an unarmed black man.

Slager stopped Scott's car, citing a broken taillight. Scott jumped from his car and started running. As he ran, Slager fired his pistol, shooting Scott five times in the back on April 4, 2015.

Scott crumpled to the

ground and Slager handcuffed him, though it appeared that Scott was already dead. The entire deadly shooting, including Slager placing something believed to be a TASER, next to Scott's body, was captured on cell phone video for the world to see but it wasn't enough to persuade one juror to convict Slager.

It seemed to observers who saw the cell phone video that Slager's conviction was a slam dunk for prosecutors but it didn't turn out that way because many people refuse to question the actions of cops, or because ingrained racism against black men makes questionable or heinous police actions against black men acceptable or both.



WALTER SCOTT



MICHAEL SLAGER

Judy Scott, Walter's mother, told reporters the fight is not over. "Today I am not sad. I know that justice will be

served," a tearful Judy Scott said, invoking Jesus' name and shouting hallelujah several times.

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to slash and burn the election results for political advantage.

"I've really been disappointed in the efforts of the State Republican Party, as well as McCrory's campaign and the roles they've played in basically trying to delegitimize primarily Black votes. That's the whole reason the [recount effort] was focused on Durham County, and if you look at some of the other places where they challenged votes - Bladen and other counties. It's always aiming at some hidden implications that people are trying to commit fraud in the voting process."

Senator Blue continued, "Well, when you think that, and you go single out primarily Black areas and Black voters, the logical extension is that you're trying to imply that Black folk are committing voter fraud, and it's simply not so."

Even with that controversy, Democrats are happy with the

win.

"After four years of Republican control in the Governor's office and six years of a Republican-controlled State legislature that has only turned back the clock, there's no doubt that North Carolina is 'Ready for Roy,'" said Democratic National Committee Interim Chair-woman Donna Brazile.

However, that delight stopped at the GOP edge, perhaps portending a rocky relationship between the new Democratic Governor and the Republican-led General Assembly.

"We hope Governor-elect Cooper is willing to work with us to continue improving public education and cutting taxes on families and job creators, policies championed by Governor McCrory that have generated budget surpluses, robust economic growth and hundreds of thousands of new jobs," said Senate President Pro-tem Senator Phil Berger (R-Rockingham). "Given that Governor-elect Cooper won his

new office with a razor-thin plurality, it is clear there is no groundswell of public support for his campaign pledge of a massive income tax increase on our state's citizens and businesses."

But what will having Democratic Governor Roy Cooper mean, particularly to poor communities of color that, under Governor McCrory, saw their voting rights corrupted, Medicaid not expanded, and unemployment benefits reduced?

In an exclusive interview conducted just before Election Day, Roy Cooper made clear that he would be a Governor devoted, not only to helping the middle class, but also the working poor.

"We've got a lot of work to do to get [Governor McCrory and Republican lawmakers'] emphasis off helping those at the top and fostering some type of trickle-down economics and [instead] investing in public education and in healthcare," Cooper said.

When asked how African-

Americans and Latinos would benefit from his administration, Cooper said, "It's important for us to have a State government that looks like the people that it represents."

"I will recruit people of color in important leadership positions in this State. I will lead efforts for us to work hard to engage in meaningful dialogue that results in action to help us fight discrimination at all levels. People in many communities feel targeted and discriminated against, and they want to be heard and respected," then Candidate Cooper said.

"We have a lot of work to do to increase that effort to have mutual respect between State government and people, between law enforcement and people, between our education system and people. I want us to be moving forward in the fight to improve race relations, instead of backwards, and it's pretty clear that, over the last four years..." Cooper noted, "... North Carolina has been moving backwards."

During a Democratic Party debate before the March 15th primaries, Roy Cooper vowed even then to recruit a diverse cabinet and administration once elected governor.

"That's what we should be about, being inclusive," then Candidate Cooper said then, indicating that he already has a diverse office as State Attorney General. "The first thing we have to admit is that racism does exist."

He blasted the Republicans for legislation that gave "...big tax giveaways to out-of-state corporations at the expense of the middle class and our public schools," further accusing the GOP of supporting a "...tax structure that makes it harder on everyday hard-working people."

Cooper promised to bring an end to tax breaks for the rich, promising, instead, to make sound investments in public schools, pay teachers more, and promote economic development in communities of color and rural areas.

Regarding the high unem-

ployment rate among African-Americans, Cooper said that, beyond investing to improve public education, he would push for a living wage to help lift people out of poverty, and offer better employment opportunities.

When it came to voting rights, the future Governor said he "strongly" supported efforts in Congress to fully reinstate the 1965 Voting Rights Act, later saying in October that he totally agreed with the findings of the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals when it struck down North Carolina's 2013 voter suppression law.

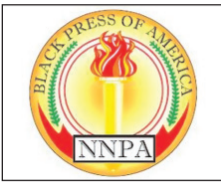
Governor Cooper's transition team did not wait for McCrory's concession speech, having been up and running for weeks, putting the pieces of his administration in place in time for taking office on January 1, 2017.

Meanwhile, outgoing Governor Pat McCrory promised a smooth transition from his administration to Governor Cooper's.



If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Our Voice

If Donald Trump is serious about fighting terrorism, he should try registering White nationalists first

(Via NNPA Newswire)

I have been trying to figure out how there can be any discussion of registering Muslims due to alleged national security concerns, when it is documented that the major source of terrorism in the United States since 9/11 has been White supremacist groups. The Southern Poverty Law Center has been a major source of information documenting myriad right-wing terrorist attacks, though little mainstream attention has gone to this phenomenon. Just recently several right-wingers in Oregon were acquitted of an ARMED occupation of federal property. This was not civil disobedience or standard protest, but an armed action.

Bill Fletcher

In the late 1960s/early 1970s, there were many Black activists who worried that, in the face of some alleged crisis proclaimed by the U.S. government, African Americans would be placed into concentration camps. The mainstream political establishment declared that we were paranoid. While it was true, they would say, that Japanese immigrants and Japanese Americans had been imprisoned in 1942 as an alleged security threat during World War II, we were subjected to repeated arguments that this would never happen again; what happened to the Japanese had been an aberration. The fact that Native Americans had been locked up on reservations was conveniently ignored.

Fast forward to the 2016 Presidential elections. Republican candidates, including, but not limited to, now President-elect Donald Trump, began making suggestions regarding the registering and possible internment of Muslims in the U.S. The rationale: alleged national security concerns.

This threat of registration, if not detention, has not disappeared. Despite the fact that White supremacists are the main source of terrorism in the U.S., there has been no call to register White nationalists, let alone any other White people. Using the Trump rationale, there should be a massive registering of White nationalists since history demonstrates their propensity for violence. Yet any time the issue of right-wing/White supremacist terrorism is raised, it is brushed under the rug and the act(s) of violence is pinned on an allegedly disturbed White person, who committed the horrible act, solely due to some sort of inexplicable compulsion.

If there is a registry of Muslims, then all people of conscience should sign up as an act of protest. We should ensure that the registry is debunked and that any discussion of terrorism in the U.S. begins with a current and historical examination of the main danger of terrorism we face, terrorism perpetrated by the homegrown right-wing.

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Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

A moral appeal to Donald Trump

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On Sunday, a man armed with an assault weapon marched into a popular pizza place - Comet Ping Pong - in Washington, D.C. He said he had come to "self-investigate" false stories spread by hate sites that the restaurant was the center of a Hillary Clinton ring trafficking in children. He reported fired his rifle one or more and was arrested. Luckily, no one was injured.

After the utterly baseless and scurrilous stories spread over social media, the restaurant owner and staff had been inundated with death threats. The lunatic conspiracy was spun off of WikiLeaks' publication of Clinton campaign chairman corresponding with the owner about a possible fund-raiser. The neighbors who know and love the restaurant have rallied to its support. But under the hashtag #pizzagate, the hate stories keep spreading - and the threats keep building.

Mr. Trump, this ugliness is poisonous and dangerous. But

it keeps spreading. On Nov. 2, a few days before the election, Gen. Michael Flynn, the man you appointed to as your national security adviser, issued a tweet tying Hillary Clinton to "sex crimes with minors. The full text reads as follows:

"U decide - NYPD Blows Whistle on New Hillary Emails: Money Laundering, Sex Crimes w Children etc...MUST READ." It linked to an article on the website "True Pundit." That article, which didn't mention Comet Ping Pong, alleged - fantastically - that the NYPD had new evidence linking "Clinton herself and associates" to a series of crimes.

I'm told that Gen. Flynn now says he was duped. But how can anyone with common sense choose to spread a report that Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee for president and former secretary of state, was involved in "sex crimes with minors." This isn't partisan animus. It isn't the excesses of the heat of an election. It is simple lunacy.

After the shooting on Sunday, Politico reported that Gen. Flynn's son, an adviser to his father, tweeted: "Until #Pizzagate proven to be false, it'll remain a story. The left seems to forget #PodestaEmails and the many

'coincidences' tied to it." He linked to the account of the special projects director of a group called Citizens4Trump. He chose to fan the flames.

I realize that Gen. Flynn supported you when you were the underdog. Having run as an outsider, I understand the deep sense of loyalty and appreciation that builds for those who were with you from the start, when the odds were long, the establishment scornful and the press dismissive. It is to be expected that you will want those you can trust around you in the White House.

But as you know, this campaign - which you have correctly described as "the nastiest" - has fanned anger, division and fear in the country. It is vital, as you have stated, that the country come together.

For this to happen, you must lead. The president is the great teacher. What you say and how you act will set the tone. So I respectfully suggest you reconsider your appointment of Gen. Flynn. It is inconceivable that the national security adviser to the president would traffic a report that Hillary Clinton was engaged in sex crimes with minors.

You have stated that you want Democrats and Republicans to work together. But how can any Democrat work with a White House

whose national security adviser fanned lunatic rumors that the Democratic candidate for president was engaged in sex crimes?

Gen. Flynn is not the only appointment that raises fears. Sen. Jeff Sessions, with a long history of venom towards people of color, is not fit to be attorney general. But at least Sen. Sessions must face Senate confirmation. Gen. Flynn is your decision alone.

When people are frightened, hatred can spiral out of control. I've witnessed this time and again during the civil rights movement, when citizens in both the South and the North were inflamed into assaults on nonviolent and peaceful demonstrators. Leaders can fan those flames, and they can help calm those fears.

That is why I make this simple moral appeal that you stand clearly against the hate and seek to calm the fears in what you say, how you act and who you put in your administration. Your appointments reflect what you think is acceptable. You draw the line. I implore you to draw it wisely.

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

BLACKONOMICS

Return on investment

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Having read some of the post-election statements by our top Black organizations, and after watching some of their leaders on TV news shows, commenting and lamenting the loss by the Dems, I thought about the effectiveness of our champions for civil rights, economic empowerment, and political empowerment. How effective have they been in terms of gains for the collective of Black people, their primary constituents?

While they are mostly run by Black people and receive millions of dollars from Black members and supporters, the reciprocal benefits returned by these organizations are far lacking. In exchange for Black dollars Blacks get "no justice, no peace" marches, demonstrations, 860-mile walks, voter registration campaigns, reports on how bad a shape we are in, emails that ask us for more money, press conferences, and awards programs.

The "Big Three" Black organizations, the NAACP, the Urban League, and the National Action Network, despite having tens of millions of dollars collectively, and despite having the gravi-

tas to be invited to the White House to discuss "Black issues" and the "Black agenda," give Black people the same old song and dance when it comes to empowerment. Their mantras, "...equality of rights for 'all' persons," "To be Equal," and "No justice, No peace," respectively, ring hollow and have not solved the myriad of problems we face. They have been in existence for 107, 106, and 25 years, respectively, having worked on important issues and having developed various programs; but being controlled by the purse strings (puppet strings) of corporate donors, these vaunted Black organizations cannot make headway for Black people.

As the go-to guys for cable news shows, the heads of the "Big Three," Cornell Brooks, Marc Morial, and Al Sharpton, either have a great deal of personal influence or the news show hosts know they are "safe" and will not say what really needs to be said, and even be irate, about Black issues. They are usually tepid in their rejoinders regarding serious Black issues. They are more inclined to talk about "all" and "people of color," and "rainbows," and "minorities."

Because everything in this country is driven by economics, we understand the penchant for the "Big Three" and other smaller groups to go only so far in their public/on-camera responses to the concerns of Black folks. It's all

about protecting the "old coffers," to borrow a George W. Bush term.

Speaking of coffers, former President of the NAACP, Ben Jealous, received an annual salary of \$320,000; his successor, Cornell Brooks left a job that paid him over \$240,000 per year to accept 150,000 from the NAACP, despite the interim President, Lorraine Miller, being paid over \$160,000. Supposedly, the NAACP was in a "financial crunch" during the interim period after Jealous helped raise some \$43 million in revenues. Brooks, when you consider his prior experience, undoubtedly is paid considerably more than \$150,000 now; taking a \$90,000 per year cut in salary without a promise or contract calling for a significant raise in the near future makes sense only if you "got it like that."

With total revenues of \$53,000,000+, the National Urban League compensated President Marc Morial a tidy sum of \$836,000 (\$700,000 and \$136,000 other) in 2014. An additional five employees each received approximately \$300,000 (\$232,000-\$252,000 and \$64,000 other) in total compensation for that same year. We don't know what they are earning now, but it's a good bet their salaries are higher than in 2014.

The smallest of the "Big Three," the National Action Network (NAN), a 501(c)4 association, did so well with corporate donations in 2014 that Sharpton was able to give

himself a 70% raise from \$241,545 to \$412,644, including a "bonus" of \$64,400. Nice work if you can get it, huh?

Before the hating begins, please know that I am all for Black folks making money, as long as it's legal, ethical, and moral, of which I make no judgments in the cases I cited. I'm simply writing about ROI (Return on Investment) for Black dollars. This is about where we are, based on what we have done and how much we have paid for it. Over the past 25-50 years I would venture to say Black folks have invested billions of dollars into our Black organizations, and that's not even counting our churches. Question is: "What dividends have we received in return for those investments?"

You can be the judge of that; it's your money. But as handsomely as the leaders of our organizations are paid, and as well as our politicians are taken care of, we should all be asking a few questions. Are we in this just to provide good jobs for a few individuals? Do we really expect them to deliver anything of substance to us? How much longer are we willing to follow this path? What is our return on investment?

James Clingman is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His latest book, "Black Dollars Matter! Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense," is available on his website, Blackonomics.com.

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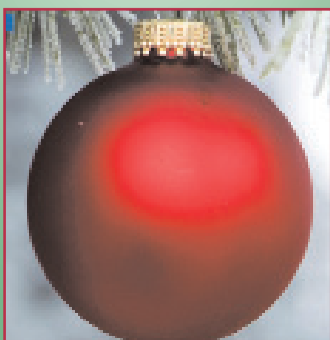
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CHILDWATCH

Who put the NRA in charge of our national security?

"I have supported legislation in the past which would place reasonable and careful restrictions on the use of firearms, and I am co-sponsoring S.1...I believe this bill would impose necessary controls without unduly curtailing the use of firearms for legitimate sport shooting or hunting, and without curtailing the lawful activity of sport gun clubs.



Marian W. Edelman

Basically this legislation would only subject deadly weapons to the same control we have always imposed on automobiles, liquor or prescription drugs. The use and sale of these items are carefully regulated by Federal, State, and local government. The same should be true of firearms." - Senator Robert F. Kennedy, May 2, 1967

With the echo of gunshots from the San Bernardino massacre ricocheting across the country, and another American

community reeling with new broken hearts, it sounds like a reasonable plea for common sense legislation a responsible lawmaker might make today. This quote from Senator Robert Kennedy's letter to a constituent was written just over a year before he would be assassinated by a gun on June 6, 1968 in Los Angeles. Since Robert Kennedy's and Dr. Martin Luther King's 1968 deaths more than 164,000 children have died from gun violence in America-three times more than all the American soldiers killed in action in the Vietnam War and every external conflict since.

In the decades since the deaths of Senator Kennedy and Dr. King very little has changed. Mass shootings have become the new normal. Since the beginning of this year we've had on average more than one a day. After a new mass shooting makes headlines our national discussion of gun violence feels and sounds like a broken record stuck on one horrifying song that never ends. The President expresses his outrage that these tragedies continue to happen and calls on the public to push Congress

and state legislatures to do the right thing. Members of Congress release proposals without a clear timetable for a vote or a path to passage. Public support for gun safety measures swells. The gun lobby pushes back, accusing those who seek reform of politicizing tragedy while continuing their relentless work to loosen restrictions on the deadly weapons that continue the carnage. Broken families and communities struggle to pick up the pieces after the media leaves town. With too few exceptions nothing gets done and nothing seems to change and every day Americans not living in the immediately affected communities grow numb to the tragedy and continue their normal lives until the next mass shooting inevitably occurs and the cycle repeats itself.

These horrible mass shootings that destroy and shake up so many lives with ever-increasing frequency tell only part of the tragic cost of gun violence that pervades our cities and towns every single day across our nation. Violence romps through our children's playgrounds, terrifies them in

their schools and child care centers, follows them down the street, and shoots through their bedroom windows. This should be the chief public health issue in America. Data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control earlier this year show there was a death by a gun every 16 minutes and a child or teen was killed or injured by a gun every 30 minutes in 2013. More than 2,400 children and teens died from guns, enough to fill 122 classrooms of 20 children. Why in God's name are we so reticent to stand up to the pro-gun lobby when American children are 18 times more likely to die by a gun than children in 25 other high income nations? Are we so spiritually dead that the killing of children has become routine and unimportant? Where is the faith community?

While mass shootings grab fleeting public and policymaker attention we too often ignore the relentless everyday trauma

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of gun violence that snuffs out the lives of more American children and teens every four days than the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. How can we remain numb to the day in and day out cries of children and others robbed of their childhoods, robbed of their lives, or scarred for life by guns and bullets we have the power but not the decency, courage, and will to stop? Dr. King warned us that America may go to hell if we didn't deal with the violence of poverty in his last Sunday sermon. I am sure he would say we were going to go to hell as well today if we don't stop the violence of guns that is ravaging our families and communities and terrifying our children. We must act to save our country's soul.

Lessons from America's public health history points us to what we can do now to stop the carnage. The public health approach to problem solving has been credited with a range of achievements, including adding 25 years to the life expectancy of people in the United States in the 20th century. One of the greatest victories of this approach has been a massive decline in automobile deaths. Few today can imagine getting in a car without an airbag, a seat belt, or a proper child safety seat. These safety devices and the laws we follow while on the road were not always in place and American roadways were not always as safe as they are today. It took a concentrated effort by researchers, policymakers, and the public to identify and address the root causes of the epidemic of motor vehicle deaths before the 1960s.

Research efforts led to the creation of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and a revolution in vehicle safety, better designed roads, and increased enforcement of laws to get drunk drivers off the roads. According to Dr. Mark Rosenberg, president and CEO of the Task Force for Global Health and former director of the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, "What we did in the '60s, redesigning the car, redesigning the roadway, redesigning the drivers, was a result of scientific research, and as a result we have saved, between the '60s and the beginning of this century, 325,000 lives." Dr. Rosenberg and many other public health professionals believe the same approach can help end today's epidemic of gun violence which is ravaging and terrorizing our nation.

Recent gun violence prevention research should help point the way forward. A recent study found that a Connecticut law that expanded background checks to all handgun purchases helped achieve a 40 percent reduction in gun homicides during the first 10 years following the law's enactment. Another study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association Internal Medicine found states with background checks on private as well as online gun sales had 16 percent lower gun fatality rates. Polling consistently shows a vast majority of Americans, including a large majority of gun owners, support expanding background checks to cover all gun sales yet Congress has not yet demonstrated its capacity to act on such a simple, life-saving measure. As a result guns can be purchased without background checks from unlicensed private sellers and over the internet with no checks at all. The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence reports some progress in states on expanding background checks but federal law changes are needed to ensure people cannot just traffic guns from states with weaker laws to those with stronger ones. Eighteen states and D.C. have extended background check requirements beyond federal law. It's way past time for citizens to retire members of Congress and state legislators who put gun manufacturer profits ahead of child, family, and human safety.

Some say that background checks alone will not prevent every gun tragedy and they won't, but they are a critically important step forward. We need more research on laws, other policies, and technologies that might save more

lives. Proposals to require background checks for ammunition sales, impose a tax on ammunition, require liability insurance for guns, and smart gun technologies all merit immediate attention. Sadly, the National Rifle Association, other members of the gun lobby, and their cowardly allies in Congress and in many state legislatures have barred the CDC from conducting research and sharing the truth about the impact of gun violence on our nation's public health since the mid-1990s and imposed similar restrictions on the National Institutes of Health in 2011 due to fears that research might show concrete ways to reduce its deadly impacts. Just this week physicians' organizations including Doctors for America, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Student Association, and others delivered a petition to Congress from more than 2,000 doctors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia urging Congress to remove these barriers and provide funding for such research. Even former Representative Jay Dickey, who took the lead in banning CDC research on gun violence, has expressed his regrets in the wake of recent mass killings.

Why is the NRA afraid of the truth? Is it because they fear the research may show concrete ways to reduce the impact of guns which sapped 33,169 lives in America in 2013 and injured 83,075 yet remain the only unregulated consumer product? It makes no sense to regulate toy guns which kill not a single person and let real guns which should only be in the hands of the military kill tens of thousands annually. We should protect human beings rather than guns. Might not the truth make us all safer? We should retire the NRA as the director of our public health research.

If we truly want to end the cycle of death and violence from guns that pervades our daily lives, we must stop being numb and doing nothing in the face of tragedy. And we should stop normalizing growing gun violence including assault weapons by selling them over the counter as if they were toasters or fishing poles. We must not be placated or deterred by angry words and hand-wringing and proposals that die with a whimper in Congress and in some state legislatures and local governing bodies. All of us - Democrats, Republicans, and independents, gun owners and non-gun owners - must stand up and demand every day that our leaders treat gun violence in America as the public health epidemic that it is and take the steps necessary to save the lives of thousands of our children, families, and all those victimized by relentless, preventable gun violence. Polling consistently shows that the gun lobby does not speak for America, American gun owners, or even a majority of NRA members. Until we shake off our sense of hopelessness and apathy in the face of persistent tragedy and bullying by the pro-gun lobby in our communities, Congress and state legislatures will continue to do their bidding, putting their political lives ahead of the lives of our children and families and citizens who they are sworn to represent. It's way past time to combine "thoughts and prayers" with action and vote out those who place protecting guns higher than protecting babies and children and mothers and fathers. It's way past time for the American people to retire the NRA as our head of national security and public health and assure the safety of our children and families everywhere in America. Only then can we reclaim our nation's soul and affirm our commitment to the sanctity of life for all.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose *Leave No Child Behind* mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

CASH IN THE APPLE

The Trump job fair

Anyone who is in need of a job, good news! The President-elect of the United States, some crazy rich guy named Trump, is literally hiring anyone to work in his incoming administration.



Cash Michaels

And guess what, you don't have to have any experience at all running a government agency. Really. For instance, the Trumpster hired a billionaire who is a firm believer in charter schools and couldn't give a wit about public schools, to come in and run the US Dept. of Education. Again, if every public school on Earth were to burn to the ground, this woman reportedly could care less, and she's going to be put in charge of improving our nation's public schools.

Really. Then there's that open position for US Secretary of State....you know, the person who is in charge of carrying out the president's foreign policy. Normally you'd want someone with some idea of how the

world works, been to a few countries, know several of the foreign leaders. But not in the new disaster-by-design Trump Administration. All you have to do to qualify is have virtually no foreign affairs experience at all, or at least still be living down the time when you did visit a foreign country, and screwed up your knowledge of the customs there so bad, the folks are still laughing about it.

Remember your trip to Great Britain four years ago, Mitt Romney? And you're still wondering why you weren't elected president TWICE?

Or maybe you're someone who famously says racist things about Blacks, Muslims, and Hillary Clinton. Perhaps you believe that all of that and more uniquely qualifies you to make nice with foreign leaders all over the globe on behalf of a new president whose main foreign policy motto is "kiss my behind." Believe me; if Rudy Giuliani can be in the running for this high post, you can too....especially if you have a nasty disposition.

Really. But let's come back to job openings closer to home, shall we? Of course there

simply must be a place for an affable, yellow-bellied Republican ex-governor from North Carolina who just loves accusing black people of voter fraud, and even signs racist voter suppression bills into law, and yet, as you read this, has never come up with so much as a toenail of evidence to prove any of it.

Surely Papa Trump can find meaningful work for this young man to do in his administration. Perhaps run the Civil Rights Division of the US Justice Dept.? Remember, no experience necessary, especially when his bosses will be a good ole' boy from Alabama who hates black people, and a president who has made an art out of claiming voter fraud when he thinks he's not going to get his way.

Of course, if you're an ex-military man Trump has just hired to serve as his national security adviser, feel free to get a job for your wigged-out son, especially if the kid loves fake news and allegedly encourages folks to grab their automatic weapons and go hunting for liberals in pizza parlors. The Trump Administration has a place for everyone...that is until you embarrass the Trump

Administration by tweeting off-the-wall b.s. that suggests you need psychiatric attention sooner than later.

And any black people reading this, you're in luck. If Dr. Ben Carson, the famous retired neurosurgeon and holier-than-thou GOP presidential candidate nominated to become the next US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, can get that gig for no other earthly reason than he grew up poor and black in the ghetto of Detroit, Michigan, then there's much hope my brothas and sistahs should be more than qualified to serve their country working for President Trump!

REALLY!
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.

Technology and the erosion of community

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Professor Deva Woody teaches Political Science at the New School for Social Research in New York. During a recent talk, she shared that trust in our nation's institutions is at an all time low. That is, perhaps, why that man who



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

currently holds the title of President-elect was able to prevail over someone far more qualified in the November election. Using Gallup Poll data from June 2016, Professor Woody notes that the military is our nation's most trusted institution - 73 percent trust them, while our Congress is the least trusted with only 7 percent support. Fifty-six percent of us trust the police, forty-one percent trust the church, just 36 percent support the President, and only 23 percent trust organized labor or the criminal justice system. One in five trusts television news or newspapers. In a nutshell, it does not appear that we trust anybody!

This lack of trust results in a lack of involvement in civil society. If you don't trust the church, how involved will you

be in it? If you don't trust your union, will you do much more than pay your dues? Only two in five trust the medical profession - do you believe your doctors? Just one in four of us trusts banks. If we don't trust institutions, do we trust each other? And if we don't trust each other, how do we come together to organize, to resist the corrosiveness of the callous, racist, misogynistic leadership that Mr. Trump offers our nation.

The man has no regard for the truth, and he has pandered to our collective mistrust by describing everything as "rigged". Now he is saying that he really won the popular vote because "millions" of people voted fraudulently. He has no proof of it, and he ought to be ashamed for lying, except for if he had any shame he never would have run for President. Between fake news and mistrust, there are those who believe him, which further erodes institutional trust. Our nation is on a downward spiral, and there is no soft landing unless we rediscover the ways we once connected, and revive them.

Professor Woody and I joined Michael Eric Dyson and Columbia University Professor and moderator Fred Harris in a New School-sponsored panel on Obama, Race and Politics. Anyone who has read Dyson or me would not be surprised at our analysis.

Fred Harris, too, has written about the Obama presidency in his book, *The Price of the Ticket: Barack Obama and the Rise and Fall of Black Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2012). Professor Woody's analysis stood out for me, though, because she talked about community distrust and ways it disconnects people from politics, the polls, and outcomes.

Too many people thought that their actions had no consequences, and that whatever they did had no meaning. Their impressions may have been shaped by the smugness many of us saw coming from the Clinton campaign that behaved as if their victory was inevitable. Just 107,000 votes in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania separated Hillary Clinton from victory. Recounts are not likely to sway the election, and the "if I coulda, woulda, shoulda" post-mortem around the resources that should have been used to energize the base makes no difference now. The fact is that Hillary Clinton should have won this election. She didn't because the village she says it takes to save a child has been fractured. Instead of talking to each other, too many are texting each other. Instead of talking to voters, the Clinton campaign was spending millions on ads that vilified Trump instead of lifting up Clinton.

The election is over. Recounts are important for the sake of accountability, but I'm not sure they will make a difference in the electoral outcome. I support the recounts, and also an electoral audit. I support reform that makes it easier, not harder for people to vote. I believe that there are things that can be done in the next two years to take our democracy back.

I refuse to wring my hands and dry my eyes about Mr. Trump and his "victory" anymore. What must happen now is a return to community. I was heartened to see so many millennial at the New School panel, young people asking what to do next. The answer - we must rebuild community. We must organize, organize, organize, and agitate, agitate, agitate. The man who calls himself our President-elect is an unabashed liar who some say "deserves a chance". Give him a chance, if you will, but hold him accountable for his lies, his conflicts of interest, and his racist appointments of Steve Bannon and Senator Sessions (D-AL). Our community, revived, can do no less.

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.amazon.com for booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit www.julianne-malveaux.com.

New Hanover County

Cameron Art Museum's second Floating Lantern Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 11th. The museum invites the public to attend this peaceful, family-oriented and environmentally-friendly event to be held from 4-7pm on the museum grounds. The event is free to attend, but participants may purchase and decorate a lantern that would then be lit and floated on the pond in CAM's grounds. **REMEMBRANCE, REFLECTION & GRATITUDE** are some of the themes that will be displayed on the lantern sleeves that individuals or families can personalize.

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP officer installation winter meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive AME Church, 1001 South 7th St. Installation of officer will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by a covered dish supper. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information call 910762-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 3, 2016 in Classroom C, New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 2131 South 17th Street, Wilmington. To reach the meeting, park in the lot in front of the Women's and Children's Center off 17th Street. Enter and take the elevator or stairs up one flight to Floor One, exit and walk down the long corridor past two intersections to the elevator on the left beside the Medical Library. Enter and take it one floor down to Ground, exit left, then left again to Classroom C. 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.

The Wilmington Choral Society will hold a performance of George Frideric Handel's crowning masterpiece Messiah on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the Wilson Center, 703 North Third Street in downtown Wilmington.

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.

Bladen County

WBLA AM Radio Station in conjunction with the US Marines and Lu Mil Vineyard is supporting Toys-for-Tots, everyone deserves Christmas. Please bring new unwrapped toys as Christmas gifts for the less fortunate children in the community. The station located at 512 Peanut Road; Elizabethtown NC is a drop off location. Office hours are 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Another look at the NAACP

NAACP is an acronym which stands for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. We want all Americans to know we are truly all in for justice and equality. We are ready to join in a tangible way as we remain true to our missions and goals. We will continuously seek nothing less than "the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all people and the elimination of racial hatred and racial discrimination."

We have come too far to "let up" now. In the future, we must be more determined to stay together and work together. A firm foundation has been laid for those who have come ahead of us, those

pioneers of justice and equality. We continue to build upon this foundation and expanding our influence in upholding justice and promoting equality across America.

We look forward in a few years to the annual convention to commemorate the 60th anniversary year of the adoption of the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. This legislation is the most significant piece of civil rights legislation in the modern era. This piece of legislation formed the basis for the most important peri-

od of progress for African Americans in our nation's history. The 1964 Civil Rights Act represents a signal moment in our nation's maturity and for our struggle for equality, justice, and the full implementation of the Constitution of the United States of America. It was a time for new leadership and renewed commitment to continue the struggle for victory over injustice in America.

It is imperative that we find a way to save our young African Americans, especially our young males whom we are losing "through the cracks" each day. We are responsible for one another today in a changing society and must reach out to our young people and work dili-

gently toward their betterment in this society.

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

Verniece Stanley

UNCW College of Health and Human Services receives grant for Military-Affiliated Sports Recreation Program

BY CAITLIN TAYLOR
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

(December 2, 2016) -- The recreation therapy program in the UNCW College of Health and Human Services has received a \$75,000 grant from the Department of Veteran Affairs to launch "Project SOAR," a sports recreation program for veterans and active military members with disabilities.

The recreation therapy program has been working with a local nonprofit organization called Accessible Coastal Carolina Events Sports Services Inc. (ACCESS of Wilmington). The nonprofit's mission is to create partnerships and develop inclusive recreation-

al programs for individuals with disabilities and their families, a mission shared by UNCW's recreation therapy program. The project's goal is to increase the health and quality of life for past and present members of the armed forces with disabilities. Dan Johnson, associate professor of recreation therapy, founded ACCESS of Wilmington in 2008 and serves as chairman of the Board of Directors.

Southeastern North Carolina is home to more than 100,000 veterans and near two military installations, Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg, which provide services to the armed forces community. However, "Project SOAR" will be the first organized effort in the

region to craft a recreation program tailored to the active needs of military members with disabilities.

"We strongly believe in family involvement," said Candy Ashton, program coordinator for recreation therapy and principal investigator on the grant. "Many times the family of people with disabilities don't know what they can do. When they see them participating successfully in recreational activities, it changes the dynamics of those relationships. The people you play with are some of the most important people in your life, so we want to involve the family as much as possible."

"The great thing about 'Project SOAR' is that our students will be volunteers,"

Ashton said. "We have four veteran students in our recreation therapy program, so they understand it from all perspectives: military, veteran and volunteer. They can relate to the folks we'll be working with and their families. That's such an important value they add to the project."

"Project SOAR" will offer services to New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender counties. Since the grant awarded to UNCW's recreation therapy program only funds a year of operation, the partnership with ACCESS of Wilmington is vital and will foster the continuation of the program after the first year. Their first event will focus on archery to take place at ACCESS of Wilmington's Miracle Field.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Internationally renowned artist Clyde Jones spends the day with you and your family

On Saturday, December 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Clyde Jones will be present creating sea critters that the children will decorate to be added to CAM's Holiday by the Sea

installation. Additionally, children may create works of art to take home.

CAM is also pleased to welcome the Children's Museum of Wilmington to this event, who will be joining us with their own special project!

Clyde Jones (American, b. 1938 or 1939) is recognized for his wooden whimsical animals he calls "critters." Formerly a mill worker, Jones uses a chainsaw to transform logs into critters, which he has been creating since 1982. He doesn't sell his work, and prefers to give it away and frequently works

with environmental organizations, fund-raisers and local schools.

The Holiday by the Sea installation will be on display at the corner of 17th and Independence on CAM's grounds through the duration of holiday season.

Cameron Art Museum offers ongoing educational programs to further enrich the museum experience, including tours, artist talks, lectures and programs for all ages. Parents are invited to participate with their children of all ages in visual art making, dance, music and

gallery hunts at Kids@CAM, held one Saturday each month.

The cost for admission to Kids@CAM is a suggested donation of \$5 per child and parental supervision is required at all times.

All ages are encouraged to attend, and there is no pre-registration required.

Kids@CAM: Clyde's Holiday by the Sea is sponsored in part by BB&T.

For more information, contact Georgia Mastroieni at georgia@camerartmuseum.org or phone the museum at (910)-395-5999.

New Hanover Regional Medical Center receives an "A" for Hospital Safety 2016 Fall

Grade marks the sixth consecutive top ranking

WILMINGTON, NC - New Hanover Regional Medical Center has recently been awarded an 'A' grade in the fall 2016 update to The Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections. This is the sixth consecutive A rating NHRMC has received.

NHRMC was among only 844 U.S. hospitals to receive an A rating of the 2,633 issued a grade.

The Hospital Safety Score is compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group, an independent industry watchdog. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Score is designed to give members of the public infor-

mation they can use to protect themselves and their families.

"We are very proud of our safety record and for receiving this recognition six times in a row," said Jack Barto, NHRMC Chief Executive Officer. "Our physicians and staff maintain a diligent focus on keeping our patients safe, while providing the high-quality, compassionate care our patients expect and deserve."

The Hospital Safety Score uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a letter grade of A to F representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. When ranked by percentage of hospitals earning an A, several states stood out for significant improvements over time, including

North Carolina, which climbed from a ranking of 19th in the nation in spring of 2013 to 5th in fall of 2016 for hospitals with the top safety grade.

To see NHRMC's scores as they compare nationally and locally, and to find safety tips for patients and their loved ones, visit the Hospital Safety Score website at www.hospital-safety-score.org.

New Hanover Regional Medical Center is the leading provider of quality and accessible health care in southeastern North Carolina, delivering care to all in need, without the support of taxpayer dollars. The medical center is an economic engine for the community, creating more than 6,800 jobs directly and another 6,000 jobs indirectly.



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Thank you, Jimmy, Jessye, Karl, Vanessa, Shappell, Destane'e DaCota, Demi and Cershila for letting us be a part of Mrs. McGowan's life. Sharing her with us was greatly appreciated by all of us.

Evelyn B. Kelly and Family

Catherine Grady Hooper

Catherine Grady Hooper died Saturday, November 26, 2016. "Tee" as she was known was born October 28, 1935 to the late John H. Grady and Mary Southerland Grady. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at Summerville AME Zion Church. Burial was held in the Church Cemetery.

Tee accepted Christ at an early age and joined Summerville AME Zion Church. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Leland, NC. She retired from E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc.

Tee was preceded in death by one son, Carl Mitchell Grady, four brothers, Nehemiah, Edward, Charlie Sr., and Leavy; and, one sister, Lena Mae. She leaves to cherish her precious memories; her loving husband, Thomas Hooper, Sr.; three daughters, Marilynn McClammy (Thurman, Sr.), Jacqueline Grady, Teresa Everett (William, Sr.); one son, Thomas Hooper, Jr.; two sisters, Mary Ballard and Ruby Ballard; four brothers, Wilson Grady (Julia), Johnny Grady (Martha Jane), James Luther Grady, and Harvey Lee Grady; one sister-in-law, Eva Grady; nine grandchildren, Jerry McClammy (Shaneca), Thurman McClammy (Jamica), Jamie Brown (Ann), Shannon Hankins, LeKeisha Hankins, Roamrrio Tillary, Richardo Tillary (Tammy), L/Shonta Grady and William Everett, III; 13 great-grandchildren; mother-in-law, Jerdine Stackhouse; two sisters-in-law, Gwendolyn Allen and Devida Simpson (David); two brothers-in-law, Calvin Hardnet and Albert Lee (Jackie); a special cousin, Annie Johnson; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Norma Allen Hewett

Norma Elizabeth Allen Hewett was born to the late Jessie Mae Sykes on September 4, 1926. She passed into eternal rest on Friday, November 25, 2016. Funeral Services were Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery.

Norma grew up in Council, NC and attended the Bladen County Schools, graduating in 1945. At an early age, she joined Kitchen Branch Baptist Church. After moving to Wilmington, NC, she joined New Hope Baptist Church, later joining Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in 1955. A faithful member, she served on the Bible class, Missionary Society, Senior Choir, Pastor's

Choir, Daughters of Zion, and on the Deaconess Board. Norma worked as a cook in the Public School system. Later, she worked at Textilelease where she remained until her retirement. She never met a stranger and enjoyed counseling and talking to people. A loving wife and mother, she loved to sing and pray.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jessie James Hewett. To this union six children were born, one son, Donald Lee Hewett (Jennene) who preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memory; two sons, Jessie Hewett, Jr. (Rita) and Anthony Hewett; three daughters, Kay Smith (Dennis), Carolyn Moss (Douglas) and Jennifer Hewett-Porter (Marcus); one brother, Prince Sykes (Marva); one sister, Margaret Smith; two sisters who preceded her in death, Lucille Isom and Clara Mae Andrews (William); thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; including a special adopted son, Lawrence Miller. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Rosa Bell Richardson

Rosa Bell Richardson, daughter of the late Wiley Richardson, Sr. and Orlan Richardson, was born September 27, 1946. She departed this earthly life on November 27, 2016. Funeral services were held Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

"Rosa Bell", as she was affectionately known by many, gave her life to Christ and joined Union Missionary Baptist Church in her younger years. Rosa was educated in the New Hanover County School System and was gainfully employed for several years until her health began to decline. Rosa, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, adopted mother and friend will be greatly missed. She was very outspoken and down to earth. She never met a stranger and always had a smile.

In addition to her parents, Rosa was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters. She leaves to cherish the fond memories; two daughters, Bridgett Richardson and Anita Richardson; one son, Keith Richardson (Tiese); eleven grandchildren, Charles, Montrell, Tanisha, Jamel, Warren, Jalisa, Ashley, Denzel, Ja'Kera, Ta'Kera and Keith, Jr.; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Kenneth James; three sisters-in-law, Brenda Richardson, Audrey Richardson and Pauline Richardson; eight adopted

children, Tina, Donald Jean, Nett, Kendra, Richard "Nine", Felicia, Lamont and Vonda; one god-child, Sharon Coleman; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including a very special friend, Leo Wilder. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Shawn Terrell Graham

Shawn Terrell Graham's funeral service is 12 Noon Thursday, December 8, 2016 at Graham Chapel AME Zion Church, East Arcadia, NC. Burial will follow in the Fennell Family Cemetery, Tomahawk, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Preston Bethea, Jr.

Preston Bethea, Jr.'s funeral service will be 12 Noon Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Little Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Supply, NC. Burial will follow in the Galloway Cemetery, Supply, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Sonya Davis

Sonya Davis's funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 9, 2016 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Frederick E. Johnson

Frederick Eugene Johnson, Sr. affectionately known as "Sweetcorn", of Wilmington, NC passed away peacefully on November 29, 2016 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Burial followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

He was born to the late Smith and Mary Jude Johnson on January 30, 1932. He was the second of seven children. He was predeceased by his siblings Francis, Ruth, Howard and most recently Cecil, with whom he was very close. Fred Sr. was raised in his early years on a farm in Kennett Square PA where he learned the value of hard work which was demonstrated throughout his life.

Frederick enlisted in the United States Army on April 28, 1950, and was honorably discharged on April 15, 1953.

Frederick worked as a tractor trailer driver for many years with Roadway Trucking Company. He later was employed by the United States Postal Service from where he retired in 1992.

In 1994 he married his bride Catherine. The couple moved to and established their "home" in Wilmington NC. Fred was passionate

about "making it happen" as he would often be quoted as saying. He was involved in many community and civic efforts. He was most proud of helping to obtain a marker honoring the many African American (colored) soldiers who died in the civil war, an effort for which he worked tirelessly. He enjoyed working for the Wilmington Trolley Company, where he met many interesting people, and enjoyed sharing their stories with his family. "Sweetcorn" was very popular and was often personally requested by his patrons.

Frederick, along with his wife Catherine, loved participating in Civil War Reenactments, demonstrating the many encounters experienced by the brave souls in the north and south, who fought in the war between the states.

Frederick enjoyed people, and loved spending time with his family, particularly his children and grandchildren. He loved deep sea fishing, always seeking an opportunity to schedule a trip with family and friends. He also enjoyed sharing his culinary expertise, his most popular being "frogmore stew".

Frederick leaves to cherish his memory sisters, Geraldine Moat of Richmond, VA and Josephine Howard (Theodore) of Elkridge, MD; sons, Frederick Johnson, Jr. (Kim) of Drexel Hill, PA and Jeffrey Johnson (Ana) of San Antonio, TX; daughters, Janet Johnson of Clayton, NC and Vanessa Sneed

(Luther) of Philadelphia, PA; grandchildren, Terrell, Travis (Lauren), Justin, Stephanie, Jordan and Aja; great grandchildren, Taryn and Jaela. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Charles A. Stith

Charles Anthony Stith was born to Marian M. Clark and the late Ashburn Stith on September 16, 1957 in Baltimore, Maryland. His earthly life ended on December 1, 2016. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 07, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Dark Branch Cemetery.

Charles was educated in the Baltimore MD and Wilmington, NC school systems. Immediately following high school, he attended Johnson C. Smith University.

He worked full time at both the New Hanover County School Systems and UNCW in Custodial Maintenance. He spent a large amount of time coaching basketball, football and track with Pop Warner and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) from 1990 - 2004. He had a passion for helping inner city youth to learn the fundamentals of athletics and sportsmanship. He served in the US Army from 1981 through 1984 and was stationed in Ft. McPherson, GA.

Charles had many friends

and was well known in the Wilmington area. He was known by several nicknames such as "Harry", "Stitch", and "Herd".

Charles was preceded in death by his father, Ashburn Stith and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark. Charles knew the Lord as his personal savior and knew him as a healer numerous times.

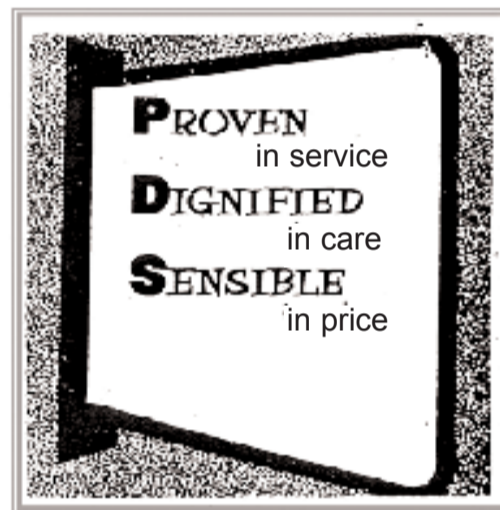
He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Marian Clark, his children, Demetrius Anthony Marshall (fiancée, Johnnetta), Monica Ahlyse Grady and Amir Xavier Stith, all of Wilmington, NC. Two grandchildren, Derion Anthony Marshall and Janiyah Amaryllis Marshall of Wilmington, NC. Four sisters, Barbara Jean Stith, of Washington, DC; Carolyn Marie Singletary (Willie) of Winnabow, NC, Betty L. Burns (Milton) of Leland, NC, Karen Denise Stith of Wilmington, NC; One brother, Keith Stith of Philadelphia, PA. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Brenda Mallette Rawls

Brenda Mallette Rawls, passed away, Friday, December 2, 2016. Services will be announced by Davis Funeral Home.

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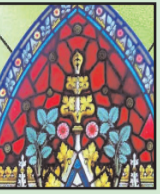
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New Hanover County

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr., will hold their Men's Conference from Friday, December 9th - Sunday, December 11th. On Friday at 7:00 p.m. Old School, new School musical featuring The Spiritual Voices of Warsaw, NC and The Famous Sensational Nightingales of Durham, NC and Mr. Richard Dawkins. On Saturday, December 10th from 8:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. the Men's Empowerment Breakfast and panel discussion led by Rev. Jeremy Simmons of Sanctuary, Charlotte, NC will be held and on Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be the Right Reverend Patrick L. Frazier, Jr. of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church, First Episcopal Diocese.



Religious Briefs

Pilgrim House of Worship, 4321 Wrightsville Ave. (next to Hanger's Cleaners) will have guest preacher Minister Calvin Robinson, Doctor of Theology at the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services on December 18.

The Pulpit Aide of Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Dr., will present a Holiday Celebration: "A Glance of Paris Fashion Winter Wonderland Extravaganza" on Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided with entertainment by DJ Finesse. This is a formal/semi-formal event. Also join Union Missionary Baptist Church on the Wednesday before Christmas, December 21st at 7:00pm for our City-Wide Celebration. Bring your family and friends as we celebrate together with songs and special presentations. Immediately following, please join us for our Union Family Christmas Celebration with our ministry decorated tables with festive and delicious food items. This event is FREE and open to the public. For additional information for either event, please call Union at 910-763-3006.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Attend the religious institution of your choice, this week!

Will of the people: Denied

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As I write this opinion, Hillary Clinton's vote total leads Donald Trump by over 2 million votes! These popular votes reflect the will of individual voters and establish a majority of voters who favored her over Trump.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Despite that majority, barring an event of monumental proportion, Trump will be sworn-in as the 45th US President on January 20, 2017. His vehicle to the presidency is the vote of the Electoral College, an 18th Century relic of the political process.

In order to establish a united federation of states, the 1787 Constitutional Convention had to resolve conflict between populated northern states and less-populated southern states. Out of this conflict came a compromise which has distorted the will of the national majority and codified racial animus.

To balance power between these states, the Constitutional Convention endorsed a system of electors, apportioned based upon population, who would represent each state. Integral to this system of electors was a "Three-Fifths Compromise" which, for the purpose of tallying population, established that each of the non-voting slaves held in southern states would count for 3/5ths of a person. Scholars will also explain that issues of delayed communication, slow transportation and information about presidential candidates also facilitated acceptance of "The Electoral College."

Consequently, those believing the 2016 Presidential Election is over may be surprised to learn that the Electoral College doesn't vote for president until the "first Monday after the second Wednesday in December" (December 19th). Until a joint-session of Congress tallies and confirms the vote of the Electoral College on January 6, 2017, the winner of the election will not be officially declared.

For those also believing that our democracy was designed to support/reflect the will of the majority, the outcome of the 2016 election is a travesty. Sadly, this is the second time in sixteen years that the will of the majority has been abrogat-

ed by an outdated electoral process. Al Gore earned .5 million more votes than George W. Bush; and now, Hillary Clinton earned 2 million+ more votes than Donald Trump.

Consequences are yet to be measured; but, from my perspective, it doesn't bode well for our nation's future. This outdated system has allowed Trump to submit Cabinet nominees whose positions foretell regressive threats to many Americans. Two nominations I find most disturbing are those of billionaire Betsy DeVos and Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions. Having already expressed my fears of a Department of Justice under the control of Sessions, I'll give my thoughts on a Department of Education under DeVos.

DeVos is practically a single-issue candidate favoring school vouchers. Without an education background, her influence stems from her wealth. She's the wife of billionaire Dick DeVos, heir to and former President/CEO of Amway and its successor Alticor. She's also the sister of Erik Prince, President/CEO of security contracting firm Xe (formerly, Blackwater).

I believe that education is the pathway to success. DeVos' voucher plan/position will strip money from public education to the detriment of low-income families that are unable to supplement their voucher value to pay for private school tuition. Their children will be relegated to remaining in dysfunctional public schools which, because of the extraction of tax revenues for vouchers, will be less able to provide quality instruction and deny students the opportunity to compete in the global economy.

Although claiming to be President for all of the people, Donald Trump's first decisions seem to negatively impact the most vulnerable. Without protections of the law afforded by DOJ and the opportunity to develop academic skills necessary for personal success, the future looks dim for millions of Americans.

While we question Trump's motives, we are as well-served by questioning and working to change or eliminate the "rigged" system that awarded him the Presidency.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Loving our neighbors

BY SHEILA ROSS AND FANNIE ALLEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

We were glad to gather again at our Senior Citizens' Fellowship meeting place. We were greeted by President Eloise Purdie. In the absence of Mr. George Hill, our devotional leader was Mrs. Mary Martin. We opened by singing, "O How I Love Jesus." Our prayer was done by Mr. John Green. Our next song was "What a Friend

We Have in Jesus." We had expressions, which were encouraging. We also had some "Thank you's" for kindness that had been shown to certain of our members.

Mrs. Frances Burney Matthews was our speaker for the day. The message was about neighbors. She said that our neighbors may be in need, and we need to help them. Loving our neighbors is visible evidence of sacrifice. It was a great message

and one that was needed.

We had comments about the Senior Citizens' Fellowship's Anniversary. The committee was given a round of applause. The meeting was turned over to our Secretary Mildred Ellerby, and the minutes were read by Mrs. Mary Green. We had roll call and then the Callers Report. Mrs. Frances Burney Matthews was the winner, with eleven. All the callers were given a hand.

Mrs. Annie Haskins gave us the Sick and Shut-in Report. We were asked to pray for all. Mrs. Cherry Pearson gave us information on an upcoming trip to Washington, DC. We then had announcements.

Mrs. Mary Martin made us laugh again today. Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together." We had a closing prayer by Mr. John Green, and then we were adjourned.

There were 47 present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Reaching out to the younger generation

My Fellow Seniors:

In the early days, before the printing press was invented, the Bible was written by hand on something called parchment. It was written by several different men over several thousand years. We have been told all of it in God's word, but we don't know who said it first. We don't know how he reached that conclusion since he never met any of the authors.

It has also been said that the Bible contradicts itself, but we don't look into that because it might cause some people to lose faith. However, your children can check it out with just

a few clicks. They are not going to believe the sun stood still for a whole day in one small section of the earth, while no one else knew about it, especially since we now realize the sun doesn't go up or down.



Ruth Johnson

While no one wants to discredit the Bible, it's time to realize time moves on.

A few weeks ago, my thirteen year old niece complained that she was the only student in her Sunday

School class. She must attend because her father is the preacher. But how long will she sit there before she finds an excuse to get away?

What are we doing to reach out to such children? We cannot spend all of our time in Bible study. In order to make this world a better place, we need to face it as it is today. That might sound like a big deal but really isn't.

The church could show a movie once a week to show what the world is like today. If we want to improve our world, we have to look at it, and a few well chosen movies would tell us what

we need to know. The cost of showing such a movie is zero. We have some of them at home and our young people would be willing to put them on the screen.

People of all ages would come to church to see these movies. This would give them a chance to see the world as it is now. When we see the problems up close, we can think about solutions.

If your church should decide to do this, please announce it in *The Wilmington Journal*.

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

TELL SOMEBODY

"Who stole my peace?"

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-7**

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you..." spoke Rudyard Kipling in his poem entitled, "If".

Life happens to us all! Many things that happen are pleasant and pleasurable. We like to take credit for these things. But when bad things happen, somehow it is so much easier to blame others, than accept the blame ourselves, or at least the part we played in allowing it to happen. The Blame Game begins when we take the easy way out, and blame others for our own personal failures, faults, and calamities.

Truthfully, There are a lot of things that happen to us, that are beyond our control. Just like good things can happen to bad people. Bad things can happen to good people. God reigns on the just and the unjust. God also gives us the victory through the choices we make in response to the

things that happen to us. We can become bitter; or we can become better. We can become weaker; or we can become stronger and wiser through the things we experience and the responses we give. . If we would dare to accentuate the positives in our lives, the negatives would gradually be eliminated or diminished. Then, we won't have to ask the question, "Who stole my peace?"



Sylvia Hooper

One of the most frustrating things to happen, can occur when someone blames you, for their spiritual loss. If someone steals your money, automobile, personal items, yes there is someone else to blame. But who is to blame when we lose the joy of the Lord, the love of God, or the peace of God? "Who stole my peace?"

If you do not have inner peace, who actually is to blame? Jesus said in John 16:33, that in this world we will have tribulation, but in him we will have peace. There are a lot of disturbing

things that can happen, but through it all, Jesus is able to keep us in perfect peace, if our mind is stayed on him. (Isaiah 26:3)

When we go to God in prayer and make our requests known to him, faithful obedience will bring about the blessing of inner peace. God empowers his people by instructing us to worry about nothing, while praying about everything! This kingdom principle will work if we practice this method in everything. It is not the will of God that we ever lose our peace to anyone or anything. It is not always easy, but it is always worth it, and in the end, if we obey, there will be peace.

The Peace of God, is one of the promises of God to Believers in Christ Jesus. But our part in the peace process is to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and minds fulfilling the will of God in us and for us. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." **Col 3:15.**

"Who stole my Peace?" If for some reason, you have lost your peace, the good news is, you can get it back! If the Lord is indeed your shepherd, he can and he will restore your soul. Peace is a part of

the package of spiritual restoration. It is yours to have, to hold, to retain and to maintain. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." **Matthew 7:7**

Prayer: Father we pray in the Name of Jesus that you will restore peace to all who ask for it, for your glory. Amen " Tell Somebody.

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

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 14 JT 154

IN THE MATTER OF: J.M.H. (DOB: 05/02/2014)

TO: RESPONDENT - FATHER: JONATHAN HOOD

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than **DECEMBER 10, 2016**, said date being forty (40) days following the first date of publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply for the relief sought. You have the right to attend the hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

You have been assigned Attorney Emily Jones. Counsel may be contacted at 910-762-7771, 110 N 5th Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017, at 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter.

This the 1st day of December, 2016.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 (phone)
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

December 1, 8, 15, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 14 JT 154

IN THE MATTER OF: J.M.H. (DOB: 05/02/2014)

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Richard Hicks (16-E-1492)**, late of 2618 Confederate Drive, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 3, 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 23rd day of November, 2016

Linda Lewis, Administrator of the Estate of Richard Hicks
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, Tiana M. Bahr, having qualified on the 21st day of October, 2016, as Executrix of the Estate of **John L. Bahr, II (16-E-1409)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **2nd day of March, 2017**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 22nd day of November, 2016.

Tiana M. Bahr, Executrix
ESTATE OF JOHN L. BAHR, II
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington NC 28403

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, Tiffany B. Earle, having qualified on the 21st day of October, 2016, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Charlene W. Brown (16-E-1566)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **9th day of March, 2017**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 1st day of November, 2016.

Tiffany B. Earle, Personal Representative
ESTATE OF Charlene W. Brown
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5700 Oleander Dr.
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December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

BRUNSWICK COUNTY INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, January 12, 2017**, in the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, Building G, Bolivia, North Carolina, for the construction of the Smithville Park Phase One, and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. The contract shall be **Single Prime**. A general description of the work includes:

Construction layout, grading, erosion control, stormwater drainage, water distribution, sanitary sewer collection, paved entrance drive and parking, concrete sidewalk, three new baseball fields, fencing, landscaping, irrigation system, basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, field house with press-box, pre-engineered picnic shelters, concessions building with bathrooms, other ancillary site construction, and traffic signal improvements for an existing NCDOT signalized intersection on Hwy 133 in Southport, North Carolina.

Pre-Bid Meeting: An open pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested bidders on Wednesday, December 21, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, Building G, Bolivia, North Carolina.

Site Visitation: Bidders are encouraged to make a site inspection of the proposed construction area on their own time. Smithville Park is presently an existing public park open to the general public during normal business hours. If any accommodations are necessary for a bidder to make a site visit, attend the pre-bid meeting or bid opening, please contact Aaron Perkins at (910)-253-2676.

Digital Copies of the Contract Documents are available at no cost beginning December 7, 2016.

Contact: Jeff Ashbaugh, PLA Senior Project Manager

Telephone: (704) 521.9880 or (704) 943.3171

Alfred Benesch & Company
2320 West Morehead Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
•Alfred Benesch & Company, Charlotte, NC
•Brunswick County Parks and Rec Department, Bldg. M, Bolivia, NC
•Participating online plan rooms to be determined during the bid period may include:

Carolinas A.G.C. Digital PlanRoom online
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Brunswick County reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals. A 5% bid bond or deposit is required. Brunswick County has implemented a Minority Business Enterprise Policy that requires Contractors to exhibit a good-faith effort to contact minority business subcontractors whose work on the project would represent 10% of the total value of the work. Contractors must be properly licensed. Additional instructions to bidders are included in the Contract Documents

December 8, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Peter L. Thorsen**, 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 **2nd day of March, 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

John C. Thorsen, Executor
1891 Crystal Hills Dr.
Athens, GA 30606

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Barbara M. Smith**, 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 **2nd day of March, 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

Antonio J. Smith, Collector
254 Willows Bay Dr.
Rocky Point, NC 28457

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

INVITATION TO BID

Brunswick County is seeking bids for construction of: Boiling Spring Lakes / Seaside, 2016 Enterprise Funded Sewer Extension. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., January 5, 2017, at the Brunswick County Public Utilities Operations Center in Supply, NC. An open pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested bidders and vendors on December 15, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in the Utilities Operations Center. For additional information please contact: Phil Norris, Norris & Tunstall Consulting Engineers, (910) 287-5900.

December 8, 2016

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2004 HONDA
VIN: 1HGCM81654A024105
Owners: Carlos Tirrell Cobbs
Place: Kirby's Garage Inc. 1513 Castle Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Date: 12-30-2016
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Telephone: 910-762-3159

December 8, 15, 22, 2016

Notice of Sale

2007 SUZUKI
VIN: 2S3DA417576118579
Owners: Troy Eugene Cashwell and Suellen Hall Cashwell
Place: Kirby's Garage Inc. 1513 Castle Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Date: 12-30-2016
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Telephone: 910-762-3159

December 8, 15, 22, 2016

Notice of Sale

2008 DODGE
VIN: 1B3LC46K08N245675
Owners: Graham Patrick Hoard
Place: Kirby's Garage Inc. 1513 Castle Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Date: 12-30-2016
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Telephone: 910-762-3159

December 8, 15, 22, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Lottie Mae Whitted**, 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 **2nd day of March, 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 23rd day of November, 2016

Luther Marvin Whitted, Executor
2601 Chair Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Merle P. Murray**, 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 **1st day of March, 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 1st day of December, 2016

E. Bradford Murray, III Executor of the Estate of Merle P. Murray
2620 Mayfair Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Hassan Abdulkadri (16-E-1559)**, late of 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 **March 10, 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 5th day of December, 2016

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

December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

INTERCOASTAL MARINE LLC IS ACCEPTING SUBCONTRACTOR AND SUPPLIER BIDS FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NC, LOVE GROVE SECOND ACCESS PROJECT #15ST57, NO LATER THAN 12 NOON DEC. 21, 2016.

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December 8, 2016

Notice of Sale to Enforce Lien for Unpaid Storage Charges

The name and address of the lienor;
Smith Creek Boatyard, Inc.
805 Cornelius Harnett Drive,
Wilmington, NC 28401

The name of the person having legal title to the property:
1. Thomas Honig
609 Trails End Road
Wilmington, NC 28409

Description of the property:
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Amount due for which the lien is claimed;
As of 11/01/2016: \$5,661.02

The name of the person having legal title to the property:
2. Robert A. McGowan
119 Long Leaf Drive
Hampstead, NC 28443

Description of the property:
1972 Trojan M/Y HIN 3102085, together with all engines, generators, tackle and other personal property thereon and appurtenances thereto AS IS, WHEREIS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS.

Amount due for which the lien is claimed;
As of 09/01/2016: \$960.00

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