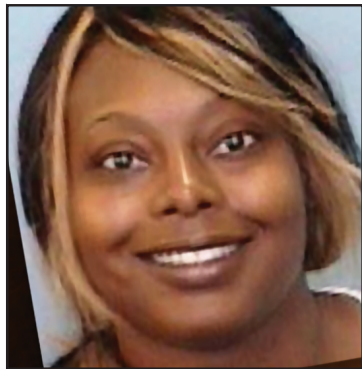


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EBONEE SPEARS

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.

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BERNEST HEWETT

ObamaCare and Affordable Care Act are the same

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I find that here in Brunswick County we have people who were so set against Obama Care healthcare plan that they didn't know that this plan was the same as the Affordable Care Act, and, here lately, with Donald Trump and his administration trying to take Obama Care away, they find that it is the same plan. This means that, if it is repealed, they will no longer have healthcare insurance.

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N.C. author tells why new Emmett Till book is about stopping violence against Blacks

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Given all of the major media headlines since its January 31, release, it's easy for the public to think the new book, *The Blood of Emmett Till* (Simon and Schuster), is mainly about the confession by Carolyn Bryant, the Mississippi White woman whose lie, in 1955, caused the brutal lynching and murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

However, in an exclusive interview with the Black Press this week, the author, Professor Timothy B. Tyson, a Duke University senior research scholar and historian, says Bryant's 2007 revelation to him that the Black

teen never said or did anything "sexually flirtatious" to her to warrant his being kidnapped by her husband and his half-brother, then beaten, shot in the head, and thrown in the Tallahatchie River, wrapped in barbed wire and weighted down by a 75 lb. cotton gin fan, is just where the controversial book begins.

The rest of the 304-page volume, not only meticulously documents what led up to the despicable murder of the innocent child, but more importantly, Tyson says, the reasons why White supremacists have historically resorted to violence to deny African-Americans their civil rights.

Tyson said, after taping the Bryant interview in 2007, he put it away in his archives for later possible use, but, during the course of subsequent

research, found himself drawn into the Emmett Till story, ultimately doing seven years of research off and on. Writing the book became an emotional challenge, he says, and there were times when he didn't know if he would, or could, finish the book.

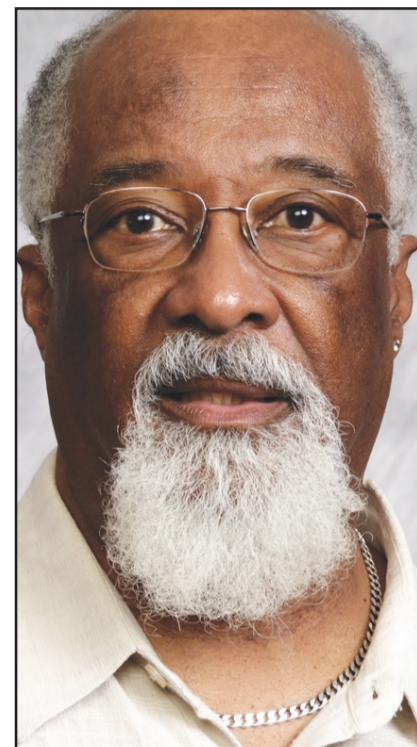
"This was such a hard, dark story, and I procrastinated until I realized I didn't want to go down into that hole. I didn't want to go down in there," Tyson said, indicating why it took him ten years to finish the book he initially didn't mean to start. "The racial murder of a child was just too brutal for me to handle at times," he says.

Reaction to Bryant's admission in Tyson's new book has been sharp.

"Emmett Till was not just put to death. He was torched to death. Her omission to it today doesn't provide any healing for the case but adds more fuel to an already lit fire when it comes to social justice," says Jack S. Monell, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Justice Studies, Winston-Salem State University.

In many ways, Timothy Tyson is the ideal author to explore new details surrounding the lynching death of Emmett Till. Bryant read one of Tyson's prior books, *Blood Done Signed My Name*, his semi-autobiographical story about growing up in segregated Oxford, N. C., the son of The Reverend Vernon Tyson, a bold White Methodist preacher, who stood strongly for civil rights, at the risk of

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**ATTORNEY IRV JOYNER
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OF THE NC NAACP LEGAL
REDRRESS COMMITTEE**

NC NAACP blasts Trump's voter fraud assertions

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Chairman of the NC NAACP's Legal Redress Committee, which successfully fought in federal court to have much of North Carolina's 2013 Voter ID Law thrown out, is keeping a close eye on President Trump's insistence that there was massive voter fraud in the last election and warns that GOP state lawmakers may leverage Trump's false claim to institute new voting restrictions in time for the 2018 mid-term elections.

"It is widely known that there is absolutely no evidence that widespread voter fraud exists anywhere in the United States, and the North Carolina State Board of Elections has conclusively refuted suggestions that

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FORT LAUDERDALE

Rev. William Barber tells Black Press: "Bowling down is not an option"

BY **FREDDIE ALLEN**
MANAGING EDITOR
OF NNPA NEWSWIRE

Reverend William Barber, the president of the North Carolina state chapter of the NAACP and leader of the Moral Monday movement, delivered a rousing keynote address to open the 2017 Mid-Winter Conference of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The theme of the conference was "Strengthening Black-owned Newspapers through Training, Innovation and Technology." The NNPA partnered with General Motors, Chevrolet, Ford Motor Company, Reynolds American Inc. (RAI), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to host the conference; Volkswagen, Ascension, Coca-Cola, and the American Association for Cancer Research supported the event as sponsors.

During his speech titled, "Where Do

We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?" Barber tackled voter suppression in the aftermath of *Shelby v. Holder*; White evangelicalism and the current political environment in the age of "alternative facts."

Noting that President Woodrow Wilson played the White supremacist propaganda film "Birth of a Nation" in the Oval office in 1911, Barber said that Trump's ascension and election is not an anomaly in American history.

"This is not the first time that White supremacy has occupied The White House. This is not the first time that America has elected a racist egomaniac," said Barber, reminding the audience that President Wilson, a former college president, played "Birth" to signal that Reconstruction was over. "Education doesn't necessarily get racism out of you."

To a chorus of "Amen," Barber said that the one thing that we have to first decide to do in this moment is that bowing down is not an option.



PHOTO BY FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA
Reverend William Barber II, president of the North Carolina state chapter of the NAACP, delivered an electrifying speech during the 2017 NNPA Mid-Winter Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Recognizing that he was addressing a room full of journalists and publish-

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BARBER

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ers, Barber pitched ideas for a
number of articles and com-
mentaries.

"Somebody has to unpack
'so-called' White evangelical-
ism that is illogical malprac-
tice and heresy," said Barber.
"We've got to have some papers
that write and do some inves-
tigative work to connect the
money to White evangelical-
ism to the policies of extrem-
ism and racism, because some
of our own folk are sending
money to some of these TV
White evangelicals."

Barber said that the loss of
the full protections of the
Voting Rights Act and voter
suppression were two of the
most underreported stories
during the last election cycle.

"Long before any Russian
hack, the American electoral
process was hacked by sys-
temic racism and fear," said
Barber. "The Southern
Strategy is alive and well."

Barber acknowledged that
civil rights leaders and
Democrats could have voiced
louder criticism about the lack
of work done in the U.S.
Congress to restore the Voting
Rights Act.

"Democrats talked more
about David Dukes than they
did about voter suppression
and the Voting Rights Act
being dismantled," said
Barber.

Barber said that they were
868 fewer voting places across
the nation; those closures dis-
proportionately affected Black
voters.

"Voter suppression has been
proven, voter fraud has been
disproven. The lie about voter
fraud is a distraction from the

TYSON

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his own life.

Young Tyson was eleven
years old when, in 1970, a 23
year old Black Vietnam veter-
an, named Henry Marrow, was
beaten and fatally shot by three
White men in public. They
were later acquitted. Black vet-
erans protested the racial slay-
ing by burning down Oxford's
tobacco warehouses. As racial
tensions rose, a young Black
activist, The Reverend
Benjamin Chavis, came to fore,
later moving to Wilmington a
year later. There he was later
arrested as one of the
Wilmington Ten.

The Reverend Vernon Tyson
and his family, forced out of
Oxford, also moved to
Wilmington, giving young
Timothy a front row seat to the
racial violence and strife that
gripped the Port City in 1971, as
the public schools integrated,
and a Klan group, known as
The Rights of White People
attacked African-Americans in
their community.

It was there where young
Timothy learned about the
Wilmington race massacre of
1898, where angry Whites

slaughtered Blacks because
they believed they were getting
too much power.

"We have to look this history
straight in the eye in all of its
horror and brutality and all of
the resistance that it has
inspired," Tyson says. "We can-
not forget the people who stood
against the racial caste system
and risked their lives for the
founding documents of
America to actually mean
something and for African-
Americans to be recognized as
full citizens."

While Tyson has high
regard for the non-violent
movement which Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr. and others
led to bring about racial
equality, the fact remains
that, even to this day, Tyson
says Black lives continue to
be targeted and taken, from
Trayvon Martin to other
Black men and women who
have been targeted by the
police in recent years, and
Americans need to realize
the historic context in which
this violence takes place and
continue to stand strong
against it.

Tyson notes the heroic
efforts of Robert Williams, the
NAACP leader in Monroe, N.
C., who refused to live in fear

amid threats from the Ku Klux
Klan. Therefore, he urged
Blacks to take up arms to
defend themselves and their
families.

"His is a civil rights legacy
handed down," Tyson insists.
"He stood on the shoulders of
the Reconstruction militants."

Just as the deaths of
Trayvon Martin, Michael
Brown and others fueled the
modern "Black Lives Matter"
movement, Tyson reminded
that, in December 1955, when
Rosa Parks refused to go to the
back of a Montgomery,
Alabama city bus, she said she
did so thinking of young
Emmett Till.

Violence against Blacks
throughout the South, especial-
ly after the U. S. Supreme
Court's Brown v Board of
Education decision, was a daily
occurrence, and local law
enforcement did little to stop it
because Whites did not want
integration of any sort with
Blacks, let alone in the public
schools.

Tyson says the Emmett Till
murder and the courageous
stand his mother, Mamie Till-
Mobley took to have an open
casket funeral so that the world
could see the brutality her son
endured, lit a fuse to the then-

sputtering Civil Rights
Movement that added new
determination for African-
Americans to move forward for
freedom.

The Black Press, led by
Ebony and *Jet* magazines and
the *Chicago Defender* put the
picture of Emmett Till's bat-
tered body on their covers and
front pages.

The Reverend Dr. Ben
Chavis, President of the
National Newspaper Pub-lish-
ers Association, has nothing
but praise for his old friend.

"I have personally known
Tim Tyson and the Tyson
family for decades," Dr.
Chavis said. "Tim's genius as
a historian, author and social
visionary informs his unique
commitment to write truth to
power authentically and fear-
lessly. The Emmett Till story,
as Tim reveals, is the tragic
story of American apartheid
yet still in need of challenge,
even in this day and time."

Those who know Tim Tyson
know that the White scholar
means what he says about stop-
ping the historic violence
against African-Americans.

Just a few years ago, it was rou-
tine to see Tyson handcuffed
and led away by police officers
after joining his close friend,

The Reverend William Barber,
President of the NCNAACP, in
protesting at the Wake School
Board meetings and at the
State Legislature during Moral
Monday demonstrations.

And it was Tyson, in 2012,
who donated documented evi-
dence he had earlier secured
from the New Hanover
County District Attorney's
office to write a book, proving
that the Wilmington Ten had
been falsely convicted for
crimes they did not commit
by a corrupt state prosecutor,
that ultimately led to
Governor Beverly Perdue's
issuing the historic Pardons
of Innocence, exonerating
The Wilmington Ten., ten
civil rights activists, after 40
years.

It doesn't escape Tim Tyson
that his explosive book is being
released as America is dealing
with hard questions about race
and equality, this time under
the Trump Administration. He
hopes that readers will find
meaning and inspiration to
take a stand and demand that
all people be treated with digni-
ty and respect.

"The most important part of
[the Emmett Till] story is what
people did in response," Tim
Tyson says.

VOTER FRAUD

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voter fraud exists in North
Carolina," says Attorney
Irving Joyner, Chairman of the
NC NAACP Legal Redress
Committee, and one of the lead
attorneys who came to federal
court in Winston-Salem in 2015
to have the Voter ID Law over-
turned.

"This claim of voter fraud is
being pedaled by right-wing
political groups and some
Republican operatives as a way
to enact legislation to under-
mine the right to vote of
African Americans and other
racial minorities. These consist-
ent and spurious claims must
be vigorously challenged
because, when adopted and
repeated by Donald Trump and
his gang, some people will
believe that it exists."

President Trump insists
that, despite winning the 2016
general election, anywhere
from three million to five mil-
lion people voted illegally for
his Democrat opponent,
Hillary Clinton, resulting in
her winning the popular vote
accordingly. Trump offers no

verifiable proof of his false
claim, but promises some kind
of "major investigation" to
prove his point.

While national Republicans
have dismissed the President's
massive voter fraud claims,
especially since most state gov-
ernments that manage and
maintain their local voter rolls
were Republican in 2016 (and
have finalized their voting
totals), that didn't stop Dallas
Woodhouse, Executive
Director of the NC Republican
Party, from claiming that
North Carolina had its share of
voter fraud in the last election.

"We've seen voter fraud in
North Carolina. It may not be
widespread," Woodhouse told
MSNBC last week, supporting
Trump's call for a probe.

His Democrat brother, Brad
Woodhouse, appeared on the
same program to essentially
blast his sibling.
"Your efforts in North
Carolina on voter fraud were
nothing more than a docu-
mented attempt to suppress the
votes of African-Americans
and young people," Brad
Woodhouse accused his GOP
brother, recalling how the US
Fourth Circuit of Appeals
ruled last year that the

truth about voter suppression,
because voter suppression is
about thievery. You scratch a
liar, you'll find a thief," said
Barber. "Trump won because of
the voter suppression that
went on in the Black communi-
ty."

After delivering a brief his-
tory of fusion politics, a time
when poor Whites and Blacks
worked together to achieve
political power in the South fol-
lowing the Civil War, Barber
questioned why so many poor,
White people today cast votes
for lawmakers that oppose
establishing living wage stan-
dards, better healthcare and
more educational opportuni-
ties for low-income families.

The North Carolina pastor
noted that there are 18.9 poor
White people in the United
States, about eight million
more than the number of poor
Black people, though Black
people experience poverty at
higher rates than Whites.

Barber said that exploring
the real reasons why so many
poor Whites vote against their
own self-interest, would make
for a great investigative report.

Returning to the theme that
today's political environment
in America is nothing new,
Barber told the story of
Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego, who he described as
"three millennials from the
Bible days," that liked to write
and Nebuchadnezzar, "a mani-
acal egomaniac who loved to
tweet out his own news," loved
to build towers and invited peo-
ple to come to his towers to bow
down.

When Nebuchadnezzar com-
manded that everyone bow
down to his image and
Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego refused, the king
threatened to throw them into
the furnace.

"He didn't know they already
had a fire. They came from peo-
ple who had been through the
fire," said Barber. "They
remembered how the lord had
dealt with pharaoh. They
remembered how David dealt
with Goliath."

Barber said that the three
young leaders had a fire in
them, because they sung the
songs of their ancestors.

"Can we just make a deci-
sion, Black folks? Can we just
make a decision, publishers?
Can we just make a decision,
civil rights...that bowing down
is not an option?" Barber
implored. "I gotta suspicion
that it's going to be some fiery
times. I gotta suspicion that it's
gonna get hot. I gotta suspicion
that Nebuchadnezzar is gonna
do some rough stuff."

Barber implored the pub-
lishers, journalists and
activists in the room to go into
the proverbial fire standing up,
because help won't come, if you
go in the fire bowing down.

"If you go in the fire stand-
ing up, God can transform the
fire and the same fire that was
meant to destroy you, can
become a fire of deliverance!"
Barber shouted.

The crowd roared, deliver-
ing Barber a standing ovation.
The Moral Monday leader con-
tinued:

"Bowing down is not an
option! Standing down is not
an option! Looking down is not
an option! Breaking down is
not an option! We've been
through worse before." Barber
exclaimed. "We've been
through slavery. We've been
through Jim Crow. We've been
through the Trail of Tears and
we're gonna stand up in this
moment!"

The next day at the confer-
ence, Barber committed to
writing a regular guest column
for the NNPA Newswire that
will be distributed throughout
the NNPA's network of 211
Black-owned media properties
and will reach an estimated 20
million readers in print and
online.

"Somebody has to write
from the perspective of crisis,
even if the crisis doesn't
end immediately," Barber
explained. "Somebody has to
make sure that there is a wit-
ness that [the Black Press]
didn't go along with it. So we
have to do that."

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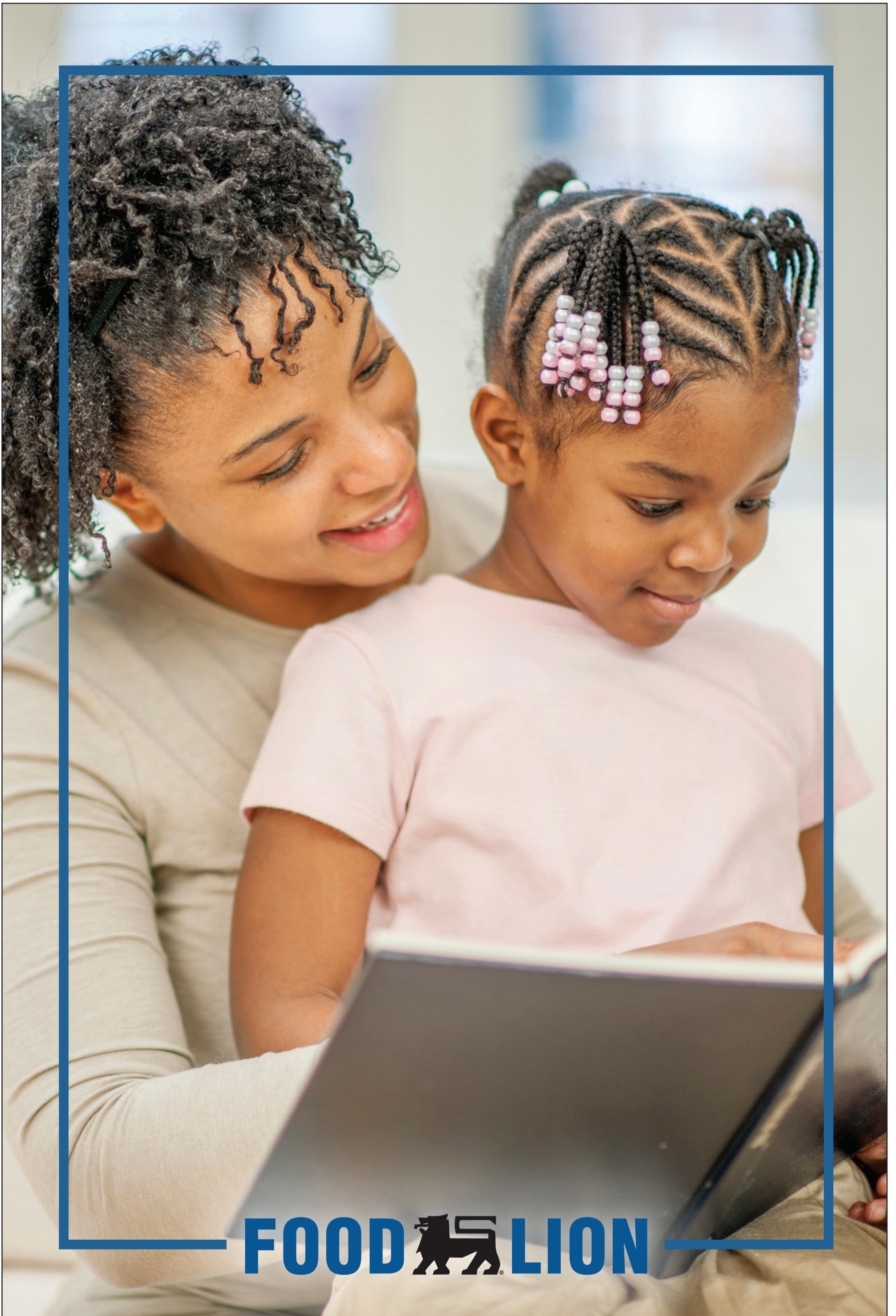
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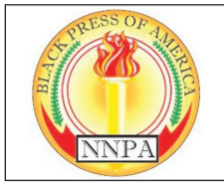
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Immigration ban: Trump shows he revels in dangerous chaos

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

President Donald Trump's most recent provocation - suddenly issuing an order banning the admission into the United States of refugees and immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries - created chaos and fury that had to be expected.

Airports across the world were engulfed with demonstrators. Judges issued emergency orders staying enforcement of parts of the order. Families found their children studying abroad unable to return home, or their loved ones attending a funeral stranded in an airport. Translators who had risked their lives for American soldiers in Iraq suddenly found their green cards useless and their lives at great risk. Both intelligence professionals and State Department diplomats have protested the order.

Trump clearly revels in this chaos. He proves to his voters that he'll fulfill his campaign promises, despite opposition. He shows them that he's getting things done. He postures strong on securing Americans against foreign terrorists. He defines his opponents as bleeding heart liberals, more concerned about rights than security, more internationalist than nationalist. He views this all as a win.

Trump's act is based on a lie: that America is not careful in vetting those refugees from battle zones that seek refuge in our country from violence or persecution. In fact, our vetting is already among the most stringent in the world. Trump told the Christian Broadcasting Network that Christians would be given preference over other religious groups, asserting falsely that under Obama, "If you were a Muslim you could come in, but if you were a Christian, it was almost impossible." In fact, last year we admitted virtually as many Christian refugees as Muslims, despite the fact that far more Muslims are at risk and seeking refuge. But this president has shown that he's prepared to act on the basis of "alternative facts" when he so chooses.

The real problem is that the unintended consequences are likely to be far more dangerous than doing nothing. For ISIS and al-Qaida, the order is a gift. It feeds their argument that the Muslim world is facing a war on Islam led by the Great Satan (the U.S.) intent on persecuting Muslims.

The anger and hatred generated will make it more difficult for moderate Muslim leaders to cooperate with the U.S. At home, a Muslim community under siege - and faced with rising hate crimes - is likely to become more closed, not less, and less cooperative, not more. If we will not respect their rights and security, they will be less likely to be concerned for ours.

Across the world, the order reveals an America that is frightened, not strong, and insular, not expansive. Trump has just mocked his own argument that our allies should bear a fair share of the defense burden, for he's made it clear the U.S. will not do its part in offering refuge to the displaced - many of them driven from their homes by wars that we started or continue. And America's claim to be a champion of human rights has just been weakened by our own actions once more.

The irony here is that Trump gets the threat wrong. Seven countries were singled out for special prohibition - a ban on all travelers, not just refugees for 90 days, visa or no visa. Not one person from those countries has killed any Americans in a terrorist attack inside the U.S. The perpetrators of American terrorist attacks in Boston, San Bernardino, Calif., Fort Hood in Texas, and Orlando, Fla. - did not come from the countries banned, and all were radicalized homegrown individuals.

Similarly, the hijackers of 9/11 did not come from the countries that are banned. They came from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Lebanon, none of which are on the list.

There must be some other reason than terrorist threat for the selection. It may not simply be coincidental that the countries listed for bans are those where Trump's company does no business, while the nations from which the 9/11 attackers came - and yet are exempted - are places where Trump has done or tried to do business.

Democrats have said they would try to get the order rescinded for its trampling of human rights, its lack of preparation and confused definitions. The real question is whether Republicans embrace this action or make their opposition known. Trump is happy to mock Democrats. His aides know that he has to learn to work with Republicans who control majorities in both houses of Congress.

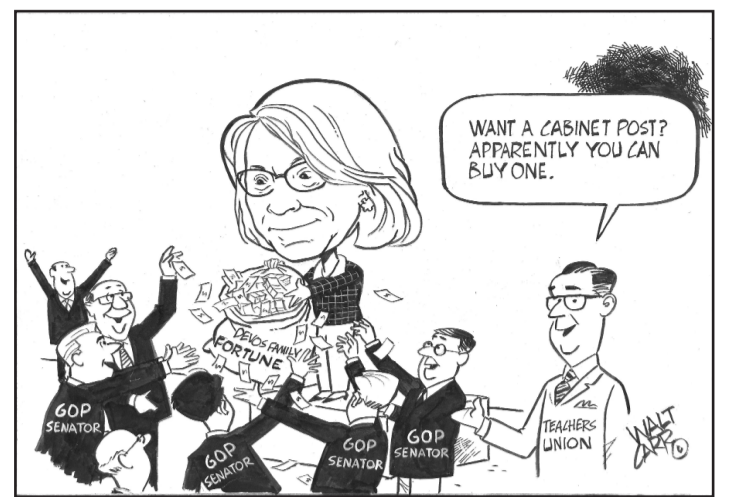
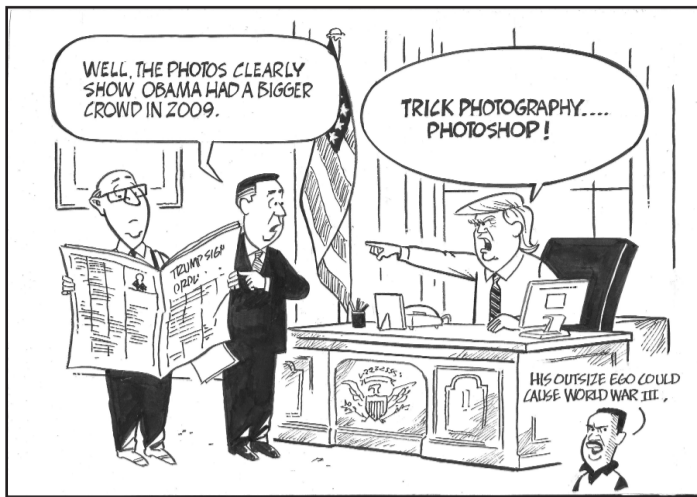
Thus far, Republicans such as Sens. John McCain, Lindsey Graham and Jeff Flake have risked Trump's wrath by objecting to the order. It is revealing that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell chose to duck - saying the courts would decide whether the order is constitutional - while House Speaker Paul Ryan chose to embrace the order rather than criticize it. These are not profiles in courage.

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Making America "Fake" Again...

As the media and the People around the world condemn the apparent "Muslim Ban" that was signed as another titled document in the name of protecting the United States you have to wonder how the President himself the son of immigrants from Germany could do such. No doors were shut to his parents to come into this country. Who will become the next group to be banned. Might this be an attempt to? What??? Then you turn to the strangeness of those that work in the present administration and ask yourselves, who are these People beyond many, far too many being super rich. What have they done to make a America great as opposed to fake?

The deliberate ability efforts to "reshape" the truth and call it "alternative news" is the coming for an administration to be called dishonest. The efforts to stack the deck

and distract the from the need to investigate the Presidents legal standing based on his investments throughout the world insults our intelligence and causes an unneeded cynicism for the office now being held by a person that would openly discriminate against religion. Those whom he would have his cabinet members do not past the credentials for sensitivity and compassion as we see the Session's for the office of Attorney General on shaky ground as well as that of the office of the Treasury and the others. The "swamps" as described by the now sitting President when referring to Washington have a new and different kind of animal and we can only wonder where this country is headed.

We have watched for months as bombs and other poisons are dropped on the people of Syria and never a world about or against Russia's involvement other than to openly state that the Russian President might not be a bad person. People are

judged by their deeds, not by what they say as they take over other countries through force. Decision making in the administration seems to be done in clandestine ways by power hungry folks that have bought democracy down. There is no way that we should not keep in mind the a strategy for voter suppression is lurking about this group of misfits that further harms the democracy that is being challenged by those who once lived in the shadows of a great country, our country now appearing because we as a People refused to accept a continuation of the works and legacy of former President Barack Obama. Where there was once order there is now chaos that will haunt this administration.

How will our children grow to respect the President when he has not shown decency even when he campaigned to become President. We are American, living in a great country and should not be called fools and be scorned

because we do not agree with what is going on. For the many that voted for this President, you will feel it more than others because you would have been fooled and you will become angry and feel that you have been tricked. Well, during the campaign, he said the race was rigged. So what can we do?

I think those millions of folks that were a part of the popular vote should look to the President of the NAACP in North Carolina, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II and his strategy to challenge and organize national boycotts to stop this madness and the effort to tear America down using the term "Make America Great Again," racism, ignorance and political manipulation(s). America is already GREAT and not because of anything that he as President has done.

Respectfully yours,
Haywood Fennell
Veteran/Author/Activist
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Matters of Opinion

CASH IN THE APPLE

The ignorant among us

There are a lot of people who completely reject the art of name-calling, feeling that it lowers the quality of intellectual discussion and civil discourse.

Those folks may have a point, and yet, there arguably are times when blunt is best. Saying that someone

or something, for instance, is dumb, does wonders for making one's essential point unmistakably clear. Obviously, if one is going to indulge in such blunt talk and description, you should have your evidence readily available for all to inspect for themselves, and arrive at the same opinion. After that, you can be as "civil" as you want.

So such as the case here. I am going to violate all social and civil norms by saying the following - the people who voted Donald J. Trump into the office of president of the United States are ignorant AND selfish. PERIOD!

Now what I've just stated is certainly not nice, but given what we've seen of our new

president's attitude and actions in just the first seven days in office, there can be no denial all of us are in big trouble as a nation if something doesn't change soon.

But why am I picking on the folks who voted Trump into office, instead of just Pres. Trump himself? Because they knew the same thing the rest of us knew, and didn't care. They knew this was an impulsive, power hungry, racist egomaniac, and that was perfectly fine with them.

Oh, I can hear you now. I'm not being fair, and in fact, I'm being politically biased. I dislike the people who voted for Trump because I dislike Trump, you say. Gee, I wish it were that simple.

That begs the question, did I also dislike the people who voted for Sen. John McCain or Gov. Mitt Romney just because they chose those two Republicans over the first black US president in history, Barack Obama? No. I certainly disagreed with them, but I didn't profoundly dislike them.

I disagree with the dumb people who voted for Donald Trump. It's nothing personal, but they are just that - DUMB! Why, because they agreed

with his sexist view of women. They agreed with his racist view of Mexicans and people from the Middle East (which is in Africa, I'm sure they're too dumb to know). They agreed with his idiot view that he should be king of the world, and that all would bow down to him once he's elected president. They agreed with him that the majority of black people are poor ghetto-dwellers who deserve pity because they live in such "carnage" and hopelessness.

And worst of all, they agreed with Pres. Trump that this is their country, and no one else's, and just as long as they benefit first and always, and no one else is helped despite their need or circumstance, then everything is just fine. So yes, build that wall between us and Mexico; ban Muslims from select countries from coming to the United States, even those with green cards; choose billionaire nominees for his administration that don't know the first thing about governing but everything about scamming the system; appoint white supremacists to the National Security Council; lie with no shame about insignificant issues

like crowd-size and voter fraud; dismantle the affordable health care system just because it was the greatest achievement of the previous president; and, of course, continue to insist that only Trump can "make America great again."

So yes, thanks to the ignorant among us, we now have a president that is literally destroying our country everyday with the stroke of a pen. My hope is that one day soon, they will wise up, and realize the error of their ways. But I'm not counting on it, which is why fighting against what they stand for, is the only thing left for the rest of us to do.

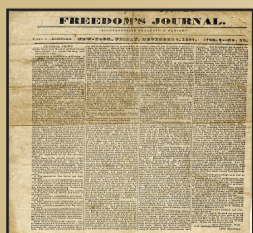
My GOD have mercy on their ignorant souls.
Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's 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.

"We wish to plead our own cause.

Too long have others spoken for us."---

1827, Front page of *Freedom's Journal*,
the first African-American
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On her birthday: Remembering Coretta Scott King among those who moved US forward

(TriceEdneywire.com) -

Coretta Scott King died on January 30, 2006. Yet her legacy is very much alive as a coalition builder, a strategist and a moral voice that confronted detractors but insisted upon non-violent approaches, such as dialogue, protests and economic boycotts with the end goal of peaceful reconciliation.

In their own analysis 60-era civil rights leaders used to refer to a Zeitgeist, the spirit of the times, which divine dimension that summons leaders exactly when needed most. That certainly describes the timing of human rights activist Coretta Scott King who is experiencing resurgence as people take a fresh look at those who successfully moved themselves and others forward through the heavy thicket of discrimination such as the leading ladies in the wonderful new



Rev. Barbara Reynolds

film, Hidden Figures. A second look at King's legacy should focus on but go beyond her well known decades ordeal of successfully lobbying to make King's birthday a national holiday and building the Dr. Martin Luther King Center for Social Change in Atlanta. Tourists from around the role visit this site, where her crypt and that of Dr. King are located near Ebenezer Baptist church where Dr. King preached and was funeralized.

Coretta King certainly should come to mind as millions gathered in Washington and in sister cities around the world last week to mount an overwhelming rebuke to President Donald Trump's anti-human rights campaign and his denigration of women, minorities, immigrants and the physically challenged. Her name was scrawled on home-made signs scattered throughout.

It is appropriate that we remember her appeal to women and her global human rights efforts. That was the capstone of King's 38 year mission as she shifted from civil rights to a more global inclusive human rights agenda after the assassination of

her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr in 1968. A favorite slogan was: "Women, if the soul of the nation is to be saved, I believe that you must become its soul."

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed her a non-voting delegate to the 32nd General Assembly of the United Nations, where she advocated for more international focus on the human rights of women. That same year in Houston, she served as Commissioner on the International Women's Year Conference where she created quite a stir over her support for gay rights, an unpopular issue at the time.

In her memoir she tells how she opposed the various women's groups at the Conference who were advocating a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. "I feel that gay and lesbian people have families and their families should have legal protection, whether by marriage or civil union. I believe unequivocally that discrimination because of sexual orientation is wrong and unacceptable in a democracy that protects the human rights of all its citizens."

In the historic 1963 March

on Washington which catapulted Dr. King to fame, women, however, were not allowed to march with the leaders or give a major address. But without a doubt King, would have played a supportive role in the Women's march as did her daughter, Bernice King.

King was a spokeswoman for social justice causes, both large and small, writing a syndicated news column on issues from gun violence, to environmental racism, to apartheid in South Africa. She was rarely missing in action. "Sometimes you win, just by showing up," she said, often referring to her role as a ministry of presence.

King believed that it is citizen action that is crucial to the making of a president. She often said that Ronald Reagan did not warm to the idea of a Dr. King holiday until the movement created a groundswell for it with three million signatures, marches and years of lobbying Congress. He signed it on November 20, 1983.

In recent weeks several black leaders have been publicly scourged for meeting with President Trump through his transition stage.

King, however, would have been knocking on his door, as she did with all the other presidents in her heyday. And she would not have been there for photo-ops or "selfies." As a seasoned coalition builder she would have prepared a well-crafted agenda, which called upon Trump to govern as president of all Americans.

In past years, King's influence was mammoth in the shaping of the political landscape. She successfully campaigned to elect scores of liberals to political office, worked with Carter in the selection of federal judges and threw her weight against those who stood in the way of voting rights.

Typical of her role is how she confronted and helped block Alabama U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions who in 1985 was vying for a federal judgeship. Sessions, who was called "brilliant," by Trump is his choice for U.S. Attorney General. In a recently surfaced 10-page letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, King had called him "lacking in judgment and temperament that would irreparably harm the work the movement had done to seize a slice of

democracy for disenfranchised blacks."

King opposed Sessions for his 1985 attempt to prosecute three civil rights activists from Marion, Alabama for voter fraud? accusations that were later proved unmerited. Her opposition to Sessions ran deep because she grew up right outside of Marion which before the movement launched its successful voter rights drive were unable to counter terrorizing attacks on their lives and property. Civil rights activists fear that Sessions will not hold law enforcement officials accountable for the episodic incidents of unarmed black men being murdered, as was done under the Obama administration.

In the battle to stop Sessions and others who seemed primed to push back advances in human rights, Coretta would not have panicked. In her memoir, she said, "Struggle is a never-ending process and freedom is never really won. You earn it and win it in every generation."

And so it goes. Rev. Dr. Barbara A. Reynolds is the author of seven books. Her latest is The Life, the Love and the Legacy of Coretta Scott King.

BRUNSWICK

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What happened? Did they not read, or was the color of

the man whose name it carried the problem? Maybe it has been the "race card" being played in order to distract the people who have signed up for it. Race in

America and Brunswick County has become very up front and straightforwardly directed toward people of color and other minorities. Our elected officials and peo-

ple of power have made sure that this attitude is made clear. We see people everywhere marching and sharing their opinions over this racist action. We are not in

the fight by ourselves, but we must never stop our fight for freedom, equality, and justice. The battle has not been won, but we have more soldiers this time. God has

blessed us, and we must pray on and fight on. With God, all things are possible!

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

BLACK PANTHERS PLAN TO RETURN TO WILMINGTON

[WILMINGTON] After threatening to march through the port city brandishing firearms Sunday, only to have the New Hanover Sheriff's Dept. confiscate them, the head of the Revolutionary Black Panther Party says he is pleased with last weekend's well-attended rally at 12th and Dock streets, and



STATE BRIEFS

plans to return in the near future after events in Ohio and Virginia. Dr. Alli Muhammad said his group will work to overturn current state laws banning firearms during protests on public property, saying that it is a violation of Second Amendment rights.

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GOLDSBORO POLICE CHIEF BLASTED BY NAACP FOR TRUMP IMPERSONATION

[GOLDSBORO] Police Chief, Mike West says he meant no harm when he took to Facebook recently, imitating

Pres. Donald Trump saying, "Making Goldsboro PD great again!" But the local Wayne County NAACP found nothing "great" about the post, holding a press conference to say they found it "offensive and hateful." City Manager Scott Stevens says while West may be a Trump supporter, he is not a racist. Stevens added that there will be no disciplinary action taken against the police chief.

UNION COUNTY GOP CHIEF APOLOGIZES FOR REMARKS ABOUT WOMEN'S MARCH

[MONROE] In the after-

math of the successful women's march in Washington D.C. and across the nation, some Republican officials seemingly can't help making derogatory remarks about it on social media, only to be forced to apologize and take it back. Roger Stanton, the chairman of the Union County Republican Party, recently went on Facebook and called the women's march "the hag and ho' show" after he ran into some protesters in Wash., DC the day after the Trump inauguration. Stanton says he should not have used such course

language. The NC Democratic Party agrees. A spokesman said Stanton's remarks were part of a "disturbing trend" in the GOP.

NO FOUL PLAY IN DEATH OF FORMER WOLFPACK BASKETBALL STAR CHARLES SHACKLEFORD

[KINSTON] Investigators have found no evidence in the untimely death last week of former NC State Wolfpack basketball star Charles Shackleford. Shackleford's

body was discovered at his home in Kinston Jan. 27th, a police spokesman says. An autopsy had not been performed on the 50-year-old's body by press time. He was instrumental in helping the Wolfpack win the ACC crown in 1987, and spent six seasons in the NBA. Shackleford also had run-ins with the law throughout the years.

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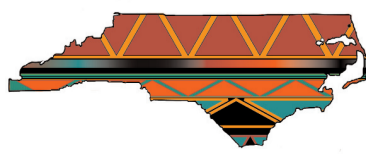
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New Hanover County

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

Community Briefs

The New Hanover County Council of PTAs, in conjunction with Coastal Horizons and the Cape Fear Coalition, will be presenting "Mixed Messages," an interactive parent forum on substance abuse trends in our community combined with preventive tips for tweens, teens and families. The New Hanover County Council of PTAs will hold this event on Wednesday, February 8th, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Education Center located at 1805 S. 13th Street. For more information, contact the Council at nhcptacouncil@aol.com.

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men—and their partners—who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

Brunswick County

Brunswick County is currently accepting applications for LIEAP at the Building B Annex (back of the Social Service building), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Applications will be taken until March 31st, or until all funds are exhausted. For additional information, please call 910-253-2422.

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Provide crisis intervention, direct services and assist victims in navigating the criminal justice process. Also participate in community outreach. Send resume post-marked by February 7th to: Vacancy-Court Advocate, Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1555, Wilmington, NC 28402. No phone calls or faxes please. EOE.

New Hanover County Schools drop out rate continues to improve

The N.C. Department of Public Instruction has announced the dropout rates for public school districts across the state. New Hanover County School's dropout rate for the 2015-16 school year continues to improve as it has for the past three years. The drop rate for NHCS is 1.65% for the 2015-2016 academic year, which is a decrease from the previous year's rate of 1.92%. In 2013-2014, the NHCS drop out rate was 1.91%.

"The continued reduction of our drop out rate is a credit to our teachers and principals who work every day with our students. It is also the result of a strong commitment by our Board of Education to this issue," Dr. Tim Markley, NHCS Superintendent stated.

Improving the graduation rate and preventing drop outs are top priorities for NHCS. In addition to the work with students each day in the schools, the district's Drop Out Prevention Committee,

comprised of high school principals and central office administrators, is ongoing and focused helping students complete their high school studies. The committee meets monthly and discusses drop-out prevention issues such as behavior, mental health, discipline and data analysis. After hearing a presentation on the topic of the month, the group works in small teams to develop strategies and action plans to help individual students who need extra support.

Additionally, NHCS is currently offering students more opportunities for credit recovery such as online programs, virtual classes, and summer school. According to the NHCS Student Services Division, the four leading reasons for drop outs in the district are: 1) lack of engagement; 2) unstable home life; 3) psychological/emotional problems and 4) leaving the district to attend community college or the adult high school program.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Women on a march for rights

This is a marching experience we have never seen before. More than 1 million people joined the women's march at the nation's capital. There were other cities included around the world on Saturday. The large number of women from Wilmington would keep on increasing at the capital in Washington, D. C. Great things were said about Wilmington.



Verniece Stanley

The marches and rallies were meant to highlight women's rights on President

Donald Trump's first full day in office. They would not let his agenda go unchallenged. The protestors were a mixture of ages and races. The group consisted of women, men, and children.

There was a peaceful event held in Wilmington, N. C. also. This event remained stationary at the base of City Hall. Speakers from various areas in North Carolina, including New Hanover County and Brunswick County shared in this event. Speakers from NAACP, Planned Parenthood, and Grandmothers for Peace, among others, shared personal stories of inequality and issued calls to action under the Trump Administration.

Women wearing pink raised signs high above the crowd.

The signs supported various issues ranging from women's rights to public education protections to eliminate change awareness. Pink seemed to be the color of the day. One man moved through the crowd, wearing a sign that simply read, "Be kind."

This is the end of President Barack Obama's historic eight years in the White House. Now we must think about the future of our communities. We know there will be many changes made because of the color of our skin. Too often, low income African Americans and others are confronted with racial discrimination and inequality in our country. We must fight for equality. We must ensure that the President will be someone who puts racial and social jus-

tice at the forefront of the national agenda.

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.

Support The Port Foundation, Inc. presents "Come Through it's Lit"

Wilmington in Color Book Tour

BY CEDRIC HARRISON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Support The Port Foundation, Inc. has partnered with businesses, and organizations around the city of Wilmington for the Come Through, it's Lit! Book Tour featuring "Wilmington in Color" The Coloring Book about Wilmington's African American History.

During the month of February, Support the Port will host live book readings, and book signings at select locations around the Port City. During the Come Through it's Lit - book tour, special guest will read the book live to the attending audience. Followed by a Q&A with the creator of the book Cedric Harrison. Support The Port wants to put emphasis on teaching and also bringing together the people of Wilmington during black history month to reflect on the local heritage. Attendees will be able to have fun coloring in pictures, while also learning

the rich African American history of Wilmington, NC.

Come through it's Lit! Coloring Book Reading Calendar:

•Wednesday, Feb. 1st
Williston Middle School
401 S 10th St.
9:30 am
Special guest reader:
Jonathan Barfield, Jr.
•Friday, Feb. 3rd
Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC)
Hemenway Center 507 McRae St.
3:30 pm
Special guest readers:
VOYAGE students, that help create the book
•Monday, Feb. 6th
Bellamy Mansion
503 Market St.
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Special Guest Reader: Annie Jacobs
•Wednesday, Feb 8th
Douglas Academy
507 N 6th St
1:00 pm
Special guest reader: Madafo
•Thursday, Feb 9th

YWCA
6:00 pm -8:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
downtown on 3rd and Orange
•Friday, Feb. 10th
Rachel Freeman
2601 Princess Pl Dr
1:30pm
Special guest reader: Bigg B (Coast 97.3)
•Monday, Feb. 13th
The Wilmington Journal
412 S 7th St.
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Special Guest Reader: Madafo
•Wednesday, Feb 15th
Burnett-Eaton Museum
410 N 7th St
12:30pm
Special guest reader: Islah Speller
•Wednesday, Feb. 15th
Young Moguls
WHAT Center
4005 Oleander Drive
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Special guest reader: Travis Corpening
•Friday, Feb. 17th
LINC/Lite Manhood - ME Roberts Transitional Campus

222 Division Dr.
1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Special guest reader: Juan Betha/Noo Covers/Frankie Roberts
•Wednesday, Feb. 22nd
Advance Youth Outreach
1310 Dock St
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Special Guest Reader - Vance Williams
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New Hanover High School student selected for prestigious White House honor

New Hanover High School Senior Mina Yakubu is one of 17 students across the nation who has been selected to serve on the Student Advisory Board of the White House initiative known as the "Better Make Room" public awareness campaign. A year ago, as part of her Reach Higher initiative, First Lady Michelle Obama announced the campaign to target Generation Z, or young people ages 14-19, to celebrate education, change the national conversation, and reach students directly where they are and give them a space to create content while also navigating the college-going process. Now, Better Make Room needs students to help Mrs. Obama build this movement from the ground up. They recently announced the Better Make Room Student Advisory Board (the Board) and the appointment of 17 student members to the Board.

Mina immigrated to the U.S. from Ghana, West Africa. She is an ambitious young woman who has found strength in her African heritage, a passion she hopes to further in college. She believes that the opportunity to attend college or learn a trade should be made available and affordable for everyone. Mina is a LEDA Scholar and President of the International

Club. She is also a part of NHHS' Lyceum Academy.

"Mina has worked very hard to achieve this honor. She is a leader at our school - both academically and behaviorally. In addition, Mina is an extremely talented young lady who has her priorities straight and we're so proud of her," stated Mr. James McAdams, NHHS principal.

The Student Advisory Board's mission is to: (1) create a college-going, college-persisting and college-graduating culture at their schools; and (2) connect fellow students to any information and resources they might need to succeed. They wake up every day with a mission, working towards a vision that sees every student at their school enrolling in and completing their education past high school — whether that's a professional training program, a community college, or a four-year college or university.

The inaugural Board has 12 high school students and five college students. Two-thirds of the Board members are, or will be, the first in their families to attain a postsecondary degree. Two-thirds of the high school student Board members currently attend Title I high schools. And the Board members come from all over



MINA YAKUBU
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

the nation, representing 13 states.

These students are deeply and personally committed to the mission of Better Make Room and have already demonstrated their remarkable ability to create change in their own communities. In the months to come, Better Make Room's Board members will be mobilizing their peers to

build college-enrolling, college-persisting, and college-graduating cultures at their schools and on their campuses. As proven leaders, organizers, changemakers, and innovators, these students will help the country achieve President Obama's North Star goal — that our nation will once again lead the world in college completion rates.

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Dr. William L. Joyner

Mr. William Lawrence Joyner was born on May 24, 1953 in Philadelphia, PA. He passed away peacefully on January 12, 2017. He was the first born son of the late Herleine and William Joyner. Lawrence began his education at Our Lady of Victory RC Elementary School in West Philadelphia and graduated from the prestigious Central High School in 1970. During his senior year, he received the Honorary Bachelors of Arts degree. Upon graduation, he made the decision to venture beyond what was familiar and backpacked throughout Europe with friends the following year.

He began his college career at LaSalle University, eventually graduating from St. Joseph University. While in school he worked for the Philadelphia Emergency Management System (EMS) as a paramedic. The experience solidified his passion for helping others and propelled him to commit his life to the practice of medicine. Lawrence received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Thomas Jefferson Medical College in 1998.

Dr. Joyner continued his medical training in Durham, NC where he completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center. He began his career in Family Medicine and served as Medical Director for the New Hanover Community Health Center in Wilmington, NC. Dr. Joyner thrived in the medical profession and ended his career as the CEO and Medical Director for Port City Medical Associates, P.A. He was beloved by his patients and took pride in providing exceptional patient centered medical care.

Throughout his career, Dr. Joyner was committed to the Wilmington community and in particular to its young people. He provided health education services as the Medical Director for Wilmington Health Access for Teens, and for both Lakeside High and New Hanover High Wellness Centers. He served on numerous community health and medical boards and was repeatedly a recipient of state and national recogni-

tion for his dedication to others.

He also had a special interest in the sport of boxing and served as a certified Amateur Boxing Ringside Physician until his death.

Lawrence was a great storyteller and had a wonderful zest for life. As the perfect host and even more enjoyable party guest, his easy smile and sense of humor put everyone at ease. He loved his family above all else and he was a true and loyal friend.

Dr. Joyner was preceded in death by his parents, William and Herleine Joyner and his daughter, Latasha Davis. Dr. William Joyner leaves to cherish his memory; his sisters, Landi and Cassandra (Michael); his brother, Michael; step-sons, Hunter, Huston, and Harrison Smith; aunts, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, cousins, and a host of friends.

A local service was held on Tuesday January 17, 2017 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Deaconess Linda Page Alston

Linda Page Alston was born September 15, 1948 to the late Dalton Page and the late Bessie Page Gilchrist and reared in Wilmington, NC.

Mrs. Alston was a lifetime member of First Baptist Missionary Church where she served with several ministries. She was a musician for various choirs, New Horizons Choir Director, Youth Council Co-Chair. Deaconess Alston was Chairperson of the Hospitality Ministry. She served with the Ministers and Deacons Wives and Missionary Ministries.

Mrs. Alston retired from New Hanover County Register of Deeds. Her community and civic affiliations were numerous including; Guardian ad Litem Program, Cape Fear Garden Club, American Business Club, and Liberty Light Chapter. She was a member of the J.B. Ensemble and an organist of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church's early morning worship service.

Linda was the wife of Deacon Thomas N. Alston, Jr. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who loved and enjoyed life.

To cherish her life she leaves; her husband, Deacon Thomas N. Alston, Jr. of the home; four children; Michael d. Alston (Valencia) Kerners-

ville, NC, La'Tonya Alston Flanagan(Peter) Jacksonville, NC, Reginald D. Alston(La'Kenya) Odenton, MD., Tiffany L. Alston(fiancé Marcus) Leland, NC., five grandchildren, Joshua, Cyla, Sariyah, Marcus Jr., Olivia; mother-in-law, Rose Alston, Louisburg, NC; sisters-in-law, Paulette Boyd (Melvin) Louisburg, NC., Patricia Harris, Henderson, NC, Sheila Stanley (James) Raleigh, NC, Ronnie Alston(Bernice) Warrenton, NC, Sharon Crews (Wesley) Henderson, NC, Sandra Alston, Louisburg, NC, Kelly Crews (Cornelius) Henderson, NC, Pam Williams (Lawrence) Warrenton, NC, Tracy Mitchell (Eugene) Henderson, NC.

A service was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Internment at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Wilmington, NC. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Barney L. Mack, Jr.

Barney L. Mack, Jr. was born on June 6, 1925, to the parentage of the late Barney Mack, Sr. and the late Delilah Jackson. On Saturday, January 21, 2017, at NorthChase Nursing Facility, God called another one of his children home and he departed this life to go to a place of eternal peace. Funeral services were held Friday, January 27, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

Barney, as he was known to everyone, accepted Christ as his lord and Savior at an early age. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Barney served in the US Navy as a WWII veteran from 1942-1946.

He married Earnestine Hooper and to this union, seven sons were born.

Barney was preceded in death by his oldest son Billy Hooper.

He lives to cherish his memory: six sons, Ernest Mack, Dana L. Mack, Dennis (Frances) Mack, Dexter Mack, Ivan Mack, and Leroy (Diara) Mack; fifteen grandchildren, Caprisa Hooper, Billy Hooper, Jr., Gary Underwood, Baron Mack, Kimberly Mack, Britany Mack, Danielle Mack Clark, Dennis Mack, Jr., Denise Mack, Antonia Mack, Ivan Walker, Joshua Mack, Immanuel Mack, LaToya Mack and Leroy Mack, Jr. and a host of great grandchildren, 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.

Jesse A. McCrimmon, Jr.

Jesse A. McCrimmon, Jr, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Brown Family Cemetery.

Jesse Augustus McCrimmon, Jr. was born on September 17, 1947 in Columbus County, North Carolina the late Jesse McCrimmon, Sr. and the late Sadie Pearl Andrews McCrimmon. Jesse was affectionately known as "Jessie Jr."

Jesse Jr. grew up working on the family farm and playing with his cousins and friends: Earl "Mitch" Andrews, Robert Andrews, Barry Smith, Buck Jr. Smith, Melvin Brown, and Edward Shaw. During these years, he was educated in the Columbus County School System and graduated in the Armour High School Class of 1965, which was one of the last graduating classes prior to the time of school integration. Junior remained well connected to many of his classmates and friends for a lifetime.

After graduating from high school, Jesse Jr. headed north as he followed his brother Clifton "Buddy" to Springfield, Massachusetts. He worked as a machinist at Smith & Wesson and Pratt

& Whitney. In Springfield, he met Antonia "Toni" Tavares and they were married on December 7, 1968. This union was blessed with two children, Rodney Arnett McCrimmon and Jessica Renee McCrimmon Baldwin. Jesse loved his children greatly and was very proud of their accomplishments. He really adored his four grandchildren: Christopher, Brandon, Kelvin, and Kendall.

During the mid 70's, Jesse Jr. moved to Plainfield, New Jersey and continued working as a machinist. He stayed in Plainfield until he decided to move back to North Carolina in 1989. He worked and took care of his mother until her passing in 1999. It was during this period that he met Bertha "Belle" Sanders. They would be together for the rest of the remaining 20 years of his life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his brother, Clifton "Buddy" McCrimmon; his sister, Alease "Leasy" McCrimmon Gibbs; nieces, Pamela Bowen Cable and Rhonda Bowen Nixon.

Jesse Jr. leaves to cherish fond memories: his spouse, Antonia "Toni" Tavares; his loving and devoted mate, Bertha "Belle" Sanders; his son, Rodney Arnett McCrimmon; his daughter, Jessica Renee McCrimmon Baldwin (Kelvin); his sister, Carolyn McCrimmon; his grandchildren: Christopher McCrimmon (Nina), Brendan McCrimmon, Kelvin Baldwin, and Kendall

Baldwin; his nephews: Curtis Bowen (Sonia), Steven McCrimmon, Darryl McCrimmon, Clifton McCrimmon, and Demetrius McCrimmon; his nieces: Diane Bowen (Gary Sanders) and Kesha Gibbs; his sister-in-law, Christine McCrimmon; many great nephews and nieces, and great-great nephews and nieces; his cousins and friends: Earl Andrews, Robert Andrews, Buck Smith, Jr., Melvin Brown, Edward Shaw, Barry Smith, Gregory Smith, and Dennis Smith. 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. Joyner

Charles A. Joyner, age 66, passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Southport. Burial followed in the John N. Smith Cemetery.

Charles Albert Joyner was born May 15, 1950, to Charles and Flora Joyner. "Dooka", as he was affectionately nicknamed by his father, was reared in Southport, NC, and very proud to tell it. He attended First Baptist Church with the family in his hometown. He also attended Brunswick County Schools,

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New Hanover County

5th Avenue Baptist Church "Becoming A 5 Star Church," 817 N. 5th Ave. is back in the community. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. and morning Worship 11:00 a.m.



Central Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will sponsor a Gospel Musical Extravaganza on Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 p.m. Choirs from in and around the area will appear on the program.

Religious Briefs

Church Women United will hold its Human Rights Celebration on Friday, February 3, 2017 at Saint Paul United Methodist Church 300 N 3rd Street, Carolina Beach. The speaker and honoree will be Elizabeth Redenbaugh. 9:30 COFFEE and sign in 10:00 program. For further information contact

Angel Priscill Laster-Dualeh 910-833-0167.

Brunswick County

Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 237 Snowfield Rd., SE, will celebrate their Annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, February 12th at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Debin C. Pickett, Sr., choir and congregation of St. John United Holy Church, Burgaw, NC will be the guest. For more information on this service contact Pamela Stanley at 910-231-3170.

Pender County

Pender County Training School/South Pender High Alumni, Inc., will hold a recognition breakfast on Saturday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m. at The Empowerment Center, 2929 Princess Place Dr., special guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. William Newkirk of Oak City Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. For information call 910-675-8528.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

God is the ultimate master in Waste Management

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! This is the day that the Lord has made. To God be the glory. Our opening song was, "I'll Fly Away." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. Our next song was "I'm on the Battlefield."

Our speaker for today was Mary Lockhart. Her topic was "God Is the Ultimate Master

in Waste Management." Long before "Go Green" was trendy and blue recycle bins came along, God was already in the recycling business. He created this beautiful earth and everything in it and declared it good. Life has a way of dumping its trash on the decks of our hearts and minds, accumulating stockpiles of garbage, bitterness, anger, hate, pride, broken relationships. She told us not to let it seep into our hearts.

She said to move it over to the recycle bin. God will recycle and reuse it for love, joy, happiness, power, forgiveness, and peace in our lives and for his glory. Denial won't get it there, and pride won't get it there. We must surrender our trash to God. God will remove our trash at a moment's notice. Responses and remarks were given. Minutes were read by Mildred Ellerby. It was then time for "Callers." Mary

Martin had 9 members present. Anna Haskins gave us our sick report. Announcements and remarks were given.

"Smiles" were given by our very own Mary Martin. Thank you for the laughter.

Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan.

Our meeting was adjourned. We had forty-eight present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Mary McLeod Bethune

My Fellow Seniors:

This being Black History Month, I thought I would use this space to write about some of our greatest heroes. However, please allow me to deal with a personal issue one last time.

I chose for my husband what seemed to be a beautiful resting place. We went to the cemetery the day after he passed, but I didn't listen very carefully. They gave me papers which I brought home and tucked away. I never read them.

However, now, six months later, I think I'm paying more on the interest than on the principal. The question is why don't we talk about such things at church? I will leave it alone for now, but not forever.



Ruth Johnson

In the meantime, number one on my Black History list is Mary McLeod Bethune. In 1904, the

year my mother was born, this woman founded a school in a Daytona Beach dump, with \$1.50 and six Black students.

Fifty years later, she wrote her Last Will and Testament. I wish I had the time and the space to present it to you. She was the founder of Bethune-Cookman College and the National Council of Negro Women and was Special Advisor to U. S. Presidents, Roosevelt and Truman.

Nevertheless, what speaks to me is her Last Will and Testament. It is a document that is worth holding on to as

a guiding light for the present world. If you are interested, ask your children to pull it up. In her final words, Dr. Bethune let us know that love is more beneficial than hate, and having confidence in each other will aid the economic rise of our people. We must support Black businesses, even when it costs a little more. In this way, we can plant our feet on higher grounds, and our children will reap what we sow.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

In Loving Memory Of



Mr. Alexander Murphy Sr.
Sunset: February 6, 1981

A place is vacant in the home, That no one can fill; The voice that love ones used to hear, Is silent now and still; The pleasant face they used to see, Is hidden from their view; For he has crossed the borderline, His life work now is through.

Son, Alexander Murphy Jr.; daughters, Delores M. Devine and Celeste R. Murphy, grandchildren and great grandchildren

In Loving Memory Of Our Mother



Ms. Jacqueline Janice Mae Mack Robinson
Sunrise: February 3, 1939
Sunset: August 1, 2015

I am free, free as I'll ever be. Free of pain, heartache and suffering. Free to visit with loved ones who passed before me, free to dance and shout for joy. Free to ask God what can I do to help?

I am free, indeed I am free. Our loving Mother, grand and great grandmother and sister and a friend to many. My mother you were a precious gift from God above, so much beauty, grace and love. You touched my heart in so many ways, your smile so bright even on the bad days. You heard God's whisper calling you home, you didn't want to go and leave me alone.

You loved me so much, you held on tight, till all the strength was gone and you could no longer fight. He called your name twice before, you knew you couldn't make Him wait anymore. So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away, knowing that with our love we will be together again someday. Love You.

Your daughter
Jacqueline Johnson

TELL SOMEBODY

"Deception Part II, Sign of His Coming"

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

Deception: The act of misleading and causing one to believe an untruth

One of the signs of the coming of the Lord in these last days is the increase in volume of deception. There are people even now, who come in the name of Jesus for the purpose of premeditated deception. The target may be a novice, new convert, or may be one of the very elect of God. That is why we must all pray and study to show ourselves approved unto God. Deception can be avoided, if one has knowledge and understanding of the Word of God and is able to spiritually discern truth from untruth. Matthew 4:4 says, "But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."



Sylvia Hooper

God has set in the church the fivefold ministry of the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The Word of God is quick, sharp, and more powerful than a two edged sword! When you hear it, your faith will be edified, uplifted, illuminated, and encouraged. At other times, the Word of God will be used to instruct, correct, and reprove the people of God. The Word of God should not be used to beat people down, but instead to build up the people. Its message is sent to convict, not to condemn. It should always reflect the grace, the mercy, and the love of God, which passeth all understanding. Matthew 7:15 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." We cannot assume without knowing the life of a person that everyone wearing a cross and a clerical collar is a righteous man or woman of God. If someone approaches you in the name of the Lord, but their conduct and charac-

ter are contrary to the teachings of Christ, consider them to be modern day deceivers.

Matthew 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." If someone preaches or teaches against the Word of God, eliminate his or her influence in your life. If this relationship compromises your walk with God or weakens your faith in Jesus Christ, take heed that you be not deceived.

Matthew 7:20-22, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Deception, Signs of His coming. II Timothy 4:2-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the

truth, and shall be turned to fables."

Prayer:
Father, in Jesus name, please deliver me from the spirit of deception. Give me the strength and the courage to resist any effort to twist the scriptures or misinterpret the Word of God. Keep me with a sound mind....able to discern Truth from untruth. 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!

OBITUARIES

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graduating in 1968. After high school graduation, Charles enlisted in the Marine Corps graduating from the Recruit Depot-Pariss Island, South Carolina, Platoon 3013 in 1969. He served his country honorably in the Vietnam War as a Combat Engineer, where amongst other duties, he had the very dangerous task of locating landmines and cluster bombs. Charles received several decorations including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Upon returning to the states, Charles married his high school sweetheart, Estelle Smith Joyner on May 19, 1973. Together they raised three children: Sonya, Vinnie, and Rodney. The Joyner family lived in Southport, later moving to Bolivia, NC. Charles loved spending time with his family, keeping his kids busy in sports and activities. Charles was employed at the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal on the security and railroad details. Charles also worked intermittently as a longshoreman.

Charles always had a passion for fixing cars, which would serve him well as he transitioned to a career as an auto mechanic with the Brunswick County School System bus garage. Although Charles and Estelle moved on, they remained best friends, committed to enjoying watching their children and grandchildren prosper in life.

Charles was a avid sports fan who loved the Carolina Tar Heels and Carolina Panthers. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. In 2010, Charles moved "across the bridge" to Wilmington, NC. "Mr. Charles" quickly became engrained in the community with his outgoing personality. But he always let everyone know Southport was his home. "Prick", as he was known by many of his Southport friends, always stayed true to his roots.

On January 25, 2017, the Lord saw fit to call Charles to his final home. Although he will be missed, we can take comfort in knowing that he knew God. He stood for his beliefs and was always honest and sincere. He was an honorable man that would give his last to help anyone. Charles Albert Joyner- son, father, grandfather, great grandfather,

brother, uncle, cousin, and friend- will never be forgotten. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Carole S. Leake

Carole Smith Leake, age 89, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Friday, February 3, 2017 at St. James AME Church. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to services. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Jackie V. Gregory

Jackie V. Gregory, age 53, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017. A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017, 6-8pm at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 pm on Friday, February 3, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis

Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Valerie R. Ballard

Valerie R. Ballard, age 56, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2017. A visitation will be held on Friday, February 3, 2017, 6-8 pm at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at St. John AME Church. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Earl Grady

Earl Grady, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2017. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Unity of Wilmington. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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IN THE MATTER OF: S.C.P. (DOB: 1/19/2010)

C.J.P. (DOB: 2/19/2009)

TO: NIKCOLE L. MASENGILL, a/k/a NIKCOLE L. PRATT, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHILDREN, BORN IN GREEN COUNTY, MISSOURI AND LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISSOURI

EFRAIN GALEANA, PUTATIVE FATHER, TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED FEMALE CHILD S.C.P., BORN IN GREEN COUNTY, MISSOURI TO NIKCOLE L. PRATT

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following January 26, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Nikcole L. Messengill and can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, 910-343-5415 or Alexis.C.Perkins@nccourts.org.

Attorney Margaret Jennings has been appointed to represent Efrain Galeana, and can be reached at 1501 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, 910-762-0850 or mjennings@ec.rr.com.

Attorney Dawn Oxendine has been appointed to represent Bryce Suel, a/k/a Brice Howard, a/k/a/ Brice Barnes, and she can be reached at 4932 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC 910-397-7979, or at Dawn.jasonvaughnlaw@gmail.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 26th day of January, 2017.

Dean W. Hollandsworth Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services 1650 Greenfield Street Wilmington, NC 28401 PO Drawer 1559 Wilmington, NC 28402-1559 (910) 798-3511/Fax: 798-3772

January 26, February 2, 9, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Anne H. Ittu**, 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 **12th day of April, 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 12th day of January, 2016

Sean Eames, CPA, Executor 1009 N. Lake Park Blvd. Ste. A4 Carolina Beach, NC 28428

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Hazel Thurston Valle**, 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 **12th day of April, 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 12th day of January, 2016

Franklin Madison Thurston, Sr., Administrator 1600 Carter Street Richmond, VA 23222

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Bettie Lou Bouras**, 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 **12th day of April, 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 12th day of January, 2016

Babette B. Sutton, Administratrix 2005 Spinnaker Place Wilmington, NC 28405

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Barbara Krug Evans**, 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 26th day of April, 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 26th day of January, 2016

Robert Taylor Evans, Executor 105 Ravenstone Drive Cary, NC 27518

January 26, February, 2, 9, 16, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Alexander D. Moss**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **May 2, 2017** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 2nd day of February, 2010.

Janis Moss of the Estate of Alexander D. Moss c/o BRITT LAW FIRM 720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401 Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Steven Douglas Collins** (File No. 16 E 1685), late of 14 Creekstone Lane, Castle Hayne, NC, 28429, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **April 12, 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 30th day of December, 2016.

Christina Thibeault Executor of the Estate of Steven Douglas Collins CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS P.A. 509 Princess Street Wilmington, NC 28401

January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Raymond C. Miller**, 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 **15th 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 2nd day of February, 2017

Dolores M. Miller, Executrix of the Estate of Raymond C. Miller 8704 Bardmoor Circle Wilmington, NC 28411 Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC 16 North Fifth Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK CASE NUMBER: 16 SP 2452

IN RE ADOPTION OF: BABY GIRL BROWN

TO: "James" and any Unknown or Unnamed John Doe who may be the biological father

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption has been filed for the adoption of a female child, born December 23, 2016, in Greensboro, Guilford county, North Carolina to Christina Melissa Brown a/k/a Christina Brown Harrelson (white woman, then age 41, light brown hair, hazel eyes).

It is believed that the child was conceived in the Brunswick county, North Carolina area in March 2016. The last known residence of the putative father "James" was in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

You must either file a written response to the Clerk of Superior Court of Guilford County or otherwise make defense to such petition within forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this notice (February 2, 2017) exclusive of such date, to participate in and to receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing.

Upon your failure to respond to the petition within the time prescribed, petitioners will apply to the court for an order that your consent to the adoption is not required and for a decree of adoption which will terminate any parental rights you may have with respect to the child.

Amy Wallas Fox Attorney for Petitioners Claiborne Fox Bradley, PLLC 417 East Blvd. Suite 101 Charlotte, North Carolina 28203 Telephone: 704-702-0300

February 2, 9, 16, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Shirley Spell Zeznock**, 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 **12th day of April, 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 12th day of January, 2016

Terence Michael Zeznock, Executor 2429 Tulane Street Anchorage, AK 99504

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Catherine L. Oliver**, 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 **19th day of April, 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 19th day of January, 2016

Patricia A. Oliver, Administratrix 2734 Worth Dr. Wilmington, NC 28412

January 19, 26, February, 2, 9, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA L. MOORE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 16-E-001616

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF **WANDA L. MOORE** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **April 19, 2017** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 19th day of January, 2017.

NEL M. NICHOLS and ROBERT A. MOORE, III Co-Executors of the Estate of WANDA L. MOORE SAFFO LAW FIRM, P.C. Post Office Box 7095 Wilmington, NC 28406 (910) 256-3364

January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In Re The Estate of LANIER MADISON ROACH, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **LANIER MADISON ROACH**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **05/08/2017** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. On this day, February 2, 2017.

Douglas L. Roach, Personal Representative c/o Sherman and Rodgers, PLLC by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr., Attorney for the Personal Representative 8120 River Road Wilmington, NC 28412

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

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January 26, February 2, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Rachel Prevatte Lucas**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of April, 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 12th day of January, 2016

Toni Ann Lucas Klein, Executor 1232 Potomac Ct. Wilmington, NC 28411

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In the Matter of the Estate of Frederick Douglas Wall, Jr., Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Frederick Douglas Wall, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **April 28, 2017**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of January, 2017.

Katherine Elisabeth Wall Executor of the Estate of Frederick Douglas Wall, Jr. c/o Anthony L. Register Alley, Register & McEachern 701 North 4th Street Wilmington, NC 28401

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF New Hanover PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS In Re The Estate of Zola Mae Morton, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Zola Mae Morton**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **05/08/2017** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, February 2, 2017.

Larry K. Morton, Personal Representative c/o Co-counsel for Law Office of Jason Vaughn, PLLC by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr., Attorney for the Personal Representative 4932 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403-5264

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, Gary J. Bien, having qualified on the 30th day of January, 2017, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Jewel Faydene S. Corbett (17-E-118)**, 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 **4th day of May, 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 31st day of January, 2017.

Gary J. Bien, Personal Representative ESTATE OF Jewel Faydene S. Corbett David Anderson GRAVES MAY, PLLC 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington NC 28403

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

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Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00305 in Dare Co., DA00306 in Camden, Currituck & Pasquotank Co.'s; DA00310 in Pasquotank Co.'s; and DA00312 in Tyrrell & Washington Co.'s bidding on 2/15/17. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 2/6/17 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 253

IN THE MATTER OF: D.L.D.-T. (DOB: 9/18/2012)

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO YA'WANDA FELICIA DOE

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following January 19, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR March 20, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 19th day of January, 2017.

Dean W. Hollandsworth Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services 1650 Greenfield Street Wilmington, NC 28401 PO Drawer 1559 Wilmington, NC 28402-1559 (910) 798-3511 (910) 798-3772 * fax

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