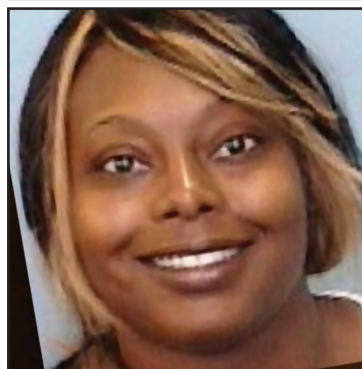


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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**IS IT REALLY PROGRESS?**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Progress! What is it? What help is it for others? I find that Highway 211 had great plans for it that most of us have not been informed about. I grew up on this highway and, at one time, I could drive to it and get right on the road in little or no time. However, now it might take 20 minutes or more just to enter the highway. Traffic has changed and become more dense. I know that there have to be changes made in order to keep up with the traffic pattern, but more stop lights and traffic circles will not control traffic. The answer is to make plans which don't intersect but cross over or under. Bigger and wider roads in a time when our elected officials are talking about tight budgets seems unreasonable. Why spend dollars on easy fixes when we would save dollars on a permanent fix. We see that the plan leaves some of us out, but we are all suppose to be counted at the ballot box. Don't stay home! Vote! Vote! Vote and be counted! Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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**Over 121,000 investigated cases of child abuse and neglect in NC**

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Early data shows there were over 121,000 investigated cases of child abuse and neglect in North Carolina during fiscal year July 2016 through June 2017. State law requires individuals or institutions suspecting child abuse or neglect to report cases to the Division of Social Services (DSS) for investigation (G.S. 7B-301).

"The high number of children impacted by neglect or abuse indicates too many families are struggling and under severe stress," said Rebecca Starnes, Vice President of Children's Home Society of North Carolina. "Abuse and neglect can be the product of a number of issues facing families, including poverty, working multiple jobs to make ends meet, high levels of stress, unrealistic expectations of children, mental health challenges, or substance abuse."

"DSS is an advocate and fail-safe for the more than 2.2 million children and



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**"THE HIGH NUMBER OF CHILDREN IMPACTED BY NEGLECT OR ABUSE INDICATES TOO MANY FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING AND UNDER SEVERE STRESS," SAID REBECCA STARNES, VICE PRESIDENT OF CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

their families in our state," said Starnes. "This vital service is provided by dedicated and hard working staff in all 100-counties across North Carolina." DSS staff investigates and assesses

all suspected cases of child abuse and neglect; diagnoses the problem with the family; provides in-home services to help keep families together; coordinates community and agency services; or, petitions the court for removal of the child from the home, if necessary.

Nearly 70-percent of the abuse and neglect cases were reported by educational personnel, medical personnel, law courts, and human services. Approximately 30-percent were referred by relatives, non-relatives, parents, or care providers. Child victims reported fewer than one-percent of the cases.

"There are different reasons for and levels of abuse and neglect," said Starnes. "The hopeful news is that families have support. Parents can learn about their children's needs and learn new, better ways to react. Parents can change their behavior, and even if they've had problems or challenges in the past, the majority can provide a

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THE REVEREND T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN:

**"Why I should be the next NC NAACP president"**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

*Editor's note: During the upcoming 74th Annual NCNAACP Convention in Raleigh, current president, Dr. William Barber will be stepping down after 12 years, and a new president will be elected between The Reverend Dr. Portia Rochelle, President of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP Chapter and The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, Third Vice President of the NCNAACP.*

*During separate interviews, both candidates were asked the same five questions about their respective visions for the State Conference if either is elected to lead. For a final question, they were asked to determine what they want rank and file NCNAACP members to further know about them that they feel is relevant.*

*When necessary, both candidates' answers have been truncated for conciseness.*

*Last week we interviewed The Reverend Dr. Portia Rochelle. Today, we continue with The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman. Next week we talk with outgoing NCNAACP President Dr. William Barber, II.*

The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, Third Vice President of the NC NAACP; Senior Pastor, St. Phillip AMEZ Church in Greensboro; President, NC Council of Churches, has been a member of the NAACP for



REV. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN

53 years. As a young man, his father got memberships for him and his sisters, telling them to keep them up because "you will be fighting for justice for the remainder of your years."

During that time, The Reverend Spearman, 66, has also served as

Chairman of the NCNAACP Religious Affairs Committee and President of the Hickory Branch of the NAACP.

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**Plaintiffs, NCNAACP challenge GOP redistricting maps**

**Back to court**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As the three judge federal panel reviews the newly redrawn NC redistricting maps it ordered from the NC legislature, opponents aren't waiting to weigh in on what the court's next move should be.

Anita Earls of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, and Edwin Speas, Jr., of Poyner & Spruill, LLP, attorneys for plaintiffs who originally sued the State of North Carolina, ultimately proving that 28 of 170 legislative districts in the 2011 NC redistricting map were illegal racial gerrymanders, filed a legal brief in federal court last Friday, alleging that at least 12 of the redrawn State House and Senate districts resubmitted to the court are now either racial gerrymanders or are in violation of the State's Constitution.

At the top of the list for racial gerrymandering is Senate District 28, which State Sen. Gladys Robinson (D-Guilford), an African-American, represents. The three other districts are Senate District 21, in Cumberland County and Hoke County; House District 21, in Wayne County and Sampson County and House District 57, represented by Rep. Pricey Harrison, again in Guilford County.

"Race predominated in the drawing of

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**POVERTY STILL PROMINENT HERE AND ACROSS N. C.**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

According to new data from the US Census Bureau released on Sept. 14, more than 1.5 million of 10,146,788 North Carolinians still languish in poverty with lack of access to good well paying employment, adequate education or skills training, affordable and decent housing, full access to public transportation, and other important resources to lift themselves and their families out of their dire condition.

Though, according to analysts, there have been small improvements to their conditions between 2015 and 2016, 15.4 percent of North Carolinians lived in poverty in 2016, making less than \$24, 600 a year for a family of four.

Specific numbers of North Carolinians living in poverty by race were not available at press time Tuesday, though it is known that 23.5 percent of



CASH MICHAELS PHOTO  
SCENE FROM THE 2012 NCNAACP POVERTY TOUR

African-Americans statewide live below the official poverty line of \$24,600 for a family of four.

In Forsyth County, according to those US Census Bureau statistics, 18.1 percent of its 371,511 residents

were living in poverty as of July 1, 2016. Blacks are 27.4 percent of Forsyth County's total population.

The median household income between 2011 and 2015 was \$45,471. Per capita income in the last 12 months was just \$26,674 by 2015 standard.

Guilford County, by comparison, had 15.7 percent of its 521,330 residents living in poverty as of July 1, 2016. Approximately 34.6 percent of Guilford's population is African-American, compared to 22.2 percent statewide.

Median household income (in 2015 dollars) in Guilford County between 2011 and 2015 was \$45,651. Per capita income in the prior 12 months was \$26,762.

On the coast, New Hanover County saw 17.3 percent of its 223,483 population in poverty by July 2016. African-Americans comprised just 14.2 percent.

Median household income (in 2015 dollars)

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## ABUSE

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safe, loving, and permanent  
home for their child."

Following the investigation  
of reported cases in 2016-17,  
around 45-percent of the find-  
ings indicated that services  
were needed, recommended, or  
have been provided. Services  
were not recommended for 40-  
percent of the cases, and about  
16-percent were determined to  
be unsubstantiated.

"Depending on the specific

needs of children and fami-  
lies," said Starnes, "Children's  
Home Society and other orga-  
nizations partner with DSS and  
provide a variety of options  
including intensive family  
preservation services (support  
and education in the home),  
family education programs,  
foster care, and adoption ser-  
vices."

Demographically, the male-  
female ratio of investigated  
cases was virtually even at 51 to  
49-percent. Almost 40-percent  
of the cases were ages 0 to 5,  
with 39-percent ages 6 to 12.

Roughly 20-percent of the chil-  
dren were ages 13-17.

"Most of our abuse and  
neglect cases require intensi-  
ve family preservation ser-  
vices," said Starnes.  
"Teaming with DSS, our spe-  
cialists work with the child  
and family daily, providing  
the education and resources  
they need to understand and  
overcome their problems and  
develop healthier family rela-  
tionships."

"The success rate of the  
intensive family preservation  
program is remarkable," said

Starnes. "Over 95-percent of  
the families completed the pro-  
gram. Six months following  
completion, 98-percent of the  
children are still in the home in  
a situation deemed safe by  
DSS."

According to Starnes, abuse  
and neglect impacts rural and  
urban areas, crosses all socio-  
economic lines and includes  
every race.

Approximately 51-percent of  
the investigated cases of abuse  
and neglect last year were  
Caucasian. African-Americans  
made up the second largest seg-

ment with about 36-percent, fol-  
lowed by Hispanic at around  
11-percent. All other races com-  
bined, including American  
Indian and Alaskan, were  
roughly 13-percent of the inves-  
tigated cases.

"Partnerships with the staff  
of DSS are critical to achieve  
success for the child. One  
organization could not do the  
work alone," said Starnes. "We  
all want children to be in safe,  
loving, and permanent fami-  
lies, and we're working togeth-  
er to do what we can to help  
make that happen."

## REDISTRICTING

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these districts lines, and defend-  
ants (legislature) offer no  
compelling governmental  
interest to justify those dis-  
tricts," the plaintiffs' Sept. 15  
brief to the court contended.

Two weeks earlier, Sen.  
Robinson, of District 28, said,  
"The courts specifically looked  
at my District 28 and comment-  
ed on its composition. Republi-  
cans are intent on protect-  
ing Senator Trudy Wade (R-  
Guilford) for whom they creat-  
ed a district by packing 28. I  
expect that the only remedy  
will be in the courts."

Rep. Harrison, a White  
Democrat, representing House  
District 57, was equally as res-  
olute that the continued racial  
gerrymandering would not  
stand.

"I believe the maps will be  
challenged and may have a  
hard time passing muster with  
the federal court. I do not know  
if that will affect the 2018 elec-  
tions, but we will be spending  
more taxpayer money defend-  
ing the indefensible."

If the federal judicial panel  
agrees with the plaintiffs, Rep.  
Harrison and Sen. Robinson  
may now get their wish.

In addition, several other  
legislative districts were found  
by plaintiffs to be unconstitu-  
tionally redrawn, in that "...the  
plain language of the State  
Constitution prohibits mid-  
decade redistricting." The  
Constitution also prohibited  
violation of its Whole County  
Provision, and plaintiffs con-  
tend that several House dis-  
tricts are drawn crossing coun-  
ty boundaries.

Plaintiffs recommended to  
the court that the redrawn  
maps by GOP lawmakers be  
thrown out and replaced with  
proposed legislative maps the  
plaintiffs have submitted for  
the 2018 midterm elections.

If the court disagrees, plain-  
tiffs ask that a court appointed  
special master be employed to  
"...redraw the districts in these  
limited county groupings."

"We are asking the court to  
step up and do what the legisla-  
ture has continually failed to  
do - give North Carolinians fair  
districts that do not discrimi-  
nate or violate the State  
Constitution," Attorney Earls  
said in a statement.

On that same day, the  
NCNAACP filed an amicus  
brief to the court, supporting

the plaintiffs' position that the  
legislative redraws should be  
thrown out because they  
"...remain tainted with race  
discrimination..." and a spe-  
cial master be secured to do the  
job properly.

In its brief, the civil rights  
organization faults the  
Republican decision not to use  
race as part of its criteria in  
redrawing legislative districts  
as a primary reason why  
they're still unconstitutional,  
as earlier determined by the  
US Supreme Court.

"The Legislative Defendants  
have thus returned to the  
court, following a "remedial"  
process that never directly  
addressed the race discrimina-  
tion that infected its prior  
maps, indicating once again  
that, as this Court has noted, it  
"does not appreciate the need to  
move promptly to cure the  
unconstitutional racial gerry-  
manders in the 2011 districting  
plans,"" the NCNAACP brief  
stated.

The General Assembly can-  
not sufficiently demonstrate to  
this Court that the enacted  
plans cure their egregious pur-  
poseful racial gerrymandering  
through the bare assertion  
that, by prohibiting any consid-  
eration of race data, they have  
created colorblind remedial  
maps with no explanation of  
how these maps actually cure  
the violations. The NCNAACP  
thus respectfully requests that  
the Court reject the General  
Assembly's proposed maps and  
appoint an independent special  
master to draw fair remedial  
maps that properly consider  
race and fully remedy the vio-  
lation in accordance with fed-  
eral and State law."

Republican legislative lead-  
ers have a week to respond to  
both the plaintiffs and  
NCNAACP briefs.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday,  
NC Congressman G. K.  
Butterfield and Congression-  
al Black Caucus Chairman  
Cedric Richmond (D-LA) sent  
a letter to heads of US Senate  
Judiciary Committee, urging  
them to "reject" Pres. Donald  
Trump's nomination of  
North Carolina Republican,  
Attorney Thomas Farr to a  
lifetime appointment as fed-  
eral judge for the Eastern  
District "... because of his  
dismal record in opposition  
to voting rights and workers'  
rights."

No word at press time as to  
when Farr's hearing is to  
begin.



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**LINDA COLEMAN TO RUN FOR US CONGRESS**  
 [RALEIGH] A Wake County Democrat who came ran twice for lieutenant governor but fell short, has announced that she will now make a run for the US Congress. Former



NC Rep. Linda Coleman says she has filed paperwork to challenge three-term Republican incumbent Congressman George Holding in the 2nd Congressional District in 2018. Holding is known for his ultra-conservative views, and support of Pres. Trump. Coleman is also a former educator, Wake County commissioner and once led the Office of State Personnel. She lost her bid for lieu-

tenant governor to Dan Forest in 2012 and 2016. She will face businessman Sam Searcy and veteran Wendy Ella May in the Democratic primary.

**SPEAKERS URGE A SLOW PROCESS IN JUDICIAL REDISTRICTING**  
 [RALEIGH] "Slow down" was the admonition from judges and attorneys Tuesday during a second

judicial redistricting hearing conducted by Republican House member Justin Barr (R-Stanly). Burr has filed House Bill 717, which calls for lawmakers to redraw judicial and prosecutorial district lines, most likely during the upcoming special session beginning Oct. 4th. Many judges have expressed concern that the process will be more political than remedial. Democrats charge that

Republicans are pushing this now in order to elect more Republicans as judges. Meanwhile the state Senate is leaning towards appointing more judges, as opposed to electing more.

**RALEIGH, CHARLOTTE RANKED AMONG THE BEST US CITIES FOR JOBS**  
 [RALEIGH] According to the website Glassdoor,

among the 25 top, the fourth best city in the United States to find employment is Raleigh, and Charlotte is ranked #24. Glassdoor ranks the number of job openings, median base salaries, median home values and overall job satisfaction, according to local employers.

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Now he says it's time to vie for the presidency of the civil rights organization to which he's given most of his life and lead it toward further establishing the values and justice he's sworn to uphold. The Reverend Spearman is married with three adult children, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

**Why should you be elected as the next president to lead the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP?**

"I find the NAACP continues to be a very relevant organization toward which I'm glad I have cast my energies. I have been a staunch supporter of the Forward Together/Moral Monday movement and was the second arrestee of the [first] Moral Monday. I've been involved in civil disobedience on three separate occasions, and so I'm very invested in the NCNAACP and the work thereof, and I've seen a great deal of merit in the work of Dr. William J. Barber, II, and want to see this movement continue what has been started over the course of the 12 years that he [has] served in leadership."

**What do you think of Bishop Dr. William Barber's leadership of the NCNAACP over the past 12 years, and, if elected, how do you intend to build on it?**

"I've been very much a part of Bishop Barber's leadership during that time, and it began with the HK on J Movement...I was there at the inception of that, and then as it kind of grew into the Forward Together/Moral Monday Movement, I was very much a part of that movement. Candidly, Dr. Barber and I have become very collegial and have really held one another up in many of the things that have come before us as the twelve years have unfolded."

"My ideology is very, very similar to the ideology of Bishop Barber and what the NAACP lifts up as what they call "game-changers," I lift [it] up as a five-point justice vision. When we talk about pro-labor, anti-poverty policies that ensure economic sustainability

and educational equality that ensures that every child receive an appropriate education and health care and fairness in the criminal justice system and protection of all kinds of rights - voting rights, women's rights, LGBT rights, immigrant rights...all of those are right at the cutting edge of the things I would think we need to continue in terms of having the kind of ideology that's going to help us to make some ground so that we can continue to move forward together and not take one step back."

**As NCNAACP president, how will you continue the fight for voting rights?**

"One of the things that has been in the forefront of my mind is how to frame doing what I hope to achieve once I'm elected, should I be elected. I've been kind of obsessed with the thought of what I call a transforming and understanding of "R.I.P." which is the acronym we generally use for "rest in peace."

"I'm plagued with why do we wait until someone dies to say or think that we want them now to rest in peace. So I've been toying with the idea of how do we transform our understanding of R.I.P. and help to translate it from a death wish to a justice gift."

"Three of the points that I am very, very bent on achieving or working on as we do the work come forth with the acronym R.I.P.:

1. **Respecting our vote** - everything we face as a people is predicated on the right to place ballots in the ballot box. Like watchmen on the wall, we have to continue to be vigilant and make sure that we hold back all that the [NC] General Assembly seeks to do to continue to suppress our vote, and I genuinely believe that they will continue to throw forth some monkey wrenches to do just that.

2. **Inspecting the root cause of poverty** - The NCNAACP went around the State in 2011-2012, putting a face on poverty. For me, that was the cutting edge of what we need to do. You'll recall that, during the 2016 elections, there was no talk, no conversation, no debate whatsoever about poverty, no

talk about racism, and I believe that we, as a people, must be very intentional about talking about poverty, bringing it onto the radar, and then keeping it on the radar so that people are talking about it, and, if no one else is talking about it, then we need to be talking about it as a people and strategizing on how we are going to be dealing with it to make sure that others understand how important it is to us as a people.

3. **Protecting our youth** - We're dealing with the militarization that Dr. King has always talked about and always have in the forefronts of our minds the things that this so-called democracy is supposed to stand for:

**How will you work to get**

**more young people involved in the NCNAACP?**

"I have developed two nonprofits - one I established back in 2006 when I was pastoring in Hickory, NC. Now we're doing business here in Greensboro as "The B.R.I.D.G.E. Program" which is "balancing relationships, instilling dignity growth and empathy." The formation of that nonprofit happened while I was the Education Chair of the Hickory Branch of the NAACP, and a teacher contacted us about five African-American students who were failing. I built a program around these young men - Students Moving A Step Ahead - and took them to Detroit, Michigan for a week-end and immersed them in higher education...and came

away from that experience with these young men now thinking about going to college, as opposed to [the fact that] prior to that, they didn't think about it at all."

"There were some successes that were done, and we did that for about three years, but I came to terms with the fact that it seemed to me to be a little too late. So I started another program,...and we were able to partner with the Hickory Housing Unit, used this curriculum, and had some major successes on gathering young people together, giving them some cultural awareness, and helping them develop a love for their culture. By leaps and bounds, there were improvements in their lives."

"I would use that same kind of practice in trying to get young people involved in the NCNAACP. I've been working on ways to be able to present them with something we can [use to] intergenerationally involve these young people. The Scriptures tell us we are to impress upon the children, spend time with the children. We're going to make sure that we interact with the children on a 24/7 basis. Thereby, we will not be afraid of our children. I think the fear that we have in engaging with our children prevents us from keeping the children around us."

*Next week, Dr. William J. Barber, II, President of the NCNAACP, exclusively looks*

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between 2011 and 2015 was \$50,088, and per capita income in the 12 months prior was \$29,880.

Finally, in Durham County, 17.1 percent of its 306,212 residents were in poverty by July 1, 2016. Blacks were 38.3 percent of the total population.

In 2015 dollars, median household income between 2011 and 2015 in Durham County was \$52,503, and per capita in the preceding 12 months was \$30,268.


According to the NC Budget and Tax Center, a progressive arm of the nonpartisan NC Justice Center in Raleigh, North Carolina's poverty rate is 1.4 percentage

points higher than the national and has the 13th highest in the nation; North Carolina's poverty rate did decline by one point over the past year but is 1.1 percent higher than when the Great Recession hit in 2007; 6.7 percent of North Carolinians live in extreme poverty, below less than half the poverty line of about \$12,300 a year for a family of four.

"In order to grow a stronger and more inclusive economy for all of us in North Carolina, lawmakers must boost public investments to connect people to good-paying jobs, health care and education from early childhood throughout their careers," said Alexandra Sirota, Director of the NC Budget and Tax Center.



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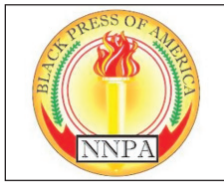
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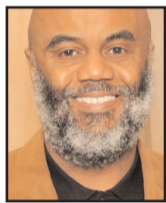
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## OUR VOICE

### What you should know about the Community Reinvestment Act

Since it was passed in 1977, the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) has enabled thousands of low- and moderate-income families-many in minority communities-to become homeowners. In the current political climate, however, many observers, who have played a role in monitoring how effectively the CRA is enforced, wonder whether it will continue to offer broad access to affordable mortgage financing.



Christopher Cox

James Perry, the chief executive officer of the Winston-Salem, N.C. branch of the Urban League, has nearly 15 years of experience in the area of fair housing, primarily with the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, where he served for 10 years as executive director. "The CRA has been an extremely valuable tool for providing access to mortgage financing for disadvantaged individuals, particularly African Americans and Latinos," Perry said. "Unfortunately, it appears the act might be imperiled based on the rhetoric we hear from many in the current Administration, as well as in Congress."

Under the CRA, the federal government monitors how well banks and other lending institutions do in meeting the credit needs of the entire community, with the goal of making certain that neighborhoods which can be categorized as low- and moderate-income are not overlooked. Under provisions of the CRA, a bank's application for new branches, relocation of existing branches, mergers and acquisitions, and other corporate activities are closely evaluated.

Institutions that do not have a good record of CRA compliance can have these business activities constrained by officials with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), a division of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which monitors CRA compliance. OCC uses a four-tier ranking system to measure compliance: outstanding, satisfactory, needs to improve and substantial noncompliance.

Chris Rockey, community development market manager for the Greater Maryland for PNC Bank, said that CRA was enacted as a direct response to "redlining," which was an unethical practice whereby banks and other lending institutions made it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for residents of poor inner-city neighborhoods to borrow money, get a mortgage, take out insurance or access other financial services. Redlining did not take into consideration an individual's qualifications and creditworthiness. The practice of redlining disproportionately affected Black borrowers.

"Too often, inner-city problems have been viewed in silos, rather than strategically," Rockey said. "You can't consider such factors as access to affordable housing, elimination of blight, high levels of commercial vacancy, safety and availability of public transportation, individually and in isolation. Effective CRA programs look at the totality of how these issues impact a community and how they can all be addressed simultaneously."

Rockey discussed one such strategic program in Baltimore where PNC partnered with other institutions, including a competitor bank, to raise \$10 million in capital to invest in a community development project. Rockey referred to working with other competitor banks on such projects to as "co-opetition."

Both Rockey and Perry agree that the CRA has, to some extent, been unfairly blamed for the housing crisis of 2008 and the subsequent loss of billions of dollars in home equity.

"The rhetoric that the CRA was largely responsible for the housing crisis comes mostly from the 'right,'" said Perry. "Actually the CRA requires lenders to make credit available in disadvantaged communities at the same rate as in majority communities."

"There is more than enough blame to go around for what caused the housing crisis," Rockey explained. "There were many factors involved, including predatory lending, by unscrupulous banks and lending institutions and investors propping up subprime mortgages without a truthful and honest examination of what they represented."

Perry and Rockey are also in agreement that the way CRA compliance is currently measured does not fully recognize the rapidly changing nature of the banking industry.

"The CRA predates the Internet," Perry said, "and looks at such things as where a bank locates its retail branches and how many of those branches are in African-American and Latino communities."

"Where a bank has branches is still relevant to its obligations under the CRA," said Rockey. "But as banking has become increasingly mobile, with more and more banking transactions being handled on smart phones and other digital devices, we are hopeful that new measures of CRA compliance would be considered."

Perry and Rockey, although viewing the CRA from somewhat different perspectives, both support what it has accomplished for urban communities, as well as what it has the potential to continue to accomplish.

"In terms of community development the CRA is a way for a bank to do well by doing good," Rockey said.

Christopher G. Cox, the publisher and managing editor of [realesavvy.com](http://realesavvy.com) writes about the impact of the Community Reinvestment Act in the Black community.

### A SAFE AFTERSCHOOL PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do"-The Black church's role in education-If your church (you) are accused of being Christlike, is there enough evidence for a jury to find it (you) guilty? Most Black churches have a well-built exterior with unique design furniture, accessories and climate controlled interiors. It is a very expensive, under-used, "consecrated" building. It is used on Sunday, Bible study

on Wednesdays, weddings, and funerals. Some have a church hall with a full commercial size kitchen for serving and sometimes selling dinners. The tables in the hall would be perfect for the neighborhood children to do their homework on and receive tutoring. The kitchen can be used to serve our children a good tasty low-fat snack and to teach them how to cook simple food items. This would be a safe place for our children to spend quality time together without TV, games or cellphones. Being in their own neighborhood

would eliminate the need for transportation. The parents could walk to the church to pick up the children and the older children could walk the younger ones home. This would give the older children some responsibility and the younger ones a new friend. This would cut way down on "bullying" because all children would have a big brother and sister. The public-school system will never bring back praying in school, so if the churches do not accept any government grants, they can have prayer and read scripture in their Monday-Friday

after school/ tutoring program. My namesake, St. James, the Apostle, said in James 2: 14 (paraphrased) If you proclaim faith, sing all five verses of gospel songs and pray long prayers, but never lift a finger to help somebody who can't return your favor; or give a ten-dollar donation, you are worthless. I close with two questions for you that only you can answer truthfully, is your church guilty or not guilty of being Christlike? What will you do to help save our children?

James J. Hankins

## YOUR VOICE

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### CASH IN THE APPLE

### What happened?

As you may know by now, former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the 2016 Democratic candidate for president, has written a book titled, "What Happened," released this week.



Cash Michaels

her book, giving personal insight into what it felt like to lose to controversial Republican candidate Donald Trump, putting up with all of his nastiness and sexism, and how she felt the presidency was finally hers...until the very last minute.

I know that's what many of us thought, given how routinely Trump seemed to be self-destructing leading up to Election night.

But, as we all know (and still lament), Clinton lost the presidency in the electoral college, losing key states like Pennsylvania and Wisconsin that normally went Democrat.

And as you may also know, there's currently a federal investigation underway to determine exactly how much the Russian government influenced the 2016 presidential election so that Clinton would lose, making Trump the victor, and whether or not they did so in collusion with the Trump campaign. There has been plenty of smoke by way of evidence, according to the New York Times and the Washington Post, and it seems it's just a matter of time before Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller issues a report outlining what he's found per his investigation.

It should be no surprise that Hillary Clinton has been following the Mueller probe very intently, especially since she was on the receiving end of shenanigans Trump and the Russians were allegedly up to. But it certainly was a surprise to read that Ms. Clinton is willing, eager and able to officially challenge Trump's 2016 victory of Mueller's evidence is compelling enough to warrant so in her mind.

Let's remember something...Hillary Clinton is NOT Al Gore, who graciously decided after the US Supreme

Court effectively gave the 200 election to Republican rival George W. Bush, and with it, the presidency, not to contest it for the good of the nation.

Gore knew then that doing so would literally tear the nation apart, and he didn't want to go down in history as a sore loser.

But Hillary Clinton's case is way different.

The United States, thanks to the unqualified madman we have in the Oval Office, is already at civil war. People are more at each other's throats than ever before, with most of us simply not believing that anyone in their right mind would want Donald Trump for president. His style and behavior have proven to be clearly beneath the dignity of the high office that he holds. Trump is an embarrassment to the American people, and before the world. He is an apologist for white supremacists and warmongers. He is steadily inching our nation towards a nuclear war with North Korea, another emerging nuclear power with a certified nut for a national leader.

So those who warn that we would see civil war in the streets if Trump is per-

walked out of the White House in handcuffs after he's impeached, hey, what would you suggest? Let him stay and ruin our children's future some more? Please don't tell me you're afraid of people being more at each other's throats than they are now, because, just like a bad marriage, the real problems right under the surface will always bubble up in the end.

We can't escape what's coming.

And if Hillary can legally get a court, based on compelling evidence, to rule that the 2016 presidential election was a fraud thanks to the Russians and Trump campaign scheming together to make it so, then I'm all for it.

The last nine months have been frightful under Trump, and there's more to come the longer he stays.

None of this is over by a longshot, folks. So strap yourselves in, because the we are in for a REAL rough ride!

Cash Michaels is a journalist and reporter for *The Wilmington Journal*, *Winston-Salem Chronicle*, and *Carolina (Greensboro) Peacemaker*. He is also a member of *The Wilmington Journal's* editorial board.

## Obama's last year brought economic success

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The income, poverty and health insurance data released by the Census Bureau on September 13 confirm what many already knew. President Obama's last year was one of economic improvement for many individuals.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

The median income rose from \$57,230 in 2015 to \$59,039 in 2016, an increase of 3.2 percent. Black income rose 5.4 percent, from \$37,364 in 2015 to \$39,400 in 2016, while white income rose from \$63,745 to \$65,041, an increase of two percent.

The income gap narrowed very slightly, with African-Americans having 58 percent of white earnings in 2015 and 60 percent of white earnings in 2016. This income ratio typically hovers around 60 percent, and this situation has not improved since 1967! Despite an absolute improvement in incomes, the racial income disparity remains.

Fewer than one in ten whites earned less than \$15,000 per year; compared to 20 percent of African Americans at that low earning level. While 18 percent of whites earned less than \$25,000 a year; fully one-third of African-Americans earned so little. At the same time, while 7.4 percent of whites earned

more than \$200,000 a year, only 2.8 percent of African-Americans had similarly high earnings.

At the top, there was significant improvement for African-Americans - we didn't cross the 1 percent line on high earning until 1997, and now our percentage has more than doubled. Still, it would take hundreds of years, at the rate we are going, to close the gap with Whites.

With incomes as low as they are, it is unsurprising to find African Americans more heavily represented among the poor than Whites are, but again, President Obama's last year in office saw a real drop in the poverty level. The poverty rate dropped from 13.5 percent in 2015 to 12.7 percent in 2016, and the Black poverty rate dropped from 24.1 percent to 22.0 percent. There were 800,000 fewer African-Americans in poverty in 2016 than in 2015. That's good news!

Child poverty was also overwhelming. With 15.1 percent of white children living in poverty there were nearly twice as many Black children living in poverty at 29.5 percent. Among elders, 8 percent of white seniors were poor; compared to 18.5 percent of African American seniors. And when Black women headed households, 34.2 percent of those households lived in poverty.

While these numbers make a clear case that President Obama improved the situation for all Americans, it is also clear that his unwillingness or inability to target programs

toward the African-American poor maintained the size of the income gap, and maintained the fact that African-Americans experience twice as much poverty as whites, earning only 60 percent of the incomes that Whites do. This gap will not be closed unless there is some intervention, some form of reparations, or some special program that will empower African-Americans. If that didn't happen in the Obama administration, it is unlikely to happen in this one!

President Obama's singular success, of course, was health care. More than 93 percent of whites, 92 percent of Asian Americans, 89.5 percent of African-Americans and 84 percent of Hispanics had health care in 2016, continuing an upward trend that began in 2011 with the introduction of Obamacare. Of course, Republicans have promised to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act. They have been unsuccessful because so many use and like the program, even with its flaws. The program should be tweaked, but not replaced, but we'll see what happens in coming months.

Despite improvements in income data, too many Americans aren't feeling the improvements. That's how 45 was able to manipulate people into believing that they were worse off than they had ever been, and that he was going to improve their quality of life. To be sure, while the unemployment rate is way down, there are also people sitting on

the sidelines of the labor force. Raises seem to be coming, but quite slowly, and a 3.2 percent increase in income, after several years of declining income, seems not to be enough. Additionally, there are millions of millennials who came of age during the recession, having spent years marginally employed, and are shouldering the burden of high student loans. Small increases in income don't make these folks feel flush. Many still feel that they are just getting by.

Knowing 45, he will cross about these numbers, though he truly cannot take any responsibility for them. This data is 2016 data, and the improvement here can be solely attributed to President Obama. The proof of 45's pudding will come next year, when 2017 data are reported. Will we be better off with the repeal of the Affordable Care Act?

Will incomes rise or fall under 45's leadership? What will happen with poverty in an administration that has already taken actions to keep wages low? Will the Obama momentum come to a skidding halt because of 45's policies? We'll have to wait and see, but it is clear that 45 has already taken too many steps in the wrong direction.

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TO BE EQUAL

# Reinstate DACA and protect Dreamers

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"As the leaders of communities across the country-individuals and institutions that have seen these young people grow up in our communities-we recognize how they have enriched and strengthened our cities, states, schools, businesses, congregations, and families. We believe it is a moral imperative that the administration and the country know we are with them. We also join together to send our assurances to Dreamers: we see you, we value you, and we are ready to defend you." - open letter signed by more than 1,800 governors, attorneys general, mayors, state representatives, judges, police chiefs and other leaders.



Marc Morial

An overwhelming majority of voters - about 85% - are opposed to deporting immigrants who are eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. These "Dreamers," as they are known, were brought into the United States as children, most of them younger than 7. About 90 percent of Dreamers are employed; more than 70 percent have attended college. Despite widespread support for allowing Dreamers to remain, the Trump Administration has acquiesced to 10 state attorneys general who threatened to sue if it did not end the program. But even President Trump does not want to deport Dreamers. "Does anybody really want to throw out good, educated and accomplished young people who have jobs, some serving in the military?" he wrote on Twitter. "Really!..."

Sadly, many of the people who voted for him do, and voted for him because he said he would do it. But even among

the most hard-core supporters of the President, those who say they "strongly approve" of his performance, only a third favor deportation of Dreamers. With this kind of support, it's hard to understand why 800,000 hard-working, law-abiding contributing members of society are in danger of being wrenched from the only country they've ever known. Many do not even speak the language of the countries of their birth. In addition to the human catastrophe deportation of Dreamers represents, the U.S. would lose about \$460 billion in GDP over the next 10 years and about 700,000 people could lose their jobs. Earlier this month, fifteen states and the District of Columbia filed a suit seeking to stop the repeal of DACA. Last week, California filed a separate lawsuit, which was joined by Maine, Minnesota, and Maryland. Meanwhile, President Trump has struck a tentative agreement from the House and Senate Minority Leaders to support legislation

protecting Dreamers in exchange for enhanced border security. While there is a chance that deportations of Dreamers will not occur, it's shameful that they should be in a position to fear it at all. Dreamers trusted the United States government in enrolling in the program, now that very trust could be used against them. There is no justification for ending the program even as a legislative solution is sought. Protecting Dreamers is quite simply the right thing to do. It is the moral thing to do. It's the economically sound thing to do. And even though it shouldn't matter, it's the popular thing to do. We urge Congress to immediately pass legislation protecting Dreamers and call upon the Trump administration to reinstate DACA so no Dreamer has to fear deportation from the home they love. Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES God, Faith and Storms

A woman called me who, after Katrina, moved herself and her family to Houston. She had lived in the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans and her house was ruined. It was a house that she had only recently bought, and didn't have the resources to repair it. That was before she was told it would have to be demolished. Twelve years ago, she had been devastated, but once moving to Houston had begun to build her hope and faith again. Then came Hurricane Harvey and her home, this one rented, had been flooded out. She had worked so hard to get on her feet, she said. She had worked hard not to let her children see her despair and depression. Together, they had come through the storm that comes after the storm - the storm of survival. She had had to start over from scratch, living in her car for a while until she could get a job, finding a school for her young children and having to look for a child care provider for her youngest so she could look for a job. She had lost her car in New Orleans, and so her job hunting in Houston had been difficult. But she had done it...and now, she was going to have to start all over again. "Where is God?" she asked me. "Why is God letting this happen to me again?" I had no words. We are all taught that God is with us all of the time, but I instinctively knew that this was not the time to offer religious platitudes. She was hurting and her faith was in crisis mode. Everything that had been stabilized after Katrina had been thrown completely off course by Harvey. If there is anything I have learned over the years is that many of us are good for helping people in crises, but we are not so good at helping people with the storm called survival and rebuilding. It is the same phenomenon that is seen when we minister to a person who is sick but do not minister to the caregiver, who often becomes sick while taking care of a sick loved one. The stress is too great, the problems too massive and extensive. Because people look ok when they walk around even in times of personal crisis, we allow ourselves to believe they are ok, but so often, they are not. This woman was in crisis mode. She shared with me and sobbed as she talked, but she said there wasn't anyone else she could talk to. Everyone was suffering, she said. Nobody, or few people, had a home anymore, and many of them who had their homes still did not have the money they needed to fix them. Her situation, she said, was no different than anyone else's. What about her church, I asked? They're good but there are so many people who need help, she said. "We can hardly get around, those of us without cars. And a lot of people who had jobs have lost them or will lose them because they don't have transportation and without a job, they don't have money to take public transportation." She mumbled something about being grateful about being in a shelter, but said it was hard because there were so many people in there, still. "The cameras are gone," she said, "but it's still bad here." There was no answer I could give her when she asked where God was and why God had allowed this to happen to her again. I was not going to try, and I wasn't going to give her some trite religious sentence that ultimately would do nothing but make me feel like I had been mildly effective. But when she hung up, I prayed. I prayed that we who say we love God will continue to show up as God to these people who are suffering so much. This woman said she might have to move...again. She has nothing left - except her life and her children. And God. The people who are walking in darkness need to see the light which is God in and from people who are able to live their faith during this "after storm," if you will. Now is the time we who say we love God have to show those who are on the line...that God is real - and be willing to do it for as long as it takes. Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith is available for speaking. She can be contacted through [evsuekim@sbglobal.net](mailto:evsuekim@sbglobal.net).



Rev. Susan K. Smith

CHILDWATCH

# A prayer to end child poverty in our time

We know what to do to end child poverty if we want to in rich America. The U.S. Census Bureau reported this week that the number of children in poverty declined slightly again for the second year, but that children shamefully are still our poorest age group. More than 13.2 million children - 18 percent of all children - were poor in 2016. Almost 70 percent of our poor children were children of color. Census data also showed the positive benefits government programs have for poor children with data from the Supplemental Poverty Measure which tracks the impact of government programs on family resources. It showed 1.5 million children escaped poverty with the help of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP - previously food stamps); 1.05 million



Marian W. Edelman

with the help of housing subsidies; and 4.4 million with the help of the Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and other refundable credits. And I could go on. The bottom line is we know steps we can take right now to end child poverty as we approach the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's and Robert Kennedy's Poor People's Campaign and call to end poverty and hunger. I ask that we commit to doing so by ending poverty beginning with every poor child. This means stopping the budget ravaging at the federal level and in states and localities of programs we know can help feed, house, clothe, educate and prepare our most vulnerable children for the future and help more families work at decent wages. And we must stop the moral obscenity of politicians pitting the rich against the poor and proposing more tax cuts for the very wealthiest Americans by stealing from survival programs for our poorest Americans, including children, to pay for them. My deepest wish and prayer is for Dr. King's dream to end poverty to become

reality in our times beginning with children right now. They have only one childhood. \*\* God help us to end poverty in our time. The poverty of having a child with too little to eat and no place to sleep, no air, sunlight and space to breathe, bask, and grow. The poverty of watching your child suffer hunger or get sicker and sicker and not knowing what to do or how to get help because you don't have another dime or a car, money, or health insurance. The poverty of working your fingers to the bone every day taking care of somebody else's children and neglecting your own, and still not being able to pay your bills. The poverty of having a job which does not let you afford a stable place to live and being terrified you'll become homeless and lose your children to foster care. The poverty of losing your job, running out of unemployment benefits, and having no other help in sight. The poverty of working all your life caring for your own

children and having to start all over again caring for the grandchildren you love. The poverty of earning a college degree, having children, opening a day care center, and taking home \$300 a week-or a month-if you're lucky. The poverty of loneliness and isolation and alienation-having no one to call or visit, tell you where to get help, assist you in getting it, or care if you're living or dead. The poverty of having too much and sharing too little and having the burden of nothing to carry. The poverty of convenient blindness and deafness and indifference to others. The poverty of low aim and paltry purpose, of weak will and tiny vision, of big meetings and small actions, of loud talk and sullen grudging service. The poverty of believing in nothing, standing for nothing, sharing nothing, sacrificing nothing, struggling with others for nothing. The poverty of pride and

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REALITY CHECK

# Brother Malcolm's little family gathers in Baltimore

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When folks think about the families of leaders such as Brother Malcolm X, it is limited, at best, to their wives, children and parents. Many don't even think of those relatives. They fail to realize that he also had aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, first, second, and third cousins and grandparents. That's why it was such a memorable experience in summer 2017 to attend a Little family reunion in Baltimore. The Littles had invited me to speak at the reunion banquet held in the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of the Maryland African American History and Culture. Over 100 members of the family from at least 12 states-Alabama, Florida, Ohio, California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, New York, Mississippi, Connecticut and Maryland, plus Washington, DC-were part of the celebration. After receiving the invitation, I decided to read again the chapter, "Ajar," in the book, Seventh Child: A Family Memoir of Malcolm X, co-written by Brother Malcolm's nephew, Rodnell Collins and myself. The chapter begins as follows: "It was



A. Peter Bailey

the summer of 1985. Over 100 members of the far-flung Little family had gathered together in Memphis, Tennessee for its first-ever family reunion. A family member who was present described it as an awesome, electrifying and unforgettable moment when Oscar V. Little, the convener of the reunion and the family's unofficial historian, announced that his extensive research, done at the archives in Washington, DC and Virginia had finally revealed the name of the Little ancestor whom a few of us (Rodnell wrote in the first-person) knew vaguely as an African kidnapped and delivered into slavery in South Carolina in the early 1800s. "His name was Ajar," Uncle Oscar told the stunned family members. "He was brought to slavery in South Carolina in 1815." Uncle Oscar told us that he first heard the name Ajar from an elderly Chicago-based relative named Temple Little. She was the daughter of one of the 22 children born to Tony (Ajar's son) and Claire Little, Ma's and Uncle Malcolm's great-grandparents. She told Uncle Oscar she had often heard her parents speak of a great-grandfather named Ajar." With personal statements, dance, poetry and the noting of accomplishments of current Littles, they celebrated their ancestors. There was also a "Guess Who?" questionnaire in which family member were requested to answer 17 questions such as the name of the person who started tracing their ancestry, the name of all

22 of Tony and Claire Little's children, the family member who has visited the most countries and where, the name of seven family members who own their own businesses and, the easiest of all, the family member who coined the phrase, "By any means necessary." Karen May, who works with the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in Washington, DC, recently discovered that she is a member of the Little family. She noted, "Family history has been a passion of mine for decades. Missing branches, the brick wall, have had me relentlessly searching Little genealogy records for an absolute relationship with Malcolm Little, (Brother Malcolm X), for years. My Aunt Hattie Little (Rosie Little's daughter) said we were related. I silently accepted her acclamation without any solid proof and would sometime quip 'we're supposed to be related to Malcolm X,' but I tipped around the actuality. My great grandfather, Ben Little and his daughter, Rosie Little, my grandmother, were the beginning connections. Discovering Malcolm's father was born in Georgia snuffed out my Malcolm X light, although, my heart wanted the relationship. I logged onto the Noxubee County, Mississippi genealogy Facebook page and met Cousin Duane Perry, a Little. He forwarded a copy of his Little family tree tracing Malcolm's ancestors to Sumter County, Alabama.

Ben and Rosie Little were born in Sumter County, Alabama...When A. Peter Bailey stopped by my office and told me about the reunion in Baltimore, I told him I had recently discovered I was related to Malcolm. Wonders never cease. Peter informed me he would be the guest speaker at the Little Family Reunion in Baltimore July 29-August 1, 2017. I quickly called the host, introduced myself and rattled off my Sumter County, Alabama connection. Just over a month ago, I attended the reunion in Baltimore, met Little cousins, shared Little history and listened to Peter's personal reflections about Brother Malcolm X, my cousin." In my presentation, "Personal Reflections on Brother Malcolm X, A Master Teacher," I relayed to the family why Brother Malcolm had such a power impact on me and others like me. I explained that his knowledge, wisdom, determination, integrity, and self-assurance, immunized our minds from being infected by the deadly toxic disease which I call white supremacists. I urged them to learn and teach all they can about their brilliant, legendary relative. We should thank and salute the Little family for having provided us with one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century. A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is *Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher*, can be reached at [apeterb@verizon.net](mailto:apeterb@verizon.net).

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ingratitude for God's gifts of life and children and family and freedom and home and country and not wanting for others what you want for yourself. The poverty of greed for more and more and more, ignoring, blaming, and exploiting the needy, and taking from the weak to please the strong. The poverty of addiction to more and more things, drugs, drink, work, self, violence, power, fleeting fame, and an unjust status quo. The poverty of fear which keeps you from doing the thing you think is right. The poverty of convenient ignorance about the needs of those around you and of despair and cynicism. God help us end poverty in our time, in all its faces and places, young and old, rural, urban, suburban and small town too, and in every color of humans You have made everywhere. God help us to end poverty in our time in all its guises-inside and out-physical and spiritual, so that all our and Your children may live the lives that you intend. \*\* Don't make any excuses for not speaking out for justice for poor children. Make the

difference that you can. So I add a short closing prayer. O God, I am not smart enough to debate monetary, fiscal, or budget policy with the Federal Reserve, the Treasury, the Office of Management and Budget, the Congressional Budget Office, or President Trump and Congressional leaders. But I am a citizen and I know injustice when I see it. I know You told us when we give to the poor we lend to You. So when we take from the poor we steal from You. Help me to stand up courageously against unjust tax and budget policies at every level of government which increase benefits for those who have much and decrease benefits for those who have little. Help me to stand up for political choices that close the gap between the rich and the poor and to stand up against choices which widen that gap. Help me to try to do what You would do. Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose *Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org).*

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## New Hanover County

A Candidates Forum will be held on Tuesday, September 26th from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Center, 401 South Eighth Street, Wilmington. Candidates running for Wilmington City Council and Mayor will participate. Wilmington residents are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to submit questions for the candidates. Information on early voting and the opportunity to register to vote will be available. The Candidates Forum is co-sponsored by New Hanover County NAACP, the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Southeastern North Carolina, the 19th Masonic District and the Wilmington, North Carolina Chapter of Links, Incorporated. For more information, please contact the New Hanover County NAACP at nhnaacp@gmail.com.

## Community Briefs

**Lower Cape Fear Hospice** will offer a no cost six-week grief program, Living with Grief: Growth and Education for Adults Coping with Grief. It will be Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11 from 3:00-5:00 pm, at Phillips LifeCare & Counseling Center, 1414 Physicians Drive in Wilmington. Pre-registration is required, call 796-7991.

**Narconon** can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-1754. Learn more about the signs of heroin addiction. If you believe one of your loved ones is abusing drugs, learn how you can make a difference by visiting <http://www.narcononnewlifetreat.org/drug-rehab/>

**National Black Leadership Cucus of New Hanover County** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Robert Taylor Senior Homes, 1308 N. 5th Ave. Their water drive will continue and if you want to donate water please call Ernestine Washington at 910-274-7067.

**New Hanover County Schools** will be hosting an informational meeting for Governor's School NC on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the cafeteria of Laney High School located at 2700 North College Road. Interested students and families are invited to attend.

The **New Hanover NAACP** monthly meeting is Thursday, September 28th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. The meeting will feature a guest speaker regarding an issue of vital community interest. Other community and state issues will also be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. Those attending are asked to bring bottled water as part of the branch's water drive to provide safe water to local communities in need. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.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

The **Merant Family** will hold their anniversary on Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 p.m. at Kendall Chapel Church, Hwy 133. Everyone is cordially invited.

The **Navassa Town Council** monthly town meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Navassa Community/Senior Center. If additional information is needed please contact Town Clerk at 910-371-2432.

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

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Pleasant days ahead

**S**unrise in the morning symbolizes the beginning of a new day that you have never seen before. This is a new opportunity for many good things to happen while keeping the eye toward the future. As we go about our day, we may be in the midst of different people from diverse backgrounds battling a mixture of issues.

Verniece Stanley

There are many matters

that we have to seriously consider in our communities, beginning with the funding of our public schools and the need for our young people to receive a quality education. Certainly, the young people are our future, and we must continue to support programs that improve their academic skills and increase their social awareness.

Homelessness and joblessness are also a concern in today's society. Being unemployed can create many social ills, particularly homelessness. With a list of household bills that have not been paid, families are searching for goods jobs that secure a better

lifestyle.

We are living in changing times, and we have never seen times like this before. Remain thankful and help strengthen those who need uplifting. The recent storms which destroyed parts of our country united citizens in an effort to bring hope to people who have lost everything. Some people made large financial donations, and even small children were getting money from their piggy banks. Remember that as the sun rises and brings about a new day, it also brings about a new chance to brighten the future.

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.

## UNCW recognized for diversity and inclusion efforts

Wilmington, N.C. (September 19, 2017) -- The University of North Carolina Wilmington is among 80 universities selected to receive the 2017 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine.

The HEED Award recognizes colleges and universities for their commitment to make diversity and inclusion a priority across their campuses. This is the first year UNCW has earned this distinction.

UNCW is one of four institutions in North Carolina to receive the award. East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill are also recipients.

"This recognition is not saying that we don't have things to work on, but it does say that the university

is heading in the right direction," said Kent Guion, UNCW's chief diversity officer. "It is an acknowledgment of the efforts across the institution to promote innovative and effective diversity and inclusion programs and practices."

UNCW has made significant strides in closing the graduation gap among diverse populations. In 2015, the Education Trust recognized UNCW as one of the top eight performers out of more than 240 universities successfully closing the graduation gap between white and underrepresented minority groups in the time span between 2003 and 2013.

"At many universities, persistent graduation gaps are a major concern," said Guion, "and we stand out for making dramatic improvements in this area."

Support and accountability are two key themes that

are also assessed. UNCW's Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion provides leadership, partnership and support for diversity initiatives on campus. OIDI coordinates a large number of learning opportunities and various resources, including the Upperman African American Cultural Center, Centro Hispano and the LGBTQIA Resource Office. For the past two years, OIDI has sponsored innovative programming like the DNA Discussion Project, which encourages greater understanding of the science of genetics, the construction of race and the perception of ethnicity.

Several other offices and programs also support diverse students, faculty and staff and contribute to educational and awareness programs on campus, including the Women's Studies and

Resource Center; Human Resources; Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development Week; the Disabilities Resource Center and the Office of Military Affairs.

Attracting and retaining high-quality, diverse students, faculty and staff and promoting a diverse and inclusive culture and global mindset are among the priorities outlined in the university's Strategic Plan.

The INSIGHT Into Diversity HEED Award is open to all colleges and universities across the U.S. It measures an institution's level of achievement and intensity of commitment in regard to broadening diversity and inclusion on campus through initiatives, programs and outreach; student recruitment, retention and completion; and hiring practices for faculty and staff.



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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

In the City of Wilmington  
Minimum Housing Code

In the matter of the property located at: **708 McRae Street**, Wilmington, North Carolina, known as Map **3128**, Block No. **01**, Lot No. **6601.000**.

TO: **Freddie Melton and wife, Hester S. Melton**

Take notice that a Compliant and Notice of Hearing before the Minimum Housing Hearing Officer and a Notice of Lis Pendens has been filed in these proceedings. The nature of the relief being sought is a determination of whether the dwelling at **708 McRae Street** is in violation of the Minimum Housing Code (Chapter 16, Article V of the Wilmington City Code) and unfit for human habitation, and ordering an appropriate remedy.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than **28th day of September, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** and to appear at the hearing before the Minimum Housing Hearing Officer of the City of Wilmington at 305 Chestnut Street on **September 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** and upon your failure to do so, the hearing will proceed and an appropriate remedy will be ordered.

This, the 18th day of September, 2017.

WM Myers Carr, CZO, CHO, Chief  
Housing Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer  
City of Wilmington  
305 Chestnut Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 341-3266

September 21, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

In the City of Wilmington  
Nonresidential Structure Code

In the matter of the property located at: 719 Castle Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, known as Map 3127 Block No. 05, Lot No. 7995.000.

TO: **Carter, Hackney & Hudson, LLC**  
**John B Carter, Registered Agent**

Take notice that a Complaint and Notice of Hearing before the Nonresidential Structure Code hearing officer and a Notice of Lis Pendens has been filed in these proceedings. The nature of the relief being sought is a determination of whether the structure at **719 Castle Street** is in violation of the Nonresidential Structure Code (Chapter 16, Article VII of the Wilmington City Code) and ordering an appropriate remedy.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than **28th day of September, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** and to appear at the hearing before the Nonresidential Structure Code Hearing Officer of the City of Wilmington at 305 Chestnut Street on **September 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** and upon your failure to do so, the hearing will proceed and an appropriate remedy will be ordered.

This, the 18th day of September, 2017.

W. M. Myers Carr, CZO, CHO, Chief  
Housing Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer  
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305 Chestnut Street  
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September 21, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

In the City of Wilmington  
Minimum Housing Code

In the matter of the property located at: 1102 South 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, known as Map **3127**, Block No. **13**, Lot No. **0531.000**.

TO: **Franklin Numan Bryant, Sr., and wife Phyllis C. Bryant**  
**Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc, Registered Agent State of North Carolina**

Take notice that a Compliant and Notice of Hearing before the Minimum Housing Hearing Officer and a Notice of Lis Pendens has been filed in these proceedings. The nature of the relief being sought is a determination of whether the dwelling at **1102 South 8th Street** is in violation of the Minimum Housing Code (Chapter 16, Article V of the Wilmington City Code) and unfit for human habitation, and ordering an appropriate remedy.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than **28th day of September, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** and to appear at the hearing before the Minimum Housing Hearing Officer of the City of Wilmington at 305 Chestnut Street on **September 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** and upon your failure to do so, the hearing will proceed and an appropriate remedy will be ordered.

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**Barney Murphy, Jr.**

Lovingly known as "Pee Wee" Barney Wilbert Murphy, Jr. was born October 1, 1945 at Harlem Hospital in New York City, New York to Hazel Knight Murphy and Barney Murphy who preceded him in death.

He attended P.S. 68 Elementary School, James Fenimore Cooper Junior High School in Harlem, New York and graduated from Hareem High School in 1964.

He enlisted in the United States Army on January 22, 1968 and was honorably discharged August 27, 1969. He became employed as a Chef and continued on until his retirement. He married Jackie Haywood Murphy (deceased) and to this union one son was born, Barney Wilbert Murphy, III.

Pee Wee was a quiet but fun-loving person and will be missed dearly.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his son, Barney Wilbert Murphy, III; his grandchildren Brittany Murphy, Brianna Murphy, Baile Murphy, Andra Murphy and Anthony Murphy; his only niece, Linda D. Murphy; great nephew, Tarik Bey "Tony"; great-nieces Nakeisha Murphy and LaToya Oglesby; seven great great-nieces and 3 great great-nephews; special cousins Minnie Knight, Rhonda Lopez, Pharen Lopez, Pedro Lopez, Sherrie Lopez, Nikki Lopez, Taylarr Lopez, Jordan Joseph and AJ Lopez; special friends Gary David, Larry McQueen and Preston McQueen.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel.

Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Lewis Green**

Lewis Green was born Tuesday, October 13, 1942 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Stephen Elijah Green and Virginia Pleasant. He transitioned Thursday, September 7, 2017 at Silver Stream Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 13 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his oldest brother, Joseph Pleasant Green.

Lewis and his brothers were truly "boys of the neighborhood," along with a few of their pals.

Lewis attended the public schools of New Hanover County beginning with Peabody Elementary School, James B. Dudley School, then on to Williston Jr. High and graduating from Williston Sr.

High in 1960. He was the current serving class president at the time of his passing. After Williston, Lewis enlisted in the United States Air Force where he received an honorable discharge.

He lived in Philadelphia for several years before returning home.

After returning home he took the civil service exam which gave him an opportunity to join the Wilmington Fire Department on November 19, 1970. Lewis served the Wilmington Fire Department for 32 years. He was known for his cooking skills. At each Station he worked, fixing collards and cabbage mixed, biscuits, chicken wings and whatever came into the pot. Lewis retired in 2001, as a Battalion Chief. While serving the Fire Department, he also worked thirteen years as care taker of the Calvary Cemetery. He could remember where many of the gravesites were because he was the person who dug the graves.

On July 29, 1972 Lewis and Sonja Bull were joined together in marriage that lasted for 45 years. They were blessed with four sons, LeGrande, Lawrence, Parrish and Morgan.

Lewis was a very active participant in the building of the Northside community of Wilmington. He served on the board of The Northside Neighborhood Association that built houses which are still an attractive asset in the neighborhood.

Lewis has been an active member of Warner Temple. He served on the Trustee Board under Rev. Dr. Terry L. Jones, Sr. and on the Mens' Usher Board until his health caused a problem.

He also helped work on the concept to have a health facility on the north side. We now have Med North on North 4th & Harnett Streets. Lewis was a diligent worker in Precincts 6 & 7 and the City.

He found great fun and pleasure in making kites for the children of the neighborhood to fly. Some would wait for "Mr. Lewis" so they could watch him build them a kite.

Lewis also loved fishing. Sometimes he would come back with something and sometimes not. He was always satisfied just to enjoy the time with his friends.

Lewis leaves to cherish his time here: his wife, Sonja; sons, LeGrande, Lawrence, Parrish and Morgan; grandson, Micah Hunter (Christian); granddaughter, Natasha Green; brother, Eugene Green (Patricia); sister-in-law, Lizzie B. Pannell; brothers-in-law, Collin Bull and Alan Bull; nieces, Marva Pleasant, Gena G. Burch (David), and Monique G. Eleby (Maurice); nephew, Stephen Pleasant; grandnieces and grandnephews; goddaughter, Anyonga DeBose

Blackwell; many more cousins; close friends, Dallas Flood, Phillip Flood, Theodore DeBose, Doc Swinson, and Michael Smith; The Williston Class of 1960; many friends and acquaintances and the young men who became a part of the Green Clan, Todd, Pitt, Russell, Mike, Ricco, Don, Jerome and Curtis. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Junius Thomas**

Mr. Junius Thomas entered into rest, peacefully, on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at his home. He was preceded in death by his loving and beautiful wife, Lula (deceased 2007), and siblings, Fleather Thomas, Sr., Betty Lou Blue and Connie McEachern. Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Junius was born on October 6, 1929, in Lamar, South Carolina to the late Edward McEachern and Zella Daniels. At a young age, he was moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, where he grew up and lived all of his life.

Soon after moving to Wilmington, he was united in holy matrimony on November 22, 1959 to the late Lula Williams. He became interested in working at the Ports of Wilmington. After being employed by the International Longshoreman Association, Local 1426, he was a very dependent and hard worker, and worked his way up in the ranks where he became a supervisor, aka "header" of his own crew. He was known to many on the waterfront as "Iron Jaw". He retired in 1987.

Known to many as "Bro. Thomas", he loved God, his family and life unconditionally. After accepting his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age, he joined New Covenant under the leadership of the late Reverend Douglas Nesbitt, to whom he became very close friends over the years. He was a dedicated member as well as very active financially and with manual labor with the help of building one of the first church sanctuaries. Bro. Thomas was physically active in the church until his health began to fail him. He was a Trustee, President of the Usher Board and a Father of New Covenant, where all, young, middle-aged and well as the old, were very close and loved him dearly. He was a great supporter of his church financially until the very end.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories, two sons, Franklin Thomas of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Ronald Thomas of Wilmington, North Carolina;

two sisters, Linnie Moultric of Fayetteville, North Carolina and May Willis Ashley of Providence, Rhode Island; eleven grandchildren; Frank, Jr., Nissa, Yolanda, Shakirra, Abdulah, Sherry, Sharece, Malika, Tierra, Khaleedah, and Melvin; two very special, close and loving friends, Larry A Stukes and Toni Kenion; and a multiple host of godchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Rev. Dr. Rose M. Harris**

Rev. Dr. Rose M. Harris, age 65, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, September 8, 2017.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Rosemarie Dotson Harris was born to George and Susie Thornton Dotson in Cusseta, GA on November 15, 1951. At an early age Rosemarie Harris was baptized at Kingsville Baptize Church in Cusseta, GA.

Rosemarie graduated in 1969 from Cusseta Georgia High School. After graduation from high school she moved to New York where she began working at Bell Atlantic as a Telecommunications Operator.

In 1972 she met her loving husband, Howard E. Harris, Jr. They became engaged in 1972 and got married September 13, 1973. Thereafter, they began a family in April of 1974 to her first born, Dandrell L. Harris, better known as Danny. Then she had her second child in May 1985, Latia M. Harris Watson, better known as Tia.

In 1986, Bishop Howard

Harris, while working for the US Postal service in New York decided to move his family down to Wilmington, NC. Rosemarie loved her husband so much that after 18 years at the telephone company she quit her job to go with her husband. It took an extraordinary woman to give up her career.

Rosemarie Harris loved clothes and had a great eye for fashion. So Rose and her husband decided to open a clothing store which became known as Raspberry Boutique. She

became known as Mama Rose. She had a great gift of giving,

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**In Loving Memory Of**



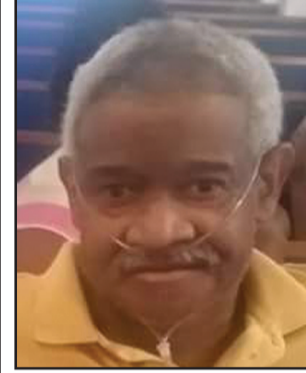
**Andrew Robert "Bobby" Lewis**  
Sunrise: August 22, 1954  
Sunset: September 20, 2016

We did not hear your last farewell. Nor your final sigh. We only knew you slipped away without a last "good-bye." it broke our hearts to lose you. But you did not go alone. The voice that Love ones used to hear; is silent now and still. The pleasant face we used to see is hidden from the view. After a lonely heart and many silent fears but lovely memories of the one we will always "Love."

"We miss you Bobby" "Bobby" loved his family

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Special friends: Butch, Celeste, Speed, Ann, Harry, "Gee", Trista, David, Jackie, Matt, Benton, Shirley, Tabathy and Fedex Ground co workers  
Four sisters and two brothers

**Card Of Thanks**



The family of **Mr. Arnold Lee Peterson, Sr.**, mourn his passing and celebrate his life.

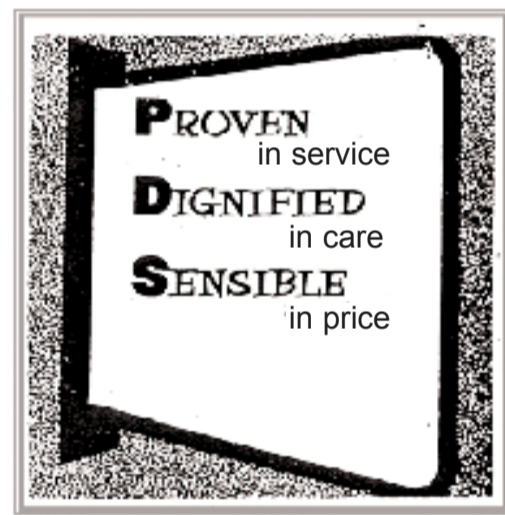
He touched all our lives in so many ways- as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. His integrity and steadfast love for his children and grandchildren; through commitment to right-living and teaching by example. With love, the memory of his kind deeds and the strength of His example live on in all our hearts...

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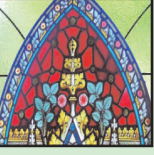
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## New Hanover County

**Chords Across America Gospel Ministries**, 1020 Rankin St., will hold an evening service hosted by Pastor Dianne Bryant and her church family at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24th. For further information please call 910-264-7028. This event is free to the public.



**First Baptist Missionary Church**, 520 North Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, NC, will hold their Fall Revival Wednesday, September 20th through Friday, September 22nd.

**Kingdom Matters Ministries** will present celebrating The Journey of Pastor H. Gregory 26 years in Ministry and 10 years at St. Andrews AME Zion from Thursday, September 28th - Friday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrews AME Zion, 1210 S. 9th St. The guest will be Evangelist Trea Perry and Pastor Ryan

Godfrey. On Saturday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. Live, Love & Laugh with TreG and Friends will be held at Ebenezer Empowerment Center, 2929 Princess Place Dr.

**Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center**, 4875 New Centre Dr., invites you to Pre-Appreciation Gospel Musical for Apostle Joyce Jones on Sunday, September 24th at 4:00 p.m. This will be a birthday celebration for Apostle Jones. The public is welcome to come out and enjoy this awesome service. For more information, call 910-352-5048 or 910-431-5139.

**Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church** in conjunction with the Wilmington Police Department, NHC Sheriff's Office, NHC Fire Department and surrounding churches will host "Beyond the Walls" Festival on Saturday, September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 812 Harnett St. The community outreach ministry is requesting donations of toys, household items, foot items, clothing before September 11th. For additional information please contact Sister Sherry McZeek at 910-231-2243 or Deacon David Brown at 910-200-1955.

**Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church**, 6601 Carolina Beach Road, will have their Usher's Anniversary Celebration on September 24 at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Elder Sharon White of New Covenant Holiness Church. For more information, call 910-200-4648.

**St. Andrew AMEZ Church** will celebrate its 104th Church Anniversary on September 24th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Mary Ovr of First Red Branch Baptist Church in Charlotte. The public is welcome to come out to fellowship. Refreshments will be served at 1:00 p.m.

**The Concert Committee of The Better St Phillip AME Zion Church** with much prayer and thought have cancelled this week's concert with Maurette Brown Clark. DUE TO THE SUDDEN UNPREDICTABLE TURNS OF BAD WEATHER, THE COMMITTEE HAD TO MAKE A PROFESSIONAL CONSCIOUS DECISION IMMEDIATELY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL. The new date is November 17th, time 7:00 p.m. and place to be announced at a later date. They will continue to sell the individual & group tickets. Tickets will be sold at Church's Chicken and The Wilmington Journal only and of course you may purchase a ticket or a group package from the concert committee or various members of The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church. You may Contact: Sis. Ashley Hall at 910-540-4250, Sis. Catherine Cooper at 910-540-4477 or Sis. Denral Boykin at 910-200-4953.

**The First Baptist Gospel Choir of Scotts Hill** will celebrate their 19th anniversary on Sunday, September 24th at 3:00 p.m. There will be various choirs and groups from the area on the program.

## Brunswick County

**Hooper's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church** will celebrate their church anniversary on Sunday, September 24th at 3:00 p.m. Minister Phoebe Jordan along with St. James Ame church family will be our special guest.

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

## Homecoming at Mt. Olive

Sunday, September 24th is Homecoming at Mt. Olive AME Church on the corner of 7th & Wright Streets.

The new pastor, Rev. Tony Mills, will deliver the message and combined choirs will render the music. The theme for this service is "From Dreams to Joy".

Dinner will be served immediately after service for everyone who joins them for

the service.

At 3:30 p.m., the church will welcome Rev. Scederich Byrd and the Sandy Grove Baptist Church congregation from Lumberton, NC, for the afternoon program. They invite you to join them at Mt. Olive on Sunday, September 24th at 11:00 a.m. for a high day of praise, celebration and good food.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Happy Birthday Celebration

BY FANNIE ALLEN  
AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Today The Senior Citizen Fellowship met at the Asian restaurant for our birthday

celebration. It is always a joyful time when and where we meet.

Mrs. Eloise Purdie greeted us today. It is a great Day. We sang, "God Has Smiled On Me." Prayer and grace was

given by Mrs. Purdie. After such a wonderful meal we received wonderful gifts. We all got what we needed. Thanks to our shoppers, Mrs. Wilhelmina Love, Mrs. Mildred Ellerby, Mrs. Sheila

Ross and Mrs. Mary Green. We thank them for doing such a great job. We then discussed our trip to Washington, DC and other information we needed. We had a great time. There were 40 present.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## We must move on

My Fellow Citizens:

Removing confederate statues will not change history. Nothing can make us feel good about the past. But we must move on. If you know our history, you know Booker T. Washington and W.E. B. DuBois did not agree on anything. Both men were strong Black leaders, but DuBois was way ahead of the times.

For many years he tried to get congress to pass a law against lynching, but there was no way to enforce such a law. It would have tickled the Klan, and made them more violent

than ever, and Congress would have been the loser. After many unsuccessful appeals, DuBois gave up his American citizenship and moved to another country.



Ruth Johnson

Washington was a more successful leader because he kept his feet on the ground. He took the slow road. He encouraged Black men to take their hats off when approaching white men. You may not find this in the his-

tory books, but it was done as many senior citizens can recall.

This made the white men feel superior. There was peace in the land, and progress was all around. You might say Washing was wrong to bow down the way he did, but his methods stabilized relations between the races and saved many lives.

And now this country has become a safe haven for all cultures. It is not a melting pot, but it could be called a fruit salad. We are all in the same bowl, covered with the same dressing, but each

morsel is separate and distinct. We have many different races and religions, but we are not fighting, and that is what the world needs to see. If we can be a fruit salad, so can other nations.

So let us walk around the statues and move on. We need to walk together in brotherly love, at least, walk side by side in a peaceful manner. If we do this for just a little while, our children will be closer, and we can look down upon them with a smile.

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

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Remember the poor"

"He that hat pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Proverbs 9:17

Remember- To call to mind

Most of us were not born with a silver spoon in our mouths; and many of us have to admit we came up on the rough side of the mountain. We have first hand knowledge of what it means to be poor. When we look out



Sylvia Hooper

of the back door of our lives, even though, some of us were barefoot, raggedy and hungry, we made it! We wore hand me down shoes, clothing and lived in sub standard housing. We have not arrived, but we have survived! God has brought us out and now poverty is only a memory. That is especially why, we should remember the poor! But for the grace of God, there go I.....

Even though many of us are doing better than we ever have, there are too many of our brothers and sister, neighbors and friends still struggling to make it from day to day. There are people around us who are sick and cannot afford a doctor. They have no job, no insurance,

and no medicine.

When the Love of God is in our hearts, we cannot ignore and overlook poverty. Not only should we talk about it, and look at it, we also need to do something about it!

Proverbs 28:7 says, He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." When we give, it should be done discreetly and with simplicity. God will bless you so much, you will not even miss whatever you gave away. We cannot shut up our bowels of compassion regarding the estate of the poor. God has blessed us; and our blessings are not for us alone. Some of it should be used for seed for our harvest, and some should be used to meet the need of others.

Giving to the poor is making a spiritual investment into the lives of others and our own heavenly bank account. THE Lord has promised rich rewards for those who remember the poor! "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trou-

ble." Psalm 41:1 As Christian Believers, we need to stand up and be counted among those who are coming to the aid of the poor, including disaster victims. If we cannot go, we can always send our money to help get food, clothing or supplies needed for the poor. Prayer is not enough, because faith without works is dead! Before we do all of our personal spending, why not remember the poor, in the name of Jesus? Hear what Jesus said to his disciples concerning the treatment of the poor.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me. I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer

and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:34-40

Prayer: Lord, help me to remember the poor. Teach me to be sensitive to the needs around me, and willing to do my part to make things better. In Jesus's Name. Amen

Tell Somebody! Remember the Poor!

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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communicating with all walks of life, love, and compassion for people. She always reached out to the less fortunate, giving and encouraging them. Being from a Christian family she began to dedicate her life back to the Lord. She began to witness to any and everybody and would tell them how good God

was. She became known as a soul winner. She had a zeal like the Apostle Paul. She would go anywhere and witness to anybody to let them know that Jesus loves them. She lead so many people to Christ and didn't give up on anyone. Rose M. Harris realized that she had a great calling on her life. She went on to pursue her Associate, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctrine degree from

Covenant Theological Seminary School under Dr. Purifoy and Dr. English. When Bishop Howard Harris started a ministry called Lilly of the Valley Outreach Ministry she stood with him giving encouragement.

Then, he went on to Pastor at Inspirational House of Praise in Leland, NC. She was so dedicated to the church and stood by Bishop Harris' side. They were a team and she was elevated to Pastor Rose Harris. She would take the children out on Youth Sunday for Cici's pizza because she had

such a great love for the IHOP children. Truly this was an amazing woman and a great gift to the body of Christ. Truly she will be missed.

She leaves behind her husband, Howard E. Harris; her son, Dandrell L. Harris (Lashonda); daughter, Latia M. Harris Watson (Chris); mother, Susie Thornton Dotson; nephews, Charles Thornton (Sabrina) and Chris Thornton (Londa) and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com

## Michael L. Pollard

Michael Lamart Pollard aka "BC", the son of the late Robert Pollard, Sr. and Everlean Pollard, was born January 15, 1970 in New Brunswick, NJ. He departed this life September 10, 2017 in New Hanover Regional Medical

Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 16, at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Michael grew up and attended public schools in New Jersey. He graduated from New Brunswick Vocational High School in 1988. He moved to Atlanta Georgia in 1998 and was employed for many years by Walmart and Family Dollar Stores as a stock person. He remained in Georgia until 2012 when he joined his brother and mother in Wilmington, NC. There he continued to work for Family Dollar Stores until his health began to decline.

Michael had an outgoing personality and enjoyed the company of many special friends during his lifetime. He was a very creative artist and inspired many people with his drawings. Michael was full of music and spent countless hours making beats. He also played the keyboard.

Loved ones remaining to cherish his memories are: One son, Eric Pollard of Athens, Ga.; his mother, Everlean Pollard of the home and Augusta Pettis; two brothers, Robert Pollard, Jr. of the home and Jonathan Pollard and wife, Ghada Pollard of Winder, GA; one sister, Cynthia Ann Pollard of New Brunswick, NJ; three aunts, Arrenia Thigpen of Stone Mountain, GA; Geraldine Thigpen of New Brunswick, NJ and Jean Moore of Tarboro, NC; nieces, Tygeria Pearson; nephews, Robert Jahaad Pollard, Nadir Hyman, Joshua Pollard and Zabdriel

Pollard; a host of cousins and special friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com

## Joseph C. Corbett, Jr.

Joseph C. Corbett, Jr., age 61, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Joseph's life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. 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

## Linda Green

Linda Green, age 68, of Supply, passed away Thursday, September 14, 2017. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, September 22, 2017 at Big Macedonia Baptist Church. A celebration of Linda's life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Big Macedonia Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Drew Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please

share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com

## Benjamin O. Akiwumi, MD

Benjamin O. Akiwumi, MD, age 58, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, September 8, 2017. A visitation will be held from 5-8 PM on Friday, September 22, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 AM on Saturday, September 23, at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. 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

## Monica L. Clarkson

Monica Lynne Clarkson, age 45, of Castle Hayne, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2017. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Monica's life will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Friday, September 22, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **William P. Blackley**, 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 **14th day of December, 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 14th day of September, 2017

Anne M. Blackley, Executrix  
323 Pine Valley Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412

September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Janet P. Hicks**, 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 **21st day of December, 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 21st day of September, 2017

First- Citizens Bank & Trust Co.,  
Executor of the Estate of Janet P. Hicks  
Post Office Box 29522 (FCC 13)  
Raleigh, NC 27626  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2017

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 17 JA 214, 16 JA 81**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
E.D.D. (dob: 18 October 2008)  
A.M. (dob: 15 June 2002)

**T.O. RESPONDENT-  
FATHER OF E.D.D., ELISEO  
DURAN CASTILLO  
PUTATIVE-FATHER OF A.M.,  
JORGE RAMIREZ**

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

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on July 31, 2017 alleging that E.D.D. and A.M. are neglected juveniles.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, September 14, 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.

Mr. Castillo has been assigned Attorney Kristen Kelley. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 763-6545, 317 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, NC.

Mr. Ramirez has been assigned Attorney Mark Ihnat. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 632-0635, 313 Walnut Street, Suite 106, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 14th day of September, 2017.

Jennifer G. Cooke  
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.  
of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3612  
(910) 798-3772 \* fax

September 14, 21, 28, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Barney W. Murphy, Jr.**, 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 **21st day of December, 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 7th day of September, 2017

Barney W. Murphy, III,  
Administrator  
642 Park Ave. Apt 4C  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF: LETHETTA D. FORBES**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Lethetta D. Forbes**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington NC 28401 on or before the 27th day of December, 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 18th day of September, 2017

Charles E. Davis, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Lethetta D. Forbes  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2017

**Bid Request**

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contracts DA00373 in Chowan & Gates Co.'s and DA00373 in Camden, Currituck & Pasquotank Co.'s bidding on 10/4/17. There will be pre-bid conference at 3:00PM on Monday 9/25/17 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](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.

September 21, 2017

**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

September 21, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
File No. 16 SP 317**

**IN THE MATTER OF NORTH CAROLINA DEED OF TRUST AND SECURITY AGREEMENT BY SEAHAWK DEVELOPMENT, LLC TO BB&T COLLATERAL SERVICE CORPORATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY DAVID L. RAY, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE**

**RECORDED AT BOOK 4891, PAGE 2328 OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY REGISTRY**

**SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE RECORDED AT BOOK 5964, PAGE 1629, IN THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY REGISTRY**

**Date and Hour for Sale: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Place of Sale: New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina**

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain North Carolina Deed of Trust and Security Agreement from Seahawk Development, LLC, as Grantor, to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit of Branch Banking and Trust Company, recorded on August 18, 2005, in Book 4891, Page 2328, New Hanover County Registry (the "Deed of Trust") and because of default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust and failure to do and perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to demand of SummitBridge Credit Investments IV LLC, the current Owner and Holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust, and pursuant to the hearing and Order signed on September 6, 2017, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the property conveyed in the Deed of Trust, the same being that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:  
TRACT ONE:  
All of lots thirteen (13), fourteen (14), and fifteen (15), according to a survey of "Arjean By The Sound" for Marx S. Nathan, which survey was made by J.L. Becton, C.E., in August, 1926, said development being in the county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, same being a portion of the property deeded to F.E. Livingston, in trust, for Katherine Francis Sidbury, said deed being recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County in Book 389 at Page 511.

LESS AND EXCEPT Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 and the OPEN SPACE as shown on a map entitled "Minor Subdivision Arjean By The Sound Extension For Seahawk Development, LLC Lots 13, 14 and 15 Arjean by the Sound" recorded in Map Book 52 at Page 206, New Hanover County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

The remaining property that is to be sold is Lot 4 as shown on the map of Arjean By the Sound Extension recorded in Map Book 52 at Page 206, New Hanover County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

FURTHER SUBJECT, HOWEVER, TO ALL OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS AND ALL PRIOR LIENS, EASEMENTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS

AND OTHER PRIOR MATTERS OF RECORD. THIS SALE IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT, IF ANY, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO REDEEM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION OF THE SALE.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner of the property according to the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the Posting of this Notice is Seahawk Development, LLC.

The terms of the sale are as follows: A cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollars will be required at the sale; balance due upon delivery of the Substitute Trustee's Deed. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed. This sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding and unpaid taxes and all prior liens of record and any assessments that may be due or past due. There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health, or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale and the property will be sold "AS IS", "WHERE IS".

This sale will be made subject to or together with the following rights or interests:

- Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded in Book 5271, Page 1040 in the New Hanover County Registry; First Amendment to Declaration of Covenants recorded in Book 5702, Page 1102 in the New Hanover County Registry; Second Amendment to Declaration of Covenants recorded in Book 5713, Page 1195 in the New Hanover County Registry; and Easement Agreement and Modification of Declaration of Covenants Conditions and Restrictions of Arjean by the Sound Extension (as Amended) recorded in Book 6083, Page 582, in the New Hanover County Registry; and

- Stormwater Restrictions and Covenants recorded in Book 5599, Page 586 in the New Hanover County Registry.

THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S DEED.

If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of Bankruptcy prior to the completion of the sale and/or the reinstatement of the loan.

An Order for Possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the County in which the property is sold.

This the 6th day of September, 2017.

/s/ David L. Ray  
David L. Ray, Substitute Trustee  
131 Racine Drive Suite 201  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
910-251-9900

September 21, 28, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Charles Ted Bauserman**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of December, 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 31st day of August, 2017

Cyndi L. Allen, Executrix  
5907 Beckinham Way  
Oak Ridge, NC 27310

August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Melvin Leon Dinkins**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of December, 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 31st day of August, 2017

Marilyn Grady Dinkins, Executrix  
627 Vallie Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Steven Christopher Post**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of December, 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 31st day of August, 2017

Kim Post, Executrix of the Estate of Steven Christopher Post  
5829 Oak Bluff Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2017

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Bernice Greene (17-E-1302)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **December 7, 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 1st day of September, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Bernice Greene  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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910-815-0085

September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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This the 31st day of August, 2017

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **M. Elodie Heaton AKA Margaret Elodie Colley Heaton**, 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 **7th day of December, 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 7th day of September, 2017

E. Frederick Heaton, Executor  
4949 Pleasant Oaks Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

THE UNDERSIGNED, Kimberly S. Crouch, having qualified on the 30th day of August, 2017, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Jimmy M. Bass (17-E-1304)**, 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 Rick Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **21st day of December, 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 30th day of August, 2017.

Kimberly S. Crouch  
Personal Representative  
ESTATE OF Jimmy M. Bass  
Rick Graves  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Dr.  
Wilmington NC 28403

September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Frances H. LaFontaine**, 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 **7th day of December, 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 7th day of September, 2017

John LaFontaine, Executor of the Estate of Frances H. LaFontaine  
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