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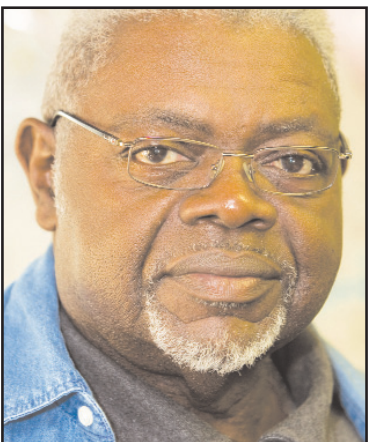
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

Powerful Women Of Brunswick

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we have lost some powerful community workers in the last few days, and all of them were women who were not afraid to speak up for the rights of mankind. They not only would speak up, but they were proud to do so. Mrs. Linda Green, who worked for the Department of Social Services for years before she retired. She worked as a community service worker, making many efforts to make things better for her fellow man. As a longtime member of the NAACP, she helped fight for civil rights for all people. She will be greatly missed by her family and loved ones.

Mrs. Etherine Butler who was known for her advice to young boys and girls about getting an education. She would stress the point that education was the key to success, even in a racist society. She was an educator, a friend, and an improvement to the church and the community. She worked hard with the NAACP to make this a better world for all. She and her husband, Joseph, traveled all over the United States to show her true feeling for civil rights and equality. She will be truly missed in my family because of our close relationship that we have built in

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**NCNAACP PROMISES EXCITING CONVENTION LINEUP
JACKSON, BOOKER, MARTIN**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF
THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When the 74th Annual NCNAACP Convention convenes at the Raleigh Convention Center, Thurs-day, October 5 - Saturday, Oct. 7, its theme will be a familiar, yet defiant, one: "Forward Together; Not One Step Back...For Justice We Never Sound Retreat!"

"We have an exciting convention for you," said Daphne Holmes Johnson, NCNAACP Convention Planning Chair, during a recent press conference in Raleigh. "This is a civil rights convention for you to learn, to be entertained, to be prayed for, to continue

the movement." We will bring you many, many speakers, many plenary workshops, and you will get to have fellowship with the greater area of Raleigh, and other members that join us from across the nation."

With Bishop Dr. William Barber stepping down as NCNAACP's president during the convention, after serving 12 years at the helm, the Executive Committee voted to officially designate him as State President Emeritus of the conference and a permanent member of the committee.

The NCNAACP Convention will kick off on Thursday, Oct. 5 with Religious Emphasis Day and will start the day with a

remembrance of all of the now deceased NAACP members of the past year.

Per the luncheon, The Reverend Julie Peoples, of Congregational United Church of Christ Greensboro, will be the luncheon speaker.

After lunch, a special "Forward Justice" session, featuring veteran civil rights leader, The Reverend Jesse Jackson and others to talk about the next phases in the fight for voting rights, including automatic voter registration.

Also speaking on Religious Emphasis Day, The Reverend Liz Theoharris, co-chair of the revived Poor People's Campaign to which Bishop



REV. JESSE JACKSON



REP. COREY BOOKER

Barber has committed after he leaves as NCNAACP president.

During that Thursday night mass meeting, the first time NCNAACP history when a Jewish rabbi, Rabbi Jonah Pesner,



JOURNALIST ROLAND MARTIN

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"FORWARD TOGETHER, NOT ONE STEP BACK"



BISHOP WILLIAM BARBER, NCNAACP PRESIDENT

CASH MICHAELS PHOTO

Bishop Barber answers God's continuing call (Part 1)

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The upcoming NC NAACP 74th Annual Convention in Raleigh Oct. 5-7, will be the last for Dr. William J. Barber, II as the civil rights organization's president.

"Anytime you have given a life's commitment to something, your emotions are mixed," he admitted during a phone interview recently. "I started out as the President of

the Youth Branch of the Washington County NAACP when I was a high school student."

A lot has happened [since then], and I think about those moments," Barber said, reflecting. "I never dreamed that I would have the opportunity, as an adult, to serve this particular State Conference that has had such a storied history and such an important role in the cause of civil rights."

For 12 controversial, yet dynamic and productive, years in terms of social change in the State, Dr. Barber, who is also Pastor,

Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, has led what once was considered, by some, a group that meandered after the 1985 death of legendary leader, State President (and later National Board Chairman) Kelly Alexander, Sr., of Charlotte.

"It had become a dormant and ineffective organization which had the label of being the defender of civil and constitutional rights in

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U. S. Virgin Islands still devastated after Hurricane Irma;

BY BARRINGTON M. SALMON
FOR TRICE EDNEY NEWS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As Hurricane Irma approached, Zenzi M. Hodge sought refuge at her mother's home in Wintberg, located on the west side of St. Thomas, the US Virgin Islands.

The entrepreneur and author said she'd lived through hurricanes before. So apprehension was lessened by past experience. But what she and her family experienced for - what is reported to have been at least 10 hours - left her beyond shaken.

"It's raining today which is like adding insult to injury. The rain which used to be a blessing is now torture," she said while driving in St. Thomas five days after Hurricane Irma, packing 185-mile-per-hour winds, smashed into the island and territory. "Before the storm, the tropical force winds we felt outside blew away any security I felt. It was blowing us around. During the storm, there was a combination of things banging your door, objects dropping on the roof. I saw a roof flying overhead whipping by. It reminded me of the Wizard of Oz. It was nearly dark so I could not see the destruction around us. I felt it might not be so bad."

The next morning Hodge said she saw the full measure of the hurricane's dev-

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Trump tries to divide us, but we are better nation than that



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PROTEST DURING SPORTS EVENTS AND OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS IS NOT NEW, BUT HAS OCCURRED AT KEY POINTS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. ILLUSTRATING THIS, THE NAACP RELEASED THIS PHOTO COLLAGE THIS WEEK AS INTERIM PRESIDENT/CEO DERRICK JOHNSON DECLARED, "THIS ISN'T ABOUT FOOTBALL; IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM. IT'S ABOUT THE ABILITY OF AMERICANS TO UTILIZE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS WITHOUT PUNITIVE ACTIONS FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS."

BY JESSE JACKSON
OF RAINBOW COALITION

When Colin Kaepernick first took a knee during the national anthem last year, he acted alone, a silent protest against a society that repeatedly fails to hold

police accountable for the killing of unarmed African Americans. Kaepernick was condemned and now essentially has been banned from the NFL, with the owners surely colluding to ensure that a quarterback of immense talent would not find a place among the dozens of teams desperately in need of one.

Kaepernick is alone no longer. After Donald Trump's ugly outbursts and tweets - he called Kaepernick and other protestors a "son of a b-," urged the NFL owners to kick out any player with the

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North Carolina for African-Americans but had lost its will and ability to fight the critical battles which needed to be fought," says Attorney Irving Joyner, Chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee.

But when The Reverend "Billie" Barber, as some once knew him, took over as president in 2005, he brought with him a no nonsense brand of leadership, challenging the political and social power structure statewide to heed the cries of the disenfranchised for justice and equality.

Barber ultimately created, and then led, a multi-racial, multi-generational coalition of social activists from every corner of the State, building the largest State NAACP conference in the South, making him a force with whom to be

seriously reckoned by every political leader in North Carolina.

And he also challenged the NCNAACP membership to be more accountable to the needs of the respective communities they serve and not be afraid to speak truth to power by filling the streets, churches and local government meetings with a defiant energy that ultimately became a powerful and potent political force with which to be reckoned by both Democrats and Republicans.

"He was fearless because he had faith, and because he had faith, he was able to energize a mass movement that was dedicated to challenging the powerful and ruthless political leadership in North Carolina," Joyner, also a professor at NCCU School of Law in Durham adds.

With an impressive history record that many say has propelled him firmly to the national, and even interna-

Movement demonstrations; Wake School Board protests (where he was handcuffed by police and jailed for disrupting proceedings); several Million Voters March registration campaigns; lobbying for One Stop/Early Voting (which ultimately helped Barack Obama win North Carolina and the White House in 2008); the Truth and Hope statewide poverty tour; countless sermons and speeches (including at the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia); numerous court victories against the Republican-led NC General Assembly to defeat voter suppression laws and schemes; and so many other accomplishments, in an exclusive interview with the Black Press. Dr. Barber now looks back with great pride, and a little regret in some cases, at a social justice record that many say has propelled him firmly to the national, and even interna-

tionally join the national Poor People's Campaign.

But Barber's legacy is both sustaining and daunting, especially for the two hopefuls vying to be elected to succeed him next week.

"Bishop Barber is a teacher," The Reverend Dr. Portia Rochelle, President of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP Branch, says "He is one that has a vision, makes sure that you understand that vision, makes sure that you understand that vision and your place, your role and your value in making the vision come forth. So I believe that whoever succeeds ...follows that role model, will do great."

The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, NCNAACP Third Vice President, and Senior Pastor, St. Phillips AME Zion Church in Greensboro, who also seeks Dr. Barber's seat, concurs.

"I've seen a great deal of merit in the work of Dr.

William J. Barber, II," The Reverend. Spearman says, "and want to see this movement continue [as] over the course of the 12 years that he [has] served in leadership."

For his part, Dr. Barber, 54, born two days after the historic 1963 March on Washington in Indianapolis, Ind., says leading the fight just to "hold on" to the many civil rights gains his parents and many others before him fought to make has "been very sobering."

"It's been challenging, extraordinarily humbling. It's been rewarding to work with the people in the State Conference, and I can't say that I won't miss serving. I love serving. I've learned serving, and my greatest prayer [for] the State Conference is that, if I've done anything that has been beneficial to this State's moving forward and helped to bring people together, those things that were done well will be continued."

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courage to protest and, bizarrely, condemned rule changes designed to provide some protection against concussions - players and even owners across the NFL reacted. Teams linked arms on the sidelines during the anthem, some kneeling and others not, unified in protest of Trump's divisive rants and tweets. The Seattle Seahawks, Tennessee Titans and all but one of the Pittsburgh Steelers chose to stay in their locker rooms when the anthem was played.

They stood together to defend the right of their teammates to express themselves, whether they agreed with those views or not. They stood together to show that they are citizens, not chattel. They are skilled athletes practicing their

profession, not chained slave gladiators forced to entertain the mob.

Every athlete knows that expressing controversial views publicly is a harsh risk. Their careers are short; their contracts are not guaranteed. The owners are billionaires, dependent on public subsidy, fearful of any controversy. They are clearly prepared, as they did with Kaepernick, to punish independence. Yet dozens of athletes responded to Trump's jibes by joining the protest, and their teammates stood arm-in-arm defending their right to do so. Trump thinks the NFL is a plantation. The players showed the real patriotism that the flag truly represents.

For Trump, the assault on protesting black athletes - he also tweeted his withdrawal of an invitation to Stephen Curry and the Golden State

Warriors to visit the White House after Curry expressed reservations about the president - is a classic diversion. He has terrified the country with his bluster, schoolyard insults to a North Korean leader armed with nuclear weapons. His efforts to dismember basic health care are failing despite lies and bribes. Hurricanes and wildfires are mocking his inane denial of climate change. His embrace of the "fine people" in the neo-Nazi march in Charlottesville, Va., alarmed decent people across the country. After eight months in office, he has the lowest approval ratings of any president since polls were invented.

Black athletes - many of them millionaires - make a perfect foil. How dare they protest when they have been "given" so much? Much of Trump's base already thinks minorities enjoy

special privileges. Going after black athletes simply stokes their anger and resentment, while masking Trump's myriad failures and betrayals.

Kaepernick took his knee to protest the criminal police killing of African Americans. This year to date, the Washington Post reports that 10 unarmed African Americans, and 32 unarmed people in total, have been fatally shot by the police in the United States. St. Louis has been shaken by days of protests after the acquittal of a police officer who shot an 24-year-old African-American after a car chase.

Trump has fueled this conflagration. Police chiefs rebuked him when he urged police to feel free to rough up suspects. His Department of Justice has told prosecutors to seek maximum sentences, adding to mass incarceration

that shames this nation. His DOJ has also scorned the consent agreements that Obama's Justice Department forged to reform racially biased police departments. Kaepernick and the players taking a knee have ever more reasons to do so.

The stern visage of Dr. Martin Luther King now graces the national mall. America has come a long way since he left us. We are a more diverse nation. Segregation is no more. We still need leaders and citizens who will work to bring us together, to reform biased institutional practices, to rededicate ourselves to fulfilling Dr. King's dream. Sadly, in the White House, this president has chosen, purposefully and with malice, to drive us apart to serve his own political ends. The protests of the NFL players this weekend show that we are a better nation than that.

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astation. The fierce winds had ripped roofs from buildings, often leaving little more than foundations and concrete posts; uprooted, split and demolished trees; knocked down power lines; and blocked roads. The storm surge inundated coastal areas, tossing boats, yachts and other vessels around, washing them up on beaches and depositing them on roads and other locations some distance from the sea.

"As I opened our shutters, I saw a friend's house," Hodge said. "I always had a line of sight of the house. I could see inside of their house from the outside, it was eerie...My mother's house was spared. Her home got a lot of water and debris from other homes. Dad's house has a pole on the roof," she said. "The home across my father's house was shredded. The devastation was so random in its selection."

Irma, a Category 5 hurricane, leveled Barbuda, destroyed large swathes of Tortola and other parts of the

British Virgin Islands, swept across the Dominican Republic, dropped rain on Haiti, pummeled Havana and cities, villages and towns along Cuba's north coast, then made a beeline for Florida where it drenched, flooded and wreaked havoc on the state's east and west coasts after dismantling the Florida Keys.

The hurricane caused the deaths of more than 30 people in the region, left about 90 percent of buildings and structures on Barbuda "uninhabitable" and destroyed an estimated 60 percent of the buildings on the French side of St. Martin.

With slow assistance due in part to the level of disaster, U.S. churches, non-profits and media agencies; including newspapers are stepping in to tell stories with hopes to speed up the needed help.

"We are trying to build an awareness of the major disaster that has gone through the Caribbean outside of what happened in Florida and of course in Texas," said Karl Rodney, publisher of the *New York Carib News*. "In Barbuda, 90 percent of the houses are gone. The same thing in St. Martin, St. Thomas and St. John in the U. S. Virgin Islands. They've been totally destroyed. So there's a tremendous need for relief and so we're organizing around that."

Rodney said people are responding with compassion. Rodney said they're working on the ground through missions and local drop office places that are closer to the people who need it. "What we're trying to do is to have it in a coordinated way so that it gets to the people in a hurry," he said.

Cuba has also sent 750 doctors and health workers to the affected islands. President Donald Trump finally announced this week that he may be visiting the U. S. Virgin Islands after a trip to Puerto Rico on Tuesday. Hurricane Irma was followed by Hurricane Maria causing additional disaster. The White House has declared the Virgin Island a disaster area and ordered aid to be delivered there. But hazardous conditions have made the deliveries difficult; exacerbating the devastation.

In the Caribbean, residents were left without electricity and telephone services. Isolated and in need of food, shelter and other resources, there is simmering anger and growing frustration as the days drag on with food, water and other forms of relief just beginning



COURTESY PHOTO: LA'MOR FRET
THIS PHOTO OF THE SEAVIEW HOME FOR THE AGED AND INFIRMED IN ST. THOMAS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE LEVEL OF DESTRUCTION AND DEVASTATION BY HURRICANE IRMA.

to trickle in.

For the island nations that suffered the most damage, the authorities in these countries are estimating that the rebuilding will take years; not months, costing billions of dollars. Meanwhile, those living in this archipelago of islands are trying as best they can to piece their lives back together.

Sir Ronald Sanders, Antigua's ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States credited preparation and planning for ensuring that there were not more casualties.

"My government was able to mobilize resources and plan for this hurricane before it occurred," he said. "We were there and ready. The fact that we had only one fatality, a child who was literally sucked out of the hands of his guardian and found dead the next day, was a miracle."

"As soon as the storm had passed, authorities moved quickly to transfer Barbuda's 1,800 residents to the larger sister island of Antigua, whose 80,000 residents were largely spared the storm's wrath," he continued. "For the first time in 300 years, Barbuda has been left with no living person upon it."

Sanders said that unlike others islands, the twin islands have no formal ties to the United States or Europe so cannot rely on them to offer financial and logistical support.

"At the end of the day, it is our country, we have to try our best to keep it going as best we can," he said. A number of countries have voiced the intention to help but there are few who have made concrete pledges. That may necessitate convening a donors' conference. "I'm a realist," Sanders said.

"I know my country is small and in the course of events, it is not important to everybody. My country plays the hand with the cards it receives, we try to play it best we can. We will fight on."

Longtime St. Thomas resident Steve Rockstein, survivor of a number of hurricanes, said the ordeal he and his family withstood has him wondering how much more he can endure. He described the landscape as a "nuclear winter."

"I'm a little worn out," he said during a phone interview. "I knew pretty much on Sunday/Monday that it was coming. We live in an old West Indian house in Wintberg. We survived Hugo and Marilyn ... this was so much worse than Marilyn. I don't scare easily. But I was terrified. I had to hold shutters. The hurricane's eye was overhead. My ears were popping, we got flooded. Water was going up, down, left, right. I've never seen anything like it."

Rockstein, a photographer and documentary filmmaker who has lived in the US Virgin Islands for 42 years, said at one point, he, his wife, daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren had to huddle in the bathroom.

"The hurricane took two hours warming up and then spent 10 hours over us. It was unbelievable. We thought it had stopped but it just kept on coming. I watched my car moved about a foot to the retaining wall. It didn't go over but someone's roof landed on the front. I feel incredibly fortunate."

It got worse, Rockstein said. "We spent 47 days without electricity with Hugo and with Marilyn it was 96 days. The Governor's saying that it may be eight months to a year before we get electricity back."

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the last 22 years. To Mr. Butler and Tanya, I say that I truly feel your pain, but I know that you know the Lord will make a way.

The Reverend Helen

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WILMINGTON SEES BIG IMPROVEMENT IN CRIME STATS

[WILMINGTON] The latest FBI Crime Report is out and Wilmington's overall crime totals and rates for 2016 improved over the previous year. The violent crime rate per 100,000 population dropped by 16%



in 2016. The ranking also showed that Wilmington had lower crime totals than cities like High Point and Fayetteville. "I believe these numbers are a reflection of our efforts to focus on gang violence as well as our joint efforts with partnering law enforcement agencies," says Ralph Evangelous, Chief of Police. "None of this would be possible without our community and those who go the extra mile to support us in the fight against crime."

REP. ADAMS SPEAKS OUT ON NFL PROTESTS

[CHARLOTTE] In the aftermath of Pres. Trump calling any National Football League player who protests during the National Anthem "a son of a b--h" who should be fired by his team owner, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) released the following statement:

"NFL protests are not about patriotism, our flag, or the anthem - they're about systematic inequity and we must not lose sight of that,"

said Congresswoman Adams. "Throughout history, American athletes have been at the forefront of the fight for social justice. Today, over 70 percent of NFL players are African American, some of whom have been subjected to the same racial profiling and police misconduct that they are speaking out against on game day. In a city that has been personally touched by this very issue, we should all listen and learn from their advocacy."

NEW REPORT SAY ONE OF NINE NC DRIVERS HAVE SUSPENDED LICENSES

[RALEIGH] Approximately one million drivers in North Carolina have had their driver's licenses suspended because either they owe money to a court, and haven't paid up, or they failed to show up for a court proceeding. Experts say that amounts to one in nine drivers statewide. The result - many of these drivers are behind the wheel

illegally, and may or may not get caught. Experts add that North Carolina law, though more lenient than many other states, still delays the process of suspended licenses being returned in a timely fashion. These findings are in a new report issued this week by the Legal Aid Justice Center. The report adds that many drivers barely earn enough money to pay the outstanding fees associated with losing their licenses.

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Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, will be the keynote, scheduled for Martin Street Baptist Church, 1001 East Martin Street in Raleigh.

Other events during the course of the NCNAACP's 74th Annual Convention include workshops on voting rights and an overview of what the Republican-led NC General Assembly has done regarding redistricting (the legislature coincidentally reconvenes in Special Session on Wednesday, Oct. 4, where it is expected, among other issues, to take up judicial redistricting).

Friday morning, Oct. 6, at 9:30 a. m., the convention will feature "The Great Debate," presented by the NCNAACP Education Committee and moderated by Dr. Terrence Ruth, Ph. D, the new Executive Director of the State Conference. The topic will be "How Should Charter and /or Traditional Schools Help Low Performing Students?"

On Saturday morning, October 7, at 10:30 a. m., the last day of the convention, Bishop Barber will deliver his final State of the State Address on Civil Rights, as president. Barber said he will not say farewell, but "thank you," and talk about the road ahead in the struggle for freedom, justice and equality.

Other notables invited to appear at the 74th NCNAACP Convention include new

National NAACP Interim President/CEO, Derrick Johnson, U. S. Senator Corey Booker (D-NJ) and prominent Black journalist, Roland Martin, who will be the keynote speaker for the Saturday evening Freedom Fund Banquet. For more information, go to www.naacpc.org.



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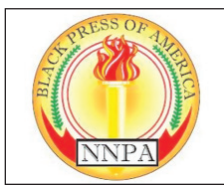
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OUR VOICE

BLACKONOMICS The last dance

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Those of you who are my age will remember the house parties in our parents' basements with the blue and red lights. Whether boy or girl, although you were reluctant to ask or too shy to accept that slow dance with someone you considered special, when the moment finally came and the two of you embraced each other, that dance was the most you could ask for in your teenaged years.

Unfortunately, that dance was usually at the bewitching hour when your parents said everyone had to go home. You finally got the nerve to do it, and then it had to end-you had to let go. That's what I feel as I work my way through this final Blackonomics article.

Since the age of 24 or so, after I visited the Topographical Center in Chicago during the late 1960's, I finally found the consciousness I needed to do something in response to what was happening in this nation vis-à-vis Black people. I began to speak out and do whatever I could to ameliorate our problems on a local level.

From 1972 until 2012, I earned my living by working for Black administrators and business owners, on behalf of Black people, in the public and private sectors. My much-anticipated dance began 45 years ago, and I have embraced my dance partner, the uplift of Black people, ever since.

In 1993, after writing a letter to the editor of the Cincinnati Herald, I started this particular dance by embracing the opportunity to write on a weekly basis. Now, nearly 25 years later, the houselights have been turned on, drowning out the blue lights, and it's time to let go of my dance partner. But she was never mine to keep anyway; someone danced with her before me and someone will dance with her after me.

Yes, after authoring some 1,500 articles, editorials, and essays, and writing nine books, five of which on economic empowerment, giving hundreds of speeches and teaching numerous classes across this country, there is probably not much more I can say on empowerment. Moreover, as I suggested, the message was never my own-it was just in a different form, relative to my time and experiences.

The economic empowerment message belongs to no one person; it is not new and it certainly is not unique or proprietary to anyone of us who chose to spread that particular "gospel." It was touted by the likes of Maria Stewart and Frederick Douglass, Mary McLeod Bethune and Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells and Marcus Garvey, Maggie Lena Walker and Malcolm X, Amos Wilson, Carter G. Woodson, Kenneth Bridges, and Maynard Jackson. Contemporaries, along with myself, are now the messengers for economic empowerment. Same message, different griots. No one has all the answers and no one alone can take us where we must go; a critical mass of us must go together, based on collective leverage, cooperation, and strength.

Like those before me, I am leaving a compendium of writings on economic empowerment that will be catalogued and available, via streaming, for study groups and individuals to read and use in building a solid foundation for future generations. Like others before me, the lessons I have learned will be there for developing and executing solution-based strategies. The question is: "Will they be followed, or merely discussed, ad nauseam, by the folks who believe that by talking about our problems they have actually 'done' something to solve them?" Based on our errant history since 1964, I pray we will act appropriately by using the knowledge left to us by our progenitors. Here are a few ways to do that:

- Raise our consciousness to a level of "unconscious competency"
- Leverage our dollars and our votes against injustice and inequity by withdrawing them
- Use our consumer dollars to create conscious Black millionaires
- Establish more viable, professional, well-managed businesses, and support them
- Establish trusts, equity funds, revolving loan programs, and endowments
- Form strategic business alliances and partnerships that can take on larger projects
- Scale up our businesses to provide more jobs for Black people
- Teach our youth the history of Black business in this country
- Teach our young people to think entrepreneurially
- Demand reciprocity from politicians and the marketplace, from a position of economic strength
- Vote for those who publicly state and commit in writing their support for our interests
- Withhold our votes from anyone and any party that will not support our interests
- Hold ourselves accountable for our own economic freedom
- Organize ourselves around practical economic and political solutions that benefit US
- Commit some of our time, talent, and treasure to the uplift of our people

Always remember: "Well done beats well said every time, and if people put you on a pedestal, don't take up residence there." Peace and Love to all. What a dance, huh? What a dance!

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MATTERS OF OPINION

CASH IN THE APPLE

BARBARIAN-IN-CHIEF

If you're reading this, that means neither the dangerous nut in North Korea, nor the dangerous nut we have for a president here have ordered their military forces to Red Alert yet. But all of us literally counting the days, hours, and maybe even minutes before mushroom clouds become as plentiful as fish in the sea (assuming any fish will be left in the sea after these two morons finish proving who is the most macho nut).



Cash Michaels

So while we all wait for the Mother of all nuclear wars to commence, President Trump, who just loves turmoil as long as he's the one causing it, at the center of it, and ultimately gets the headlines from it, is doing his gut-level best to start a civil war here in the states, this time over black NFL football players, like former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who, during the playing of the National Anthem before a game, take a silent knee to express displeasure with this nation's hypocrisy of preaching "freedom and justice for all, while tolerating gun-happy police officers mercilessly killing black people in

the streets, and getting away with it.

Whatever one thinks of Colin Kaepernick, you have to admit that it takes guts to take a stand on this issue to force folks to realize that there is more to life than just playing football, or watching entertainment. Kaepernick, and other black players like him who have also taken a knee in protest, are conscientiously saying, "Wake up, America!"

They want all of us to do something to stop the carnage and bloodshed. Kaepernick and Co. aren't anti-police...they're anti-police violence, and they want it stopped now!

Naturally there are those who believe that police officers can do no wrong just because they wear a badge and a gun. Further, these folks believe that professional athletes shouldn't have political opinions, or at the very least, should keep them to themselves.

Factually and obviously, they're very wrong on both counts.

Forget all of the years prior. Just in recent weeks, we've all seen video a cop manhandling and then arresting an emergency room nurse all because she refused to break established legal procedure by taking blood from an unconscious patient without his consent.

That officer was later fired, and rightly so.

Then there's that dashcam video from Georgia when a white officer tells a white female motorist that she doesn't have to worry about him harming her in any way because she's not black, and "...we only shoot black people."

No, I haven't checked that officer's employment status, but it wouldn't surprise me if they haven't made him chief by now!

As for athletes expressing political opinions, please! Muhammad Ali helped turn the tide against the unjust Vietnam War because of his opposition. Tommie Smith and John Carlos, two African-American 1968 Olympic medal winners, stood before the world with raised clenched fists, symbolizing solidarity for racial justice.

And please don't tell me that after the assassination of President Kennedy, or the terrorist attacks on 9/11, and certainly at the Boston Red Sox game after the 2013 Boston Marathon terrorist attack, Americans of all stripes didn't stand in solidarity before sporting events against injustice.

But guess who doesn't see it that way? That's right, and given President Trump's white supremacist attitude, his line of thinking, as clearly expressed during a raucous political rally

in Alabama last Friday night, was that NFL owners should "fire the son-of-a-b--es" football players who kneel during the National Anthem." And Trump used that language too.

Needless to say everyone from the NFL commissioner, to the players themselves lashed back at "massuh" Trump. The fact that not one white NFL player is on record for taking a knee in concert with Kaepernick, means that he was disrespecting black NFL players.

And then, had the gall to go after NBA champion Golden State Warriors Stephen Curry for saying he didn't want to go to the White House to pose and grin with Trump. So the barbarian-in-chief disinvites the whole team. LeBron and many other players didn't like that, with LeBron calling Trump "U bum..." on Twitter.

And that was our weekend here in the United States...waiting for imminent nuclear Armageddon, recovering from four hurricanes and three earthquakes, and a forest fire.

Isn't life here just dandy? *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.*

CHILDWATCH

The continuing mean assault on our children's health

It's back. The assault on our children's health coverage has been resurrected for a final last-minute attempt at passage and is even more dangerous and cruel than ever. The latest Graham (R-SC)-Cassidy (R-LA) revision of the health repeal bill feels like a Halloween movie cliché with a zombie-like villain that refuses to die if its threats to children, seniors, and more of America's most vulnerable weren't so deadly serious.

It almost defies belief that after repeated failed attempts Republican Senators are trying once again not only to take away the benefits to children, families, other adults and the seniors included in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which has helped insure nearly 20 million people, but they are reaching beyond the ACA to dismantle Medicaid. Medicaid's safety net has been in place for 50 years under presidents of both parties and is a lifeline for 37 million children, covering almost half of all births and more than 40 percent of children with special health care needs. It also ensures coverage for low-income adults including those with disabilities and covers two out of three nursing home beds. Over these many months, even the most rabid "repeal and replace" politicians didn't campaign on getting rid of the ACA and its protections without replacing it and even President Trump vowed there would be no cuts to Medicaid. But like the earlier "repeal and replace" health care bills that failed to pass, this bill repeals the ACA without replacing it, dismantles Medicaid and is even more egregious than its harsh predecessors.

Some of these Republican Senators seem to never stop trying to do bad and hurt our most vulnerable. What drives them? Do they ever think about what it would mean for one of their children to suddenly lose coverage for treat-

ing a serious disability? Who do they worship and what do they believe in? Certainly not a God who tells us to protect the least among us. And my disbelief in these leaders' bold and persistent callousness extends to the House of Representatives because we know that should this horrible new bill pass the Senate it would immediately move to the House. If you believe House Speaker Paul Ryan, it would be approved and sent for signing by the President. Sadly, politics so often trumps sound policy, moral decency, and a sense of responsibility for the next generation and the nation's future.

Here are some ways the cruel Graham-Cassidy repeal bill threatens children, parents, other adults and the elderly:

- It ends Medicaid as we know it with a massive cost shift to states by imposing a per person cap on federal spending, regardless of need or unexpected costs like the opioid epidemic, rising drug prices, or recent hurricanes or other natural disasters. States would have to pay all costs in excess of the cap, or more likely - since it would become increasingly impossible for states to fund the gap that grows bigger and bigger over time - make huge cuts in eligibility, benefits, and provider payments that will most certainly leave children and other vulnerable populations worse off. Education agencies will be left with many fewer Medicaid dollars to help school systems assist children and youths with disabilities and child welfare agencies will have to struggle to ensure health care for children and youth in foster care who have the state as parent and children with special needs adopted from foster care.

- Replaces the ACA's marketplace subsidies and Medicaid expansion with a block grant funded well below current levels. These federal funds would end altogether after 2026 resulting in more people losing coverage. States would have broad authority to spend block grant funds on any health care expenses with no requirement that dollars help

low- and moderate-income Americans get health coverage.

- Allows states broad waiver authority to exclude coverage of essential health benefits including mental health, substance abuse treatment and maternity care. It also allows states to return to the day when insurance companies were allowed to charge higher premiums based on health care status, allowing again discrimination against children and adults with pre-existing conditions.

- Destabilizes the individual insurance market in the short run by ending the mandate that all adults purchase coverage and eliminating the ACA's subsidies to purchase individual coverage. In the long run, such changes are likely to lead to the collapse of the individual insurance market.

- Derails bipartisan efforts to extend federal funding before September 30th, 2017 for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which ensures affordable, comprehensive health coverage for nine million children.

With only eight days left until September 30th, the deadline after which the Senate can no longer try to pass a health care bill with only 50 votes (with Vice President Pence to break a tie), Republican Senators are rushing to pass a cruel bill and have spent virtually no time debating how their votes will affect many millions of lives and affect one-sixth of our economy. Without a complete and careful analysis yet from the independent Congressional Budget Office (CBO), independent analysts agree this mean bill is a massive funding cut to states and will result in millions of Americans losing health coverage. Independent analyses from Avalere and the Commonwealth Fund, for example, found Graham-Cassidy would lead to \$4 trillion in cuts to states over the next two decades from the draconian Medicaid cuts and elimination of the Medicaid expansion and tax credits for the ACA marketplaces that make coverage more affordable. According to Avalere's study, children will see funding slashed by an astonishing

31 percent by 2036. Commonwealth's estimates show the Graham-Cassidy bill will likely lead to a loss of health insurance for at least 32 million people after 2026.

Who supports these harmful anti-child policies? Given the previous "repeal and replace" bill that failed to pass the Senate was only slightly less draconian and had an approval rating at the time of 12 percent, it might seem implausible Graham-Cassidy could pass. Those voicing strong opposition include medical professionals, disease groups, the American Medical Association, American Hospital Association, American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, AARP, Children's Hospital Association, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, and America's Health Insurance Plans, a powerful lobby largely silent until now. And despite the misleading hype about the bill giving states the flexibility they want, a growing number of governors - Republicans and Democrats - have come forward to oppose it too along with the National Association of Medicaid Directors. All states would face deep and increasing cuts to federal coverage over time from Graham-Cassidy, and states that have worked the hardest to get people enrolled in health coverage would face the severest cuts and greatest losses. No good deed to help the most vulnerable seems to go unpunished.

In a few weeks people of all faiths will come together for the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® Celebration "Moving Forward With Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child." It's a vision I wish every elected leader shared. Some congregations will read this passage from Proverbs: "Speak up for [those unable to speak], for the rights of all the unfortunate. Speak up, judge righteously, champion the poor and needy." I hope you will make sure Senators and all Members of Congress hear immediately, loudly and clearly that attacks on Medicaid and health coverage for children and the poor and most

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vulnerable must stop right now and for good.

And if they do not vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy cruel repeal bill, I hope you will remember when they seek your future
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

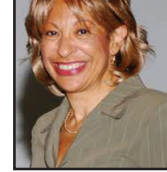
Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

The political penalty for being poor

I will never forget being told "there's a lot of money in poor people."

As the Congress gets ready to talk about tax reform, it is clear that the fight, in the eyes of the federal government, is to give the most wealthy a big, hefty tax cut. The fight to repeal (and not necessarily replace) the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is more about making a way for rich people to get richer than it is about anyone in Congress or the White House being concerned about the health care of the masses.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

According to a 2015 report published by the Pew Charitable Trust, "every state and local tax system is inherently unfair to the poor." The report says that in the states with the "10 most regressive tax structures, the bottom 20 percent pay up to seven times as much of their combined taxes as their wealthy counterparts." (<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2015/1/15/the-poor-pay-a-higher-percentage-of-income-in-taxes>)

Poor people pay higher interest rates on everything from cars to home loans to personal loans. Poor people get poorer because in spite of working, many of them two and three jobs, they still cannot make ends meet.

Poor people pay more for substandard products; neighborhood stores sell old food at insanely inflated prices. Many poor people pay rent for houses that are run down and uncarpeted for by slum landlords; they cannot get time off from minimum wage jobs to go to PTA meetings or to take their children to much-needed doctor or dental appointments. Many, in spite of the ACA, still do not have health care.

Payday lending operations offer momentary respite for the poor, but thrust them into a cycle of poverty as they are charged exorbitant interest rates.

Schools in poor neighborhoods are run down and basically unfit for human habitation. Many schools in poor areas do not have air conditioning systems that work, or they have inadequate heat in winter.

Industry thinks nothing of putting their plants in poor neighborhoods, spewing toxic fumes that cause cancer and other life-threatening diseases and illnesses. The people in Flint, Michigan are suffering because of their lead-tainted water, caused when the government sought to save and make money on the backs of the poor by cycling their water through lead pipes. A recent news report said that women who have been drinking the water in Flint have not been able to get pregnant, and many pregnant women have suffered miscarriages. (<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/flint-water-crisis/2017/09/20/flint-water-crisis-pregnancies/686138001/>)

The poor, to put it mildly, are penalized for being poor. They are dehumanized and criminalized; their lives do not matter, a sad thing to say in a nation which claims it is religious in general and Christian in particular.

In working with the homeless, it becomes clear as day to me that all of us are a breath away from being thrust into abject poverty. So many of the poor on the streets have good educations and had very good jobs. For some, it was a catastrophic illness that forced them into poverty. The depth of their sadness is hard to ignore as they tell their stories. Poverty was not supposed to be their story, but it is.

Poor people who are arrested for minor infractions often remain incarcerated for longer periods of time than they should because they cannot afford the bail money that would free them. One of the most tragic incidences of this was the case of Kahief Browder, who was arrested for something he did not do. His family had to scrape, beg and borrow to get him out of jail and came up with the money, only to be told, after the money was taken, that he could not be bailed out because he had a parole violation for a minor infraction he had committed.

Kaleif stayed in a cell in Rikers Island for over 300 days before he was released. A year after that release, he committed suicide.

The people who will suffer most from the recent storms will be the poor. Resources are always slow to get to those who need them most; the hoops that poor people have to jump over seem many times to have been intentionally placed before them, as if to discourage them from trying to help themselves.

Policies enacted by our governments punish and penalize the poor. If one has money, one has respect, a place at the table, so to speak. But the poor are as ostracized in this day as were lepers in the time of Jesus.

The upcoming discussions and work on tax reform should prove to be interesting, if painful to watch, because at the end of the day, the rich will have found support by governments which cater to them.

The poor will be left, as usual, to their own devices, working feverishly to find a "way out of no way," and will have few advocates. The underlying attitude in America is that if you are poor, it is because you aren't working hard enough. Your poverty is your own fault is the subliminally communicated belief.

"The least of these" will be left behind and left out, as usual, their penalty for being poor. It somehow seems wrong in a nation which calls itself moral, exceptional and religious.

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TO BE EQUAL

As students head back to school, the Urban League supports their plans' success

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery." - Horace Mann



Marc Morial

New pencils, new books, an apple for the teacher, and unlimited hope for a boundless future - it's

back to school time across the country. And whether their children are boarding a school bus on a country road or a subway heading across the city, parents are united in their hopes and aspirations for their children. And the Urban League Movement shares those dreams.

A high-quality education is a civil and human right. One of the National Urban League's empowerment goals is that every American child is prepared for college, work and life. In 2015 when ESSA was signed into law, we worked to ensure that there were strong regulations that would provide necessary safeguards for students and families. With a different administration, we have redoubled our efforts - supporting national and state advocacy, engagement and education reform actions throughout the Urban League Affiliate Movement and with other civil rights organizations.

ESSA is an opportunity for states to close opportunity and achievement gaps by increasing access to effective teachers and advanced coursework, closing funding gaps, supporting English learners and addressing students' social and emotional needs.

Equitable implementation is key to ensuring the promise of ESSA for all children.

Our goal within the Urban League Movement is to advance equity in education. We make it plain: equity does not end at access to education, but rather it is evidenced by successful completion. For we know that students who receive a high-quality K-12 education are likely attend college, achieve professional success and become engaged members of their communities.

It's no coincidence that the cornerstone of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty was the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. He called education "the only valid passport from poverty" when he signed the Act in 1965, a year that also saw the creation of other Great Society initiatives like Head Start and Upward Bound.

In the 10 years after the cre-

ation of those programs, the poverty rate in America declined significantly. We know that a commitment to educational equity and excellence yields dramatic results. We won't forget it, and we won't let the decision-makers in Washington or state capitols or city halls forget it, either.

We are all familiar with the United Negro College Fund's slogan, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." But it's not only a waste for the individual whose potential is untapped, it's a waste for the entire nation. As former Oklahoma governor Brad Henry said, "No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community and the future of every economy."

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

Trump Race

In only 72 hours, NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick went from Public Enemy number One to Universal Hero - all because of President Donald Trump. Now much of the world kneels with the unemployed African-American quarterback who chose to take a knee and fight the power instead of falsely paying homage to a song written by a slaver from Maryland.



Jaymes Powell, Jr.

From his Charlottesville comments, equating neo-terrorists to normal Americans, building a "Wall" to stop illegal immigration, trying to shutter Historically Black Colleges and Universities, President Trump has finally gone too far.

Our president has denounced African-Americans' right to protest blue-on-black murders and even calling mothers of peaceful protesters "bitch-

es".

Thank your Mr. President for showing us what you really feel. Twitter is the bomb and you do the most (intern told me that now means the most awful).

The POTUS' comments on NFL players' protest to the ongoing killings of African-Americans may shock some, but was expected by others. As a former football player, Howard University student, NFL/NBA/ major college sports writer and now six-year current politician, I'm beautifully appalled.

Race has always been America's problem. African-Americans are the only immigrant group forced here, kicking, screaming, raped, whipped, burned and hung. Native Americans, who tried to help the enslaved, were killed off or forced out. Does President Trump know this part of history? His favorite president Andrew Jackson did.

No, says Willie Fleming, former two-term African-American Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party President and now Southern Regional director.

"We want thank you, Mr. President, for showing

where your heart lies," said Fleming, also a Viet Nam vet. "From our territory of Puerto Rico, to Texas, to our friends in Mexico, you've said almost nothing. Focusing on peaceful protest by mostly black players and even some white owners shows you are a trying to make America worse again. Stay your lane, stick to politics. I've run a state; he needs to run our whole country - from health to North Korea. Why are black protests so upsetting?"

Randy Voller, former North Carolina Democratic Party Chairman, current leader of the state's Labor Caucus and grandson of a champion New York Yankee who played with Babe Ruth was even upset - as a White guy. Bringing up Step Curry's and Lebron James' outrage, "He's shown us what he's made of before. Now, much of America is actually seeing it," said Voller, who was instrumental in getting Democratic support for NC's Moral Mondays.

"From Charlotte to Baltimore to New York, African-Americans are being killed by police.

Respect all-Americans' right to protest. Especially for life. Stand on the correct side of history."

The Michael Jordan Era of black political silence is over, America. We were dragged here to work land and entertain. This weekend showed that we have voices, even when silent. We are people, too. Not minstrel actors to watch kill and joke about.

I once wrote a sports column at the Carroll County Times in 2001 just after 9/11, saying we should not be invading Iraq. The voice-mail was full of angry people. One person, working for a team I covered even said "...where we find Saddam Hussein, We will find Osama bin Laden."

I asked why? The answer was, essentially, they were both Arabs. A race to be hated. That person was wrong. America was wrong and has always been wrong when it comes to African-Americans protesting for Black Lives Mattering. In North Carolina, we have

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Black women and Democrats--The thrill is gone

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Forum is always an exciting combination of a policy work reunion, a series of issues forums, and the ever-present parties, receptions, and celebrations. Some enjoy deriding the gathering as "nothing but a party", but in fact it's an opportunity for networking, information gathering, strategizing and more. This year, there were several sessions focused on issues concerning African American women and girls.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

There were posters in the Washington Convention Center that lifted up some of the women who have been killed by so-called law enforcement officers, women whose names have been swallowed by the attention focused on the horrible murders of young African American men. Some of their names - Kendra James, Shelly Frey, Yvette Smith, Sandra Bland, Natasha McKenna and too many others, need to be invoked as often as we invoke

the names of Michael Brown, Philando Castile, and Laquan McDonald.

The Black Women's Roundtable has worked with Essence Magazine for the past three years to survey Black women at the Essence Music Festival and through other sources about our political concerns. This year's survey shows that the Democratic thrill is gone for many African American women. In 2016, "Black women overwhelmingly (85%) felt that the Democratic Party best represented their interests". This year, that number dropped to 74 percent, a drop of 11 percent. Some will say that Democrats aren't in such bad shape - three-quarters of African American women still think the Democratic Party represents their interests. But I don't think the Democratic Party can afford to experience an 11 percent drop among their most loyal voters.

Republicans should not be licking their chops at the drop in Black women's support for Democrats, since they didn't pick up support. In the Essence survey, only 1 percent of Black women felt the Republican Party had their best interests. Instead, the percentage of women who felt that neither party represented Black women grew to 21 percent. One in five black

women simply trust neither party.

All but two percent of the women surveyed were voters. Seventy percent were active in their communities, with more than half active in their churches and in other organizations. Most gave 45 a failing grade for his performance in office. Only 3 percent gave him either a C or a B grade - he did not receive any A grades from the Black women surveyed.

As Republicans attempt to fast track the foolishness of yet another attempt at repealing the Affordable Care Act, preserving that legislation was the most important issue priority for African American women. It was more important than equal pay, childcare, redistricting, and reproductive rights. Black women's response reflects the adage that if you don't have health, you don't have anything. The next most important issues for Black women were a living wage, quality public education, the rise in hate crimes, and criminal justice reform.

One in six of the women surveyed have considered running for public office, primarily at the local level. That's good news - we need more committed activists "out there" and working for the people. Indeed, during a recent visit to Greenville,

South Carolina, I learned that the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., had their first-ever summit to encourage Black women to run for public office. The Democratic Party may want to take note and consider sponsoring workshops like this all over the country.

Democrats need to take a careful look at the Black Women's Round-table/Essence survey, and try to figure out why they are losing their most loyal supporters. They've spent millions trying to woo the "working class white men" who look askance at them, but little or nothing trying to work with the folks who have been loyal to them, and because of that, they are losing that loyalty. With 2018 elections fast approaching, Democrats have work to do. The Democratic thrill is fading away for too many African American women. Is the party willing to court us, or are they willing to lose us to third parties or to independent status? The 2018 elections may hang in the balance.

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seen too much gerrymandering, trying to take our votes and police actually taking innocent African-American lives.

We will not stand for this. We will kneel as we rise. President Trump and many Americans, from Carroll County to Los Angeles County and every county in-between, must see that African-Americans are fight just to drive home alive.

President Barack Obama was born in America. Jaymes Powell Jr. was born in America. Colin Kaepernick was born in America. Just not the America the current POTUS seems to want.

As a statewide elected official, I have to calm my Prince George's County and N.C. State educated wife. "I'm coming home,

tonight...they won't get me." It's a partial lie every time I say it. Colin Kaepernick and other NFL players' actions will not make that promise true, but at least I know I'm not lying by myself.

We will overcome this blue-on-black injustice. Unknowingly, President Trump may have been the final catalyst? Doubt it, but his foolish and ignorant that pattern will help.

Ignorance is only trumped by willful ignorance.

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New Hanover County

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 910-796-7991.



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Community Briefs

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 nhcnaacp@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.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Exercise by walking daily

Daily walking is a great way to exercise and stay in good shape. When walking outside, one should choose a safe area in which to walk, and it's always a good idea to have someone walk with you. For retired senior citizens, walking is an activity which generally allows time to think about other activities, such as going to dinner with friends, playing games, or watching special television programs.



Verniece Stanley

There are very special and kind hearted people that walk at the Brunswick Government Complex. Many of the employees enjoy the location because it's close to work. Many senior citizens walk there because their physicians recommend it. When walking around the complex, one should try to walk at a brisk pace. Some even run there.

There are days when it is best to exercise on the inside. It offers a peaceful opportunity to enjoy a blend of different ways to develop fitness, and this contributes to achieving a healthy lifestyle. Again, walking with three or four people will add to the enjoyment of walking. It's also enjoyable to

take your pet with you while you walk. Your pet will help protect you sometimes at night, and it gives the pets a chance to get in their exercising also, since it is good for people to care for their pets in the same way one would humans.

Exercise is an act of employing or putting into play activity that requires physical or mental exertion, especially when it is performed to develop, or maintain, fitness. It is always a good practice to warm up before exercising. When I'm walking alone or with a friend, I take advantage of the opportunity to clear my thoughts. You can do it too! Try it soon!

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.

Congratulations Jayla D. Winborne



King Frank Dixon
Sunrise: September 1, 1919
Sunset: February 13, 1996
Martha Ruth Taylor Dixon
Sunrise: September 28, 1919
Sunset: May 31, 2006

Momma and Daddy

No matter what I do today, Or where the future Takes me tomorrow, I promise to remember all the things you've taught me and how very much I love you momma and daddy and in case I don't always say it, and sometimes I forget to show it I wanted you to know that I love you momma and daddy. Happy birthday momma and happy anniversary Love,
Torrence L. Dixon and Tanya D. Mason



Congratulations to my only granddaughter Jayla D. Winborne We all wish you the best!



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Helen S. Boynton

Helen Smith Boynton of Bolivia, NC passed away at home on September 15, 2017. She was one of eleven children born to Cora Lee Reaves Turner and Leroy Turner on November 8, 1938. She was preceded in death by five siblings, James Turner, Barbara Hewitt, Mildred Wilson, Maudrey Crockett and Audrey Bryant. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Reaves Cemetery.

Helen married her wonderful husband William Boynton on February 12, 2000. They resided in Trenton, NJ until retiring to Bolivia, NC in 2007. She was previously married to Choppy Smith (deceased). From this union two sons were born.

Helen graduated from BCT in Southport, NC. She received an associate's degree from SCCC in New Haven, CT. She did her theological studies at Philadelphia College of Bible and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

For many years, Helen was a bank teller in New Haven, CT. Helen was then employed as an officer of corrections for 20 years with the State of New Jersey until her retirement.

Helen accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was called to preach the gospel in 1978 and was ordained in 1986. Prior to moving back to Bolivia, she was a member and associate minister of Jerusalem Church in Trenton, NJ. In addition, Helen also served at EMFC in Clinton, NJ teaching and counseling inmates from 1986-2007. She reconnected with her home church, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, and became an associate minister under the leadership of Pastor Stewart in 2007, where she served faithfully until she became ill.

Helen enjoyed traveling, preaching and visiting her siblings, many relatives and friends. She dearly loved her children, grandchildren and family. For 45 years she never missed a family reunion. She was one of the most positive, non-judgmental and loving person you could ever meet. She loved unconditionally and was loved by all who knew her. She opened her heart and home to all.

To cherish her memories are her loving husband William A. Boynton; her two sons Gregory Smith of Trenton, NJ and Allen Smith (Shenicka) of Boiling Springs, NC; two stepsons Jason Boynton of Alexandria, VA and Spencer Boynton of Farmington, CT; one step-daughter Beulah Bellamy of Hallsboro, NC; one godson Roscoe Bell of Trenton, NJ; seven grandchildren, Clinton Smith of Trenton, NJ,

Allen D. Smith of Atlanta, GA, Terrell Smith of Trenton, NJ, Brandon Smith of Philadelphia, PA, Lauren Stokes of New Haven, CT, Kenneth Marshall, Jr and Johnay S. Williams of Boiling Springs, NC; Six great-grandchildren; One brother William Turner (Louise) of Alexandria, VA; Five sisters Ada Bostick (James) of Baltimore, MD, Laura Covin (Anthony) of Uncasville, CT, Annie Simons of Upper Marlboro, MD; Blondell Ahura of New London, CT, Sandra DuBose (Les Kershner) of Quaker Hill, CT; Many nieces and nephews; her church family and a multitude of family and friends. She will be sorely missed! *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Mildred L. Wilson

Mildred L. Wilson passed away at Yale St Raphael's Hospital in New Haven, CT on September 12, 2017. She was one of eleven children born to the late Cora Lee Reaves Turner and Leroy Turner on December 8, 1934. She was preceded in death by four of her siblings, James Turner, Barbara Hewitt, Maudrey Crockett and Audrey Bryant. Her sister Helen Smith Boynton passed away three days later on September 15, 2017. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Reaves Cemetery.

Mildred was married to Everrett Wilson who died on November 3, 2016 in Baltimore, MD. She was previously a widow of Matthew Staton. Her children, Matthew Staton, Jr and Kenneth Staton predeceased her. She is survived by three children Dennis Staton of Bolivia, NC, Sherri Paige of Preston, CT and Quincy Staton of Baltimore, MD.

Mildred was a graduate of Brunswick County Training High School in Southport, NC. She received her Bachelor's degree from Elizabeth City State Teacher's College in North Carolina. Mildred then received her Master's in Education at Coppin State College in Baltimore, MD.

Mildred had a long career as an educator. She retired from the state of Maryland as a public school teacher where her work concentrated on children with special needs. Mildred also worked with children as a volunteer with Tri-State Special Olympics.

Mildred was a devoted member of Temple Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD, serving as a deaconess and Sunday School teacher for many years.

Mildred enjoyed traveling, missionary work, puzzles and spending time with siblings,

family and friends. She dearly loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, brother and family. In 45 years, Mildred never missed a family reunion! Mildred was a kind hearted, loving and generous person with a soothing voice and a gentle spirit. She was loved by everyone who knew her.

Mildred will remain in the cherished memories of her 3 children; her grandchildren Donteze Staton, Dominic Staton, Khyannah Paige, Corey Paige, Kierra Paige, Kyle Paige, Khobi Paige, Teniera Staton, Quierra Staton, Matthew Awoyera, Khaci Staton, Nico Staton, Jarren Neal, and Mateo Staton; Her great-grandchildren Dhylan, Spencer, Chandler, Dawson, Rashaun, Teighlor and Dayton; One brother, William Turner (Louise) of Alexandria, VA; Five sisters Ada Bostick (James) of Baltimore, MD, Laura Covin (Anthony) of Uncasville, CT, Annie Simons of Upper Marlboro, MD; Blondell Ahura of New London, CT, Sandra DuBose (Les Kershner) of Quaker Hill, CT; Many nieces and nephews; her church family and a multitude of family and friends. She will be greatly missed! *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.

On Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:23 AM, an Angel of Mercy came down and plucked Joseph Cornell Corbett, Jr out of the flower garden at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, as he was surrounded by his family and Priest. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Joseph Cornell Corbett, Jr., nicknames, J.C. Jr., Blugie, Rabbit and Little Hawk, was born on July 3, 1956 in Wilmington, NC, to Joseph Cornell Corbett, Sr., who preceded him in death, and Grace James-Corbett. J.C. Jr. grew up at his father's service station. Wanting to be grown, he would try to pump gasoline into vehicles. He was a graduate of New Hanover High School. He joined the United States Army and returned home on partial disability.

J.C. Jr. later acquired a job at General Electric, but resigned. He worked as a longshoreman with ILA Local 1426. After an accident there, he was placed on complete disability. He attended Cape Fear Community College and General Motors Automotive School. J.C. Jr. was a people person and was constantly searching for family members.

He was a lover of gospel,

jazz, blues and classical music. He had all types of musical instruments: saxophone, guitar, clarinet, organ and piano. His main hobbies were: racing, fishing, hunting, dancing and partying. His daughter would tell him about his partying so much, he would tell her, "We have to go sometime, when we go, we'll just go". When his mother would get on his case about something, he would always call Aunt Helen and Uncle Billy to bail him out of trouble. He thought his Aunt Helen was his Mama, at times. His last few words in the hospital were "Pop, you know where my car is? Go get my stick (his walking cane)." He loved drag racing, race cars and motorcycles. He will surely be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Patricia A. Corbett of the home; daughter, Kokeyna Corbett of Daytona Beach, FL; son, Joseph Cornell Corbett, III of Raleigh, NC; step-daughter, Angel Liddell and step-son, Juan Thompson both of Wilmington, NC; mother, Grace James-Corbett of Wilmington, NC; one sister, Bridgette Montgomery (Emory) of Fayetteville, NC; niece, Jacquetta Shephard (Brian) of Fayetteville, NC; grandchildren, Whisper Corbett, Joseph Cornell Corbett, IV, Destiny Corbett, Neoni Bell and Ivory Bell; grandnephews, O'Shea Shephard and Tristain Shepard; one adopted sister, Jacqueline Coar (Sibia) of Wilmington, NC; uncle, Reaves J. Corbett (Daisy) of Charlotte, NC; aunts, Helen B. Fossett (William) and Willa Mae Burriss of Coney Island, NY, Dorothy Pridgen and Josephine James both of Wilmington, NC; adopted uncles, Hayes F. Corbett (Patricia) of Fayetteville, NC, Sylvester Middleton (Alberta) of Brooklyn, NY, James Sterling (Elizabeth), and Raymond Corbett (Grethen) all

of Wilmington, NC; father-in-law, Maxie Palmer, Sr (Deloris) of Wilmington, NC; sisters-in-law, Lillie Carter (Kenneth) of Wilmington, NC and Darlene Brown (Stanley) of Atlanta, GA; brothers-in-law: Maxie Palmer, Jr. (Angela) of Conyers, GA, Earl Palmer (Donna) of Greensboro, NC, Terry Palmer (Matarscha) of Atlanta, GA, Anthony Palmer (Stephanie) of Greensboro, NC, and Fred Palmer (Tina) of Wilmington, NC, step-uncles, Joe Dickey (Thelma) and Joseph Outler (Louise) all of Wilmington; adopted aunt, Mimoreen Norman of Wilmington, NC; best buddy: Bernard (Pop) Stevens of Wilmington, NC and a host of cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and con-*

lences 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. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 23, at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Dr. Benjamin Olufemi Akiwumi, was born on April 27, 1959 in Accra, Ghana to late Mark Akishele Akiwumi and Alice Kwarley. He started his nursery education in Tamale in 1962 as both parents worked

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Happy Birthday



James Beatty

As of September 26, 2017 it will be 2,192 days since you departed. It's also been 2,014 days since we fiscally touch each other: not one of those days by when you are not in my thoughts. Saying I missed you would be a gross understatement. Thanks for the care, protection and advice. My love and respect for you have not and never will be disturbed. It was a damn GOOD RIDE.

Your brother Herb (Hubo)

Card Of Thanks

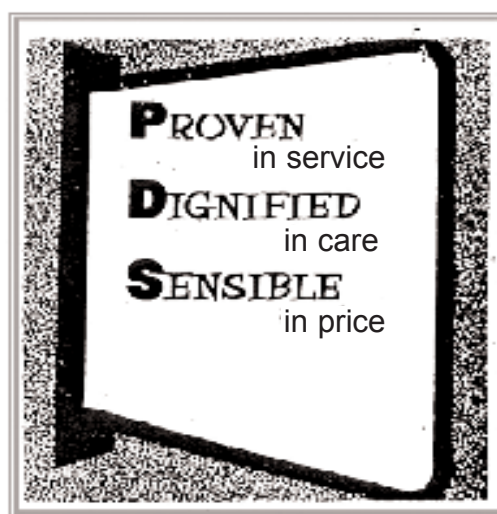


The family of George Fennell, Jr. has been blessed with a wonderful circle of friends who surrounded us, supported us, and lifted us up during this time of bereavement. Your love and care will always be remembered. May God continue to bestow His richest blessings on each of you.

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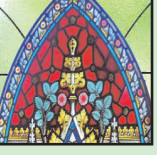
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Jennifer A. Terrell & Javoke S. Terrell

New Hanover County

Church Women United will hold its Fall Forum Meeting on Friday October 6, 2017 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 S. 10th Street, Wilmington, NC. 9:30 AM Sign In and Coffee 10:00 AM Fall Forum. The speaker will be Anne Best (Executive Director of Family Promise of the Lower Cape fear)



Religious Briefs

First Baptist Missionary Church Joint Ushers will be celebrating their 26th Anniversary with a Musical Program on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at First Baptist Missionary Church, 520 North Fifth Avenue at 4:00 p.m.. Please come out and help them celebrate, everyone is welcomed and invited to attend this event.

Kingdom Matters Ministries will present celebrating The Journey of Pastor H. Gregory 26 years in Ministry and 10 years at St. Andrews AME Zion on 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.

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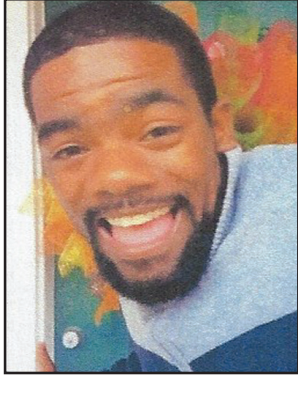


Wanda Faye Carmichael

Saturday, September 30th will mark your 7th anniversary in heaven. Dear Lord, if roses grows in heaven, could you have an Angel pick a bunch for us and place them in Wanda's arms and tell her that we will always love her and miss her so much but it's another Happy Birthday in heaven. Also, remembering her is so easy because we do it everyday but there's a pain within our hearts which will never go away but being able to share in your memories makes it easier to bear. May you forever rest in peace till we meet again.

Love your family

Thank You



Thank you for your sympathy during our time of loss.

Your kind words are of great comfort to us as we try to come to terms with Ivan (Ooze) Freeman's death. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your sympathy cards, flowers and acts of kindness. We are deeply touched by your words of condolences and are thankful that you are there for us in this time of sadness and grief.

As a result of Ivan's death, he gave the gift of life to others through organ donation. Please continue to pray for our families. We pray that God blesses you abundantly. Heaven has gained another angel.

The Evans, Britton and Freeman Families

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

The security of the believer

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! God is good! Bless His holy name. Our opening song was "No, Not One." Brother Hill opened the devotional part of the meeting. Prayer was led by Mattie Holmes. Thanks for such an inspiring and uplifting prayer. The next song was, "I'll Fly Away." "Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away to a land where joys shall never

end! I'll fly away!" Thanks be to God!

The speaker was Minister Doris McQuillian. Her topic was, "The Security of the Believer." We serve a living God. We all can become saved. There's got to be a change in you. Salvation is eternal. Salvation brings about a great change in your life. Open up your heart and let God come in. There is security in knowing that God is real. Trust in God. Live with the peace of God, for God is in charge. He has the power. Hold on to the

Lord. That is our security. We have full assurance of our security. God is taking care of us. Don't let the doubt rob you of your salvation. Pray for each other. You are not in this thing alone. Hold on to your salvation.

Thank you for that great message. Thank God for His security. Remarks and comments were given.

Two visitors were with us today. A warm welcome was given by Minister Doris McQuillian to our visitors, Hollis W. Byrd and Joyce

Britts. Minutes were given by the secretary, Mildred Ellerby. Thank you for the great job you always do. Announcements were given. Then it was time for our callers. There was a tie between Janice Gordon and Carrie Nixon of five members present. Thank you to the callers and members who were present. "Bind Us Together," was sung, and the closing prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillian.

The meeting was adjourned. There were 25 present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"If the Blind Lead the Blind"

"And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall not they both fall into the ditch?" Luke 6:39

Blind - Being without sight

How do you know if you are following good leadership? We must be able to hear, and obey God's voice when choosing leadership.

Proverbs 3:5,6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding. In all our ways to acknowledge him, and he shall direct our path." The choices we make in determining leadership reflect who we are, because we trust them enough to make decisions for us and our families. (Ephesians 5:1-20)

Matthew 7:15-20 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not



Sylvia Hooper

good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Following leadership is very important within the Body of Christ. The bible tells us to esteem our leaders highly, and to give honor to whom honor is due. For consciousness sake, we should believe that our leaders are also followers of Christ. When they preach or teach the scriptures to us, we should be following along with our own bibles wide open to confirm God's truths.

Our Christian leaders should also be living holy. How can they lead us to victory, if they are struggling with sin? We should also set high standards when choosing those to lead us politically. Apostle Paul was a great leader and wrote quite a bit of the New Testament, yet he humbly stated, "Follow me as I follow Christ."

The greatest leader this world has ever known, is in the person of Jesus Christ. He was and still is a perfect role model for leadership. In Matthew 4:19, he said to Peter and Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

1. Jesus was fully focused on them individually.
2. He knew the plans he had for their future
3. He recognized their potential

4. He was committed to their success, and willing to prepare them for the next level in life.

If a political leader begins to deviate away from the truth, maybe it is time to relieve him of his office. If a Christian leader begins to deviate away from the Word of God, we must remember to follow the Word of God which also agrees with the Holy Spirit! We should pray for those in leadership and hold God's Word higher than any man's opinion!!! A good Christian leader is willing to model what their ministry teaches. A good leader sets the example, and is always seeking what is best for his/her followers.

A good Christian leader may use other sources of information or inspiration, but remains true to Holy scripture. His life is fruitful and he is concerned about the souls of his followers. He preaches good tidings to the meek, he binds up the brokenhearted, and proclaims liberty to those held captive by the enemy.

On the contrary, a leader who is blind, will seek to influence you more than Christ himself. Your life will be unfruitful and non productive if you are following someone who is spiritually blind. A blind man cannot help but stumble. Everyone who follows a blind man will likewise

stumble and fall into the same ditch as the blind leader! "Where there is no vision, the people perish, so choose your leaders wisely! You will have to live with the consequences of the choices that are made by your leaders. Remember, what happens when the blind lead the blind.....

Prayer: Father open our eyes to see what you want us to see when it comes to choosing our leaders politically and spiritually. Give us wisdom in Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Tell Somebody!!!
Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International.

She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

OBITUARIES

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at the Tamale General Hospital. In 1963, he started his primary school education at Sakasaka Primary School until 1966. His parents were again transferred from the North to Cape Coast in that year, which brought Benjamin to the University Primary School in Cape Coast with his three other siblings.

He entered Adisadel College, Cape Coast in 1969 when he was 10 years of age. He passed his O level with grade 1 Distinction in 1974 and completed the A levels with flying colors. In his final year at Adisadel, he was the dispensary prefect. He carried this interest in care for others forward, so it was no surprise that Benjamin was admitted to the University of Ghana Medical School in 1976.

He graduated MB CHB with honors in 1982 as one of the youngest doctors in Ghana at age 23. He started his residency studies in Internal Medicine at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, Ghana a couple of years later and finished it off at the University of Oxford in England. He lived in Oxford England for about seven years with his wife and children then in 1995, they moved to the United States. He worked at Mercy Catholic Hospital in Philadelphia from 1995 - 1999 where he received his MD in Internal Medicine.

In 2001, he moved to Wilmington, North Carolina from Ghana with his family, where he worked in New Hanover Regional Medical Center and Rocky Point Urgent Care and Medical Center

Benjamin opened his own practice in June 2011 and called it St. Luke's Medical Center located in, Burgaw, North Carolina. He was also involved with Pender Memorial Hospital where he

attended to some of his patients on admission.

Benjamin Akiwumi was an Internal Medicine Doctor, who practiced for 35 years and loved and cared for his family and patients. Benjamin built his family on the Word of God, and his life was a testimony of Jesus Christ. He continuously supported his wife and children wholeheartedly with love, prayers and his words of wisdom. He cared for his family and patients until the fateful day of September 8, 2017 at age 58. Benjamin was an awesome man of God, who loved the Lord, his family and people. He served the Lord faithfully until he was called into glory.

Among loved-ones left to celebrate his life and cherish his memory are: his wife, Mrs. Pastor Nora Akiwumi; sons, AkiTayo Oluwole Akiwumi and Samuel Abiodun Akiwumi; daughters, Sarah Yewande Akiwumi and Ivy Gasjo(Gaute); grandsons, Donnelle Ochiela Garsjo, Ta'Ziyah Christobel Gasjo, Alexander Garsjo and Maximilian Garsjo; mother, Mrs. Alice Kwarley Akiwumi; brothers, Festus Ola Akiwumi and Mark Abiola Akiwumi; sisters, Zorana Tayo Akiwumi Dansoh and Emma Adjaloko, and many other precious and loving 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.

Monica L. Clarkson

Monica Lynn Clarkson, age 45, of Castle Hayne, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2017. A celebration of Monica's life was held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Monica was born on April 24, 1972 in Youngstown, Ohio at Northside Hospital. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. Earl Hayes and Mrs. Betty Mozley Hayes, brothers, Jonathan Hayes and Patrick Hayes.

Monica attended Emsley A. Laney High School in Wilmington, North Carolina and graduated in 1990. She went on to attend Norfolk State University. She left college to pursue a career as a radio announcer. She was a popular DJ at several radio stations including WBMS 1340 AM and WMNX Coast 97.3 FM. Her signature names were "Ms. M" and the "Original Monie Love". In 1996, Monica enlisted and served in the United States Army Reserves where she was a medical specialist. She received an honorable discharge after serving eight years in the military.

In 2012, she met the man of her dreams, Mr. Terry L. Clarkson. They bonded and formed a lasting friendship. In 2015 they started dating, became engaged and were married on March 5, 2016. In 2017, Monica graduated from Miller-Motte College where she received her Associate's Degree in Applied Science and Medical Assistant.

During Monica's life, she worked many different jobs, but she had a heart for helping people, so in August 2016, she started a recovery program to do just that. She named it the Next Step Recovery Home for Men and Women.

Monica was a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church in Wilmington, NC where she had a true heart and an ear for God. When God spoke to her and told her to do something, she did it no matter what anyone else thought about it. She was a true angel sent from Heaven, sent into this world to love on God's people. Monica was truly a devoted woman of God and a loving caring wife. She was an angel in every-

one's life that knew her.

Monica leaves to cherish her precious memory: her loving devoted husband, Terry L. Clarkson; step-daughter, Alicia Spearman, Wilmington, NC; uncle, Donald Mosley (Selena), Youngstown, OH; special cousins, Michael and Yavonda Mosley, Northfield OH, Bernadette Mosley, Streetsboro, OH and Reggie Mosley, Youngstown, OH; god parents, Willie and Roslyn Fleming, Wilmington, NC; biological mother, Sandra Durant Goler, Youngstown, OH; sisters, Chawndra Goler Salter, Atlanta, GA and Dawn Kelly, Youngstown, OH; brothers, Leavean Durant, Atlanta, GA, Ron (Pooh) Mitchell, Kelyn Kelly and Antwan Kelly, all of Youngstown, OH; special friends, Pandora Leach, Lashon Sidbury, Lakeisha Barnhart and Kim Spicer, all of Wilmington, NC and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Diane E. Lewis

Diane E. Lewis, age 68, of Leland, passed away Friday, September 22, 2017. A graveside service was held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Shady Lawn Cemetery in Delco, NC. 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.

Sarah B. Coatney

Sarah B. Coatney, age 88, of Bolivia, passed away, Saturday, September 23, 2017. Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at Pleasant Union MBC.

Interment will follow in the church 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.

Infant Angel M. Wilson

Baby Girl Angel M. Wilson passed away on Monday, September 18, 2017. A memorial service will be held at 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Grace Church, in Highpoint, NC. 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.

David Robinson

David Robinson died September 21, 2017. Funeral services will be held 12:00 Noon on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the ILA Hall. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 27th at John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Benjamin Pino

Benjamin Pino, III died September 22, 2017. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Barbara Blue

Barbara Blue died September 24, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Bethel Holiness Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A

Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Melonie Pertell

Melonie Pertell died September 25, 2017 at Cypress Point. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary Louise Brown Holmes

Mary Louise Brown Holmes departed this life on September 11, 2017.

She was born on December 21, 1950 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Elijah Brown and Corine Pollock Brown. She was attended Williston Senior High School in New Hanover County. As a worker, she spent part of her young and adult life in the service industry. In her later years, she was united in holy matrimony to James E. Holmes. She was preceded in death by her husband and three sisters, Doris Pollock Fraizer, Catherine Brown Fairchild and Annell Brown Haughton.

Mary was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and in-law.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories; one son, Anthony E. Brown (Shaneedah); eleven grandchildren, Lisa, Andria, Anthony Jr., Montreal, Quintrel, Alicia, Rasheem, Briana, Taniyah, Erica, Nevaeh; fourteen great-grandchildren; one brother, James Pollock of Richmond, VA; one sister, Sandra McClammy of Wilmington, NC; and one in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; extended family, the staff members of Coastal Horizons Support Group since 1995 and BRIDGES, LLC of Wilmington since 2012. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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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.

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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;
- 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 **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)

TO: 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 Innat. 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 Administratrix of the estate of **Elton Glenn Britt**, 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 **28th 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 28th day of September, 2017

Ashley Lynn Britt, Administratrix
5560 Sun Coast Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28411

September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA 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 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA 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
1017 Creekside Lane
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Albert Jenkins**, 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 **28th 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 28th day of September, 2017

Bettie Lee Jenkins, Administratrix
806 Walnut Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 2017

EMPLOYMENT

PPD Development, L.P. seeks a Biostatistician (multiple positions available) in Wilmington, NC to act as the lead statistician on projects of simple complexity. MS & 2 yrs. exp. or Ph.D. req'd. For full req's and to apply send resume to global.recruitmentSM@ppdi.com and reference Job ID: 142489.

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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

Request For Proposal SOLICITATION NO.: WHA17.03 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA Certified Public Accounting Firm Low Income Housing Tax Credit Property

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below. Bids will be publicly opened and recorded immediately thereafter at the Central Office, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

- Bid Opening: Monday October 23, 2017 4:15 PM
- Specifications/Plans will be available for pickup beginning Monday September 25, 2017 at the Central Office .
- Fee; non-refundable charge of \$25.00 for project manual pick up, or
- Download Project Manual from our website at www.wha.net, click on Business Opportunities then RFP at no charge
- Questions; E-mail to Cgnapinski@wha.net no later than October 9,2017 by 12:00 noon

The WHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

September 28, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA 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
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Henry Osgood Phillips, 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 **28th 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 28th day of September, 2017

James Kenneth Crowell, III, Executor
5801 Marshview Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on Tuesday the 17th day of October, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at 1209 South 3rd Street, 1312 Queen Street and 511 North 8th Street and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7873.

Amy Beatty
Community Services Director

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All requests for appropriate auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability or need for a non-English-speaking interpreter, must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting.

September 28, October 5, 2017

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