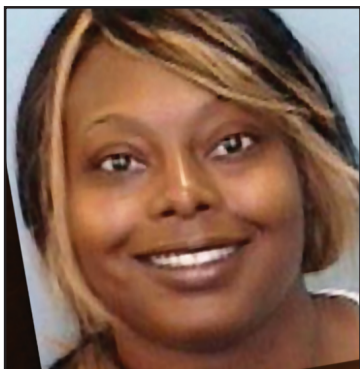


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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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

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**BERNEST HEWETT**

**RECOVERING**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I am still recovering from a recent accident. I have cracked ribs and a bruised lung, but I am mending slowly. Continue to pray for me. To God be the glory!  
Bernest Hewett is the past president of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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**ADAMS, BUTTERFIELD BLAST  
TRUMP OVER GOLD STAR WIDOW**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In the midst of last week's blazing controversy concerning President Trump's alleged insensitive remarks to a Gold Star widow upon her husband's

death and the President and Chief of Staff John Kelly's lambasting of a Florida congresswoman who criticized Trump afterwards, both North Carolina Black congressional members are outraged and say the White House owes apologies to the dead soldier's family, the congresswoman, and the Nation.

"It is embarrassing that this administration is more concerned about belittling a sitting congresswoman than getting answers for the families of these fallen heroes," US Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) said in a statement Monday. Adams and her North Carolina colleague, Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), joined the chorus of criticism

against Trump, Kelly (who is also a retired four-star Marine general, who lost his son in combat in 2010), and the rest of the administration for effectively calling Congresswoman Frederica Wilson (D-Fla) a liar when she alleged

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**New Senate bill  
threatens  
Justice Mike  
Morgan's tenure**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
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Just when Democratic lawmakers thought they'd seen it all when it comes to Republican voter suppression laws, illegal voting districts and, in the opinion of many, overall power grabs, comes yet another legislative shocker.

As the third Special Session called by Republican leaders in the NC General Assembly ended last week on Oct. 17, Sen. Bill Rabon (R-New Hanover) filed SB 698, a Constitutional Amendment titled "Increase Voter Accountability of Judges:"

The bill reads in part, "Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, and regular Judges of the Superior Court shall be elected by the qualified voters (of the State) and shall hold office for terms of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(2) All terms of office for persons elected prior to July 1, 2018, to the office of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, or regular Judge of the Superior Court shall expire December 31, 2018.

(3) All Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, and regular Judges of the Superior Court shall be elected to a two-year term of office, beginning with the general election held in 2018."

With the General Assembly reconvening in January, this amendment could be on the May 2018 ballot for voters' approval, with judicial elections held in November 2018.

Then on Tuesday morning of this week, Senate Majority Leader Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) announced the formation of a new 15-member Senate Select Committee on Judicial Reform and Redistricting.

Sen. Rabon is one of three Republican senators to chair the committee. Indeed, there are only five Democratic senators appointed to the panel, meaning that Republicans, just like in the rest of the legislature, are in the majority and in control, so they'll have the final word.

"This committee will carefully consider all options on how we select judges, including the House's judicial redistricting bill, merit selection models, retention elections, and, if we maintain a system of elections, their frequency and partisan structure," Sen. Berger added. "I sincerely hope the committee reaches a consensus recommendation that will modernize and strengthen our courts."

Most Democrats interviewed believe that, by "strengthen our courts," Sen. Berger and other GOPers simply mean put more Republicans on the bench, especially on the State Supreme Court. Dems' nerves have already been rubbed raw by House Bill 717, which calls



**JUSTICE MICHAEL MORGAN**

for judicial redistricting without any judicial input, and they found no relief when Republicans voted to literally cancel the 2018 judicial primaries over Governor Roy Cooper's veto, leaving the possibility of adopting a judicial merit selection system when lawmakers return for their next regular session on Jan. 10.

But the target of Sen. Rabon's Senate Bill 698 isn't just reducing the terms of superior court judges or State Supreme Court justices - most of whom are Democrats.

The most prominent victims of this court destruction scheme will be those judges who were elected during this past election to four and eight year terms of office, and this class includes Associate Supreme Court Justice Michael Morgan, an African American," says Attorney Irving Joyner, Chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee.

The goal of this constitutional plan is to provide for the election of judges who are behold to the Republican Party or its present right wing ideology," Attorney Joyner continued. "As such, it is an attempt to hijack our court system, and it should be aggressively resisted. Voters, especially African Americans, should fight back against this sordid scheme."

Morgan's 2016 election gave Democrats a 4-3 majority on the State's High Court. Republican legislative leaders toyed with simply increasing the number of seats on the court to ultimately have more Republicans either elected or appointed, but now, if Rabon's bill passes next session, Morgan's term would end December 31, 2018, giving him only two years on the bench.

Every other justice's term would end in December 2018 as well, meaning, regardless to how long they've

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**DERRICK JOHNSON**

**NAACP elects  
Derrick Johnson  
president & CEO**

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), America's largest and original legacy civil rights organization, has unanimously elected Derrick Johnson president & CEO, it was announced today. Johnson, 49, has served as interim president and CEO since July of this year.

A Detroit native now residing in Jackson, Mississippi, Mr. Johnson, who was also elected vice-chairman of the Board of Directors in February of this year, is a longtime member, leader and a respected veteran activist who will be tasked with guiding the NAACP through a period of tremendous challenge and opportunity at a key point in its 108-year history. The NAACP has undergone transitions in leadership this year as it re-envisions itself to take on a tumultuous and contentious social and political climate. He will have a three-year term.

"In his time serving as our interim president and CEO, Derrick has proven himself as the strong, decisive leader we need to guide us through both our internal transition, as well as a crucial moment in our nation's history. With new threats to communities of color emerging daily and attacks on our democracy, the NAACP must be more steadfast than ever before, and Derrick has the vision, mobility and courage to help us meet that demand," said Leon Russell, Board Chairman of the NAACP. "As both a longtime member of the NAACP, and a veteran activist in

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that, on a condolence call to Myeshia Johnson, the pregnant widow of Sgt. La David Johnson, who was killed during an Oct. 4 ambush in the African country of Niger, with three colleagues, that Trump matter of factly told Mrs. Johnson by speaker phone on Oct. 17, "...he knew what he signed up for, but it hurts anyway..." and didn't even refer to her late husband by name.

"That's what hurt me the most, because if my husband is out here fighting for our country, and he risked his life for our country, why can't you remember his name? And that's what made me upset and cry even more, because my husband was an awesome soldier," Mrs. Johnson told ABC News Monday.

Trump, in a series of angry tweets, denied saying that, and Gen. Kelly then publicly blasted Congresswoman Wilson, calling her "an empty barrel" during a White House briefing last week.

Rep. Adams wasn't having it. "Rep. Wilson has been a principled leader and servant to her South Florida constituents, many of whom she's come to love like family, for decades," Adams says. "She continued

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his own right - having worked on the ground to advocate for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, along with championing countless other issues - Derrick also intimately understands the strengths of the Association, our challenges and the many obstacles facing black Americans of all generations today. I look forward to continuing to work with him in this new role," he added.

Mr. Johnson has an extensive history and career legacy of dedicated civil rights activism. He formerly served as state president of the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP, where he successfully spearheaded campaigns for voting rights, worker's rights and equitable education, and he additionally is the founder and executive director of One Voice, Inc., a Jackson-based non-profit organization conceived in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to enhance the quality of life for African Americans through civic engagement training and initiatives.

Additionally, as a past regional organizer with Southern Echo, Inc., another local non-profit organization, Mr. Johnson provided legal,

this record of service last week when she visited with the family of fallen hero, Sergeant La David Johnson, who graduated from her mentorship program, 5000 Role Models of Excellence. While President Trump spent the weekend at his golf course tweeting about football, Rep. Wilson attended Sergeant Johnson's funeral and continues to call for answers to what happened in Niger."

Rep. Wilson has also been a leading proponent of rescuing 276 school girls from the Nigerian town of Chibok, who were kidnapped by the terrorist group, Boko Haram, in April 2014.

Congressman Butterfield was just as flabbergasted.

"I find it appalling that President Trump was unable to simply offer condolences to a Gold Star wife and express gratitude for the sacrifice her husband made on behalf of our nation. Instead, he decided to, not only attack a sitting Member of Congress in an attempt to impugn her integrity, but today he had the audacity to attack Sgt. La David Johnson's grieving widow on her account of their phone call. I stand with Congresswoman Wilson, who is a dedicated public servant, and I believe the White House owes her an apology for their petty insults and false statements."

technical and training support to communities spanning the south. He was appointed to the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission by the chief justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, owing to his years of committed service to the people of the state.

Having earned a solid educational foundation, Mr. Johnson attended historically black Tougaloo College of Mississippi, before going on to earn his Juris Doctorate degree from the South Texas College of Law in Houston. He was later awarded fellowships from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the George Washington University School of Political Management and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He proudly serves on the board of directors of both the Congressional Black Caucus Institute and the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation.

## ABOUT THE NAACP

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. You can read more about the NAACP's work and our six "Game Changer" issue areas by visiting NAACP.org.

Adding more proverbial salt to the open wound, Gen. Kelly went on at that press briefing to strongly suggest that Wilson was a lying showoff who previously boasted about raising the money needed to get a new FBI building built in Florida in 2015. A video of the event actually proved Kelly wrong (Wilson wasn't even in Congress when that money was appropriated), but that didn't stop Pres. Trump from still attacking Rep. Wilson as "wacky" and a liability to Democrats.

On Monday, Mrs. Johnson, a day after burying her husband, confirmed to ABC News Congresswoman Wilson's version of events, further indicating that she felt the President disrespected her late husband's memory, leaving her "angry

and in tears."

All of the Congressional Black Caucus was livid with the White House, but on Monday, Congresswoman Adams led the female members of the CBC in standing up for their colleague, Rep. Wilson.

"We were appalled by White House Chief of Staff John Kelly's statements where he called Congresswoman Wilson an 'empty barrel' and accused her of taking credit for securing funding for a new FBI Building in Miramar, Florida..." the CBC women's statement said.

"General Kelly's comments are reprehensible," it continued. "Congresswoman Wilson's integrity and credibility should not be challenged or undermined by such blatant lies. We, the women of the

Congressional Black Caucus, proudly stand with Congresswoman Wilson and demand that General Kelly apologize to her without delay and take responsibility for his reckless and false statements."

Meanwhile, news is just starting to filter out of Niger this week as to exactly what happened in the Oct. 4 ambush that claimed the four American servicemen's lives. Cong. Butterfield says that is what the President and the nation, should be focused on.

"We should be mourning the passing of Sgt. La David Johnson and honoring his service to our country," Butterfield said. "I offer my sincerest condolences to Sgt. La David Johnson's wife and pray that she and Sgt. Johnson's family find peace in this tragedy."

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## STIP Project No: U-5729

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed improvements to Carolina Beach Road (U.S. 421) from Burnett Boulevard (S.R. 1140) to Shipyard Boulevard (U.S. 117) in Wilmington. This project proposes to upgrade Carolina Beach Road (U.S. 421) to a four-lane, median divided roadway.

The Public Meeting will take place on Monday, October 30, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Sunset Park Elementary School, Cafeteria, located at 613 Alabama Avenue.

The public may attend at any time during the Public Meeting hours. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit written comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by November 30, 2017. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

For additional information, contact Brian Harding, NCDOT Division Design Engineer by mail: 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28429, by phone: (910) 341-2000, or via email: [bharding@ncdot.gov](mailto:bharding@ncdot.gov)

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**A THIRD GENX LAWSUIT**

[WILMINGTON] A 58-year-old Leland woman has filed a class action lawsuit against Chemours, the chemical company that admittedly has been dumping the toxic chemical Gen X into the Cape Fear River, allegedly polluting the New



STATE BRIEFS

Hanover County water supply, and it's parent company, DuPont. Victoria Carey alleges in her suit filed Monday in federal court that in June she had sludge samples from her five-year-old water heater tested at a private lab. The results showed higher than normal toxicity levels for Gen X. Ms. Carey is suing Chemours and Dupont for negligence, among other charges. This is the third lawsuit against the compa-

nies since the new broke about Gen x contamination last June.

**LGBTQ RIGHTS GROUP REVOKES FRANCIS ENDORSEMENT FOR RALEIGH MAYOR**

As the second place finisher in the October 10th Raleigh mayoral primary, the last thing candidate Charles Francis needs is a loss of support. But with two weeks before the Nov. 7th runoff, that's what

Francis faces as Equality NC Action Fund, a political action committee representing the LGBTQ community, tool back it's endorsement of Francis because a closer look at his history reveals he once campaigned for an anti-gay rights Republican candidate for senator. Francis is a Democrat, and was endorsed by the Wake Democratic Party, even though the Raleigh mayoral race is nonpartisan.

Francis is trying to unseat three-term Mayor Nancy McFarlane.

**ASHE COUNTY SHERIFF INDICTED FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE**

[JEFFERSON] An Ashe County grand jury has indicted the sheriff there for three counts of felony obstruction, and a misdemeanor charge of willful failure to discharge his duties. Sheriff Terry

Buchanan. A local TV station investigating Buchanan's appointment to office last January found itself denied communications records between the sheriff and the Ashe Board of Commissioners twice. Then in April, Sheriff Buchanan, allegedly referencing the records denial, told the board, "We don't have time for this." Now the NC State Bureau of Investigation is looking into the matter.

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served, they'd have to either run for re-election or leave office. Now that justices and judges are required to run in partisan races, it would make it easier for GOP judicial candidates to mount more negative campaigns against Democrats.

Even former NC Supreme Court Justice Bob Edmunds, a Republican, whom Morgan defeated last year, "questioned the wisdom" of reducing High Court judicial terms to just two years. Another Republican former State Supreme Court justice, Robert Orr, called the proposed Rabon amendment, "...just wrong," adding it was a "...continued effort to try and intimidate the judiciary."

A Greensboro newspaper called it, "...legislating by 'Keystone Kops'...disorder in the courts is the likely outcome."

Republican Rep. Donny Lambeth (R-Forsyth), however, sees nothing wrong with radically changing the system.

"This bill was introduced while we were leaving town, and there was no discussion while we were in session. So I don't know much about it," Rep. Lambeth admitted, "but it is an interesting idea and does seem to be consistent with legislative elections that are every two years. So it seems a reasonable idea. It is hard to know if it will move forward or when."

If Sen. Rabon's bill passes,

it would make North Carolina the only State in the Nation requiring just two-year terms for its Supreme Court justices.

Needless to say, Democrats find themselves, once again, shaking their heads.

"This continuing, unnecessary infringement on the structure of the judicial branch by the legislature - without demand for it and without proper vetting - smacks of the worst type of political maneuvering," opined Rep. Amos Quick (D-Guilford).

Rep. Quick's Guilford County colleague, Rep. Pricey Harrison, also gave the Republicans no slack.

"Because the GOP has not had great success defending their legislation in the courts, they seem determined to design a system to create more Republican judges at a time when North Carolinians want less partisanship in the courts," Harrison said. "The latest bill which would call for a constitutional amendment to shorten all judges terms, seems to be an attempt to create more chaos and may be intended to build support for the leadership's proposed 'legislative selection,' where the legislative leadership would choose judges."

Rep. Harrison concluded, "The justification offered by the proponents of the shortened terms to hold judges more accountable is preposterous. We want fair judges who interpret the law without bias, not judges who are worried about potentially unpopular decisions and elections

every two years."

Over on the Senate side, Democratic Minority Leader Dan Blue (D-Wake) is one of the five Democratic committee members, along with African-American colleague Sen. Floyd McKissick (D-Durham), but Blue doesn't hold out much hope for a fair process.

"This bill is the latest in a wave of assaults on the judicial branch," Sen. Blue declared. "There is no logic or reasoning behind it, only contempt for the courts that have continued to rule against Republican agendas. [The idea of] two-year terms for judges is ludicrous."

"This appears to be another intimidation tactic on the legislature's part and, I hope it won't progress any further and come to a vote," Blue con-

tinued. "I trust that my colleagues in the Senate have enough sense not to support such a draconian measure. In the end, this only serves to

cause further disruption and instability in our system of government, and that only serves to further hurt North Carolina."

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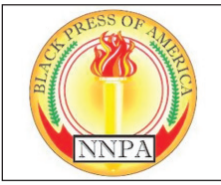
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## OUR VOICE

### CASH IN THE APPLE A MIGHTY CHAMPION

**T**hursday, Friday and Saturday of last week I spent covering the 74th Annual Convention of the NCNAACP at the Raleigh Convention Center (and just to make sure this doesn't get missed, the very NEXT NCNAACP Convention will be IN WILMINGTON IN 2018, dates to be announced, so circle your calendar, Port City).

The one takeaway from the confab I can claim is that we need our NAACP more than ever before. It is, in North Carolina, as it was when the world's oldest and boldest civil rights organization was founded during the early 1900's - diverse. Blacks and whites working together for a better, fairer, an more just America.

The commitment and courage of NAACP members, particularly during this "age of Trump," is without equal. That they continue to fight for freedom, justice and equality after so long in the trenches, is inspiring. And that fact that many of the brave "warriors of justice" that I saw and met are Life members is equally impressive.

I feel I must warn the NAACP, though...even though there were a large number of young people present at the convention per the Youth Division, we still need to see more young people out front taking leadership roles. Yes, there are some, but you don't get that impression on first look. That needs to be addressed.

Fortunately, for the NCNAACP, and for us, Bishop Dr. William J. Barber II, now president emeritus for life of the state conference, has been moving firming in that direction since he took office as president back in 2005. Saturday night, as the rank-and-file membership voted in a dynamic new president, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, Third Vice President of the NCNAACP, Dr. Barber closed out his tenure during the annual Freedom Fund Banquet (keynoted by radio/television commentator Roland Martin) reminding everyone of what a true leader should be.

I've known Dr. Barber actually even before he became NCNAACP president, and he's always had huge presence, both literally and figuratively.

Barber has never displayed fear about speaking truth to power, and being led by him indomitable faith in GOD. A young man in his mid-fifties, born just a few days after the historic 1963 March on Washington, Dr. Barber has faced his personal health challenges with amazing courage and dignity.

In the beginning of his tenure, he had trouble walking because of a debilitating disease. Today, while he's still managing aspects of his affliction, this bold leader is leading marches and rallies literally all over the country in the name of justice.

Dr. Barber has been hailed as recently as this past weekend by none other than the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Sen. Cory Booker (who, in my estimation, SHOULD run for the White House in 2020 - he's got all of the boxes checked, in my opinion, to qualify for top national leadership) as one of our generation's most outstanding national leaders on the scene today. And the beauty of it all is that we all have worked with him here in North Carolina, grow, and flourish against tough, tough odds.

The list of Dr. Barber's accomplishments as president of the NCNAACP are long and auspicious, if not extraordinarily impressive. But clearly, his leadership and advocacy in the mid-2000's for One Stop/early voting and same day voter registration (which ultimately helped a young black man named Barack Hussein Obama make history as the first African-American ever to be elected as president of the United States), and then Barber fierce, nonstop battle against the Republican-led legislature passed restrictive voter suppression laws, along with illegal, unconstitutional legislative voting districts that stacked-and-packed African-Americans into a handful of minority-majority districts in order to limit their overall influence in races, have to stand out as among Barber's greatest achievements.

In closing, having known Dr. William Barber for many years, the one thing I've always appreciated about him is that as mighty and principled as he was and is, there is a big part of the man that is humble, and loving, and obedient to the cause. Dr. Barber prides himself on being a "servant-leader," and most people don't realize that sometimes it would be at the risk of hi own life. The many threats he's faced, and the vile nature of them, would astound you.

So we say "Thank You" Bishop Dr. William J. Barber II, now president-emeritus of the NCNAACP, and permanent member of the NCNAACP Executive Committee. Your legacy will inform historians, and inspire freedom fighters, for generations to come.

And on a personal note, GOD bless you and your family, my Brother. Job well done!

Onward!  
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.

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WRITE A LETTER TO  
THE EDITOR, TODAY!**

### GO VOTE!

November 7 is Election Day, please go out and vote, and if you can, go early vote. Early voting began October 19th why wait to November 7th? Vote early.

So many people pay so little attention to local elections, but these elections are so important. When there's a Presidential election everyone is interested. These local election's effect your community much more than the Presidential election.

The City Council makes decisions that affect all the citi-

zens in Wilmington. There are nine people running for City Council, you can vote for three of them. And there is a Mayor's race. Bill "I've been Mayor forever and a day", Saffo versus Todd Zola. Please get out and vote and take a friend with you. All you Pastors out there I know you will tell your members to go vote, make sure your members who don't have transportation get to the polls. You Pastors love to talk the talk please walk the walk. Wilmington lets go vote.

**David Dowdy**  
New Hanover County Soil

### and Water District Supervisor

### FOUR IN SUCCESSION TO THE PRESIDENT

Civics -001. Being president is hard, demanding, emotional, compassionate, un-biased, cerebral and physical work. If our 13 hours a day President TRUMP, has a fatal heart attack from playing too much golf who if anyone could fill his big shoes? Who is in the line of succession to become president? 1st Vice president Mike Pence. 2nd Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan. 3rd President pro-tem-

pore of the senate, Orin Hatch. 4th Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson. Of those four; Rex Tillerson is the smartest because he called TRUMP a moron (smile). There were four characters like these, my son and I watched on tv for laughs. They were Larry, Curly, Moe and Shemp, The Three Stooges. TRUMP's four will not be funny, but will help destroy America and the world if they are not retired. There are local elections going on today. Please register and vote!!!

**James Hankins**  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### CHILDWATCH

### We can and must win for children!

**A**s congregations of all faiths are observing the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® Celebration this weekend, "Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child," I offer prayers for all child advocates in this very challenging time for children and families and all of us when a half century of struggle



**Marian W. Edelman**

for a more inclusive and just nation is at risk. The laboriously woven child and family safety net created over decades and not yet completed is on the brink of obliteration with the administration and its congressional allies seeking to destroy our government's role and responsibility at all levels to protect those left behind. Racial, religious and gender intolerance are mushrooming out of control and all who care about children and the future must fight back with all our might. No matter the political climate we need to remain steadfast in

our stewardship of future generations and our determination to shield children from harm.

Hang in there, all of you who love children. Never give up.

#### Praise of Diversity

Wouldn't it be dull if all people were White or Black or any single color? Wouldn't it be drab if the earth was all wrapped in brown? Wouldn't it be boring if everything was blue? Wouldn't it be blah if fields were all gray? Wouldn't it be tiresome if red was all day and no seasons took turns?

Thank You, God, for Your incredible panorama of people and sights and sounds and changes and vistas afar and miracles up close. Who but You could imagine and create such a universe of connected yet beautiful complexity and diversity?

#### You Can't Segregate God's Creation

God's family is big and inclusive and everybody belongs.

God is not a Catholic, Methodist, or Baptist - Southern, National, American, or Progressive.

God is not a Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopalian,

Evangelical, Pentacostal, Mormon, Greek or Russian Orthodox.

God is not a Jew, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or Baha'i.

God is all these and far, far more.

God is not republican or democrat, socialist or communist, liberal or conservative, or radical or moderate.

God is all these and far, far more.

God is not Black, Brown, Red, White, or Yellow but all these and all the blends in between.

God is not rich, middle-class, or poor; straight or gay; young, old, or middle-aged.

God is all these and far, far more.

God is not pretty, ugly, skinny fat, short, tall, able-bodied or disabled.

God is all these and so much more.

God is no respecter of certain persons but the Creator of all persons made in God's image with their own DNA.

God is not only in the sunshine or in the moonlight or in the seas or in the mountains or in the deserts or in the rain.

God is in all these things and in so much more.

Thank You, God, for Your

presence and gifts everywhere in everyone in everything in life.

#### Prayer for Courage to Do Justice (By Alan Paton)

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; Open my ears that I may hear their cries;

Open my heart so that they need not be without succor;

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places.

And so open my eyes and my ears that I may, this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

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

### RAINBOW COALITION

### Senator McCain is a patriot and a man of honor

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**S**en. John McCain is a patriot. Now, as he battles against a brutal affliction, he has earned recognition as a man of honor. He has served his country, often at great sacrifice. And even now, he is using his stature to warn this country against a wayward course.

Contrary to Donald Trump, McCain is a true American hero. Shot down over North Vietnam in 1967, he was seriously injured and captured by the North Vietnamese. He was tortured after he refused an offer to be repatriated ahead of other captives who had been held longer. Instead, he stayed with his fellow prisoners for five long, painful years. After he retired from the Navy, McCain was elected first to the U.S. House of Representatives and then to the Senate in 1987.



**Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.**

As a senator, he was a conservative who sought to get things done. He joined with Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin to sponsor campaign finance reform. He pushed for a reopening diplomatic relations with Vietnam. He worked with Sen. Ted Kennedy, another Democrat, on comprehensive immigration reform. He gained a rep-

utation as a maverick.

When he won the Republican nomination for president in 2008, he ran a brass-knuckled campaign, even naming Sarah Palin as his running mate. Yet he refused to traffic in hate and lies. He famously defended Barack Obama at one of his rallies when a supporter said, "I can't trust Obama. I have read about him and he's not, he's not... he's an Arab."

"No ma'am, McCain said, "He's a decent family man, a citizen that I just have to have disagreements with on fundamental issues." Later, after supporters voiced their surprise, he would not pander, saying: "He is a decent person and a person you do not have to be scared (of) as president. ... I want everyone to be respectful, and let's make sure we are. Because that's the way politics should be conducted in America."

In recent years, McCain has grown more conservative as the Republican Party has lurched to the right. Yet he has continued to show his independence.

When Donald Trump scorned McCain during the presidential primaries as not being a hero because he had been shot down, McCain did not take the bait. But he also did not sign up for the choir. When Trump's "Access Hollywood" tape came out, McCain withdrew his endorsement, even though he was in the midst of a tough race for re-election. He stated the simple truth

that Trump's "demeaning comments about women and his boasts about sexual assaults" rendered it "impossible to offer even conditional support," and vowed to write in a "good conservative Republican" when he voted.

McCain was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. Since then, he has repeatedly raised his voice to warn Americans against extremism. He voted against the Republican bill to repeal health care reform. As a man of the Senate, he was particularly agitated at the irregular procedures used to try to rush through what would have been a massive change impacting millions. He called for the Senate to return to "regular order." He voted against the attempt to transform health care with only Republican votes for a bill that most senators had no time to read, with no hearings and no time for a full Congressional Budget Office estimate.

Accepting the 2017 Liberty Medal this month, McCain called for Americans to stay true to the "ideals we have advanced around the globe," and denounced as unpatriotic "half-baked, spurious nationalism cooked up by people who would rather find scapegoats than solve problems." He did not name Donald Trump and his political assassin Steve Bannon, but he did not need to.

McCain is not a saint. He knows how to throw a punch.

This week, commenting on the Vietnam War, he made a fundamental point while putting the shiv in Donald Trump. "One aspect of the conflict ... that I will never, ever countenance is that we drafted the lowest income level of America and the highest income level found a doctor that would say that they had a bone spur," he said. Trump, of course, took five deferments to avoid service in the war, the last of which was for a bone spur.

A staunch conservative, McCain stands against much that I believe is vital to this country. He opposed health care reform and joined in the Senate obstruction of all things Obama. He supports the endless wars without victory in the Middle East, and voted for the invasion of Iraq, surely the worst debacle since Vietnam. He supports tax cuts for the rich and cutting services for the vulnerable. He opposes Medicare for All, tuition-free college, expanding Social Security, lifting the minimum wage and more.

He is a patriot, not a progressive. His stance, however wrong-headed, is held without venom. We can agree to disagree. These disagreements on policy and on principle, however, do not erase the reality that John McCain is a man of the Republic, serving it with honor in the winter of his years. He deserves our gratitude and our respect.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is founder and president PUSH/ Rainbow Coalition.

**TO BE EQUAL**  
NFL must "provide a better platform" on racism and criminal justice reform

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"We want to make sure we are understanding what the players are talking about, and that is complex." - National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell

**W**hen San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick last year began kneeling during the National Anthem at the start of games, he explained: "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses Black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There



**Marc Morial**

are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder." Only a handful of players had joined his protest by the start of the current season, until President Trump urged the team owners to fire the protesters. At the next game more than 200 players sat, knelt or raised their fists in protest. Owners, coaches and staff joined the players in a demonstration of solidarity. As a lifelong football fan and mayor of a city that hosted two Super Bowls during my term, I worked closely with the NFL over the years and I am keenly aware of the untapped capacity of the League to address the systemic racism at the root of this current protest. More than 70 percent of NFL players are Black, yet the League has made no comprehensive effort to address the reality of the communities where many of their prime performers are raised and educated. There's precious little

examination of the process by which many these players are forced to overcome the racial and social challenges barriers that stood - and continue to stand - in their way. The National Urban League has long urged the NFL and the team owners to make a serious effort to address the concerns of men and boys of color. Following a meeting of NFL owners and players this week, Commissioner Roger Goodell said "We're not afraid of the tough conversations. That is what we are having with our players ... Out of those discussions, they understand that the owners and the NFL really do care about their issues and what we can do to make their communities better." San Francisco 49ers safety Eric Reid called the discussion a great starting point, but he would continue to protest "until we get more concrete plans and to where I feel like I don't need to protest anymore

because the NFL is providing a better platform." Many of the players, for their part, are putting their commitment to social justice into action. Kaepernick has fulfilled almost all of a pledge to donate \$1 million from jersey sales to organizations working in oppressed communities. Anquan Boldin, whose own cousin was shot and killed by police, and Malcom Jenkins, whose brother struggled to rebound from a juvenile marijuana conviction, have created a Players Coalition of about 40 players who work on criminal justice reform issues. The League needs to support and encourage this work and expand its scope so that it can, as Reid said, "provide a better platform." The work of individual players - and coalitions of players - is exemplary, but we need a concerted league-wide effort to address issues of racial justice. *Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National*

**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**  
No hope in the White House

**W**hen Gen. John Kelly replaced Reince Priebus as Chief of Staff in the current White House, many breathed a sigh of relief. While Priebus seemed not to have had any control over the president, the staff or the information that leaked from the White House, people believed Kelly, a soldier who respects order and protocol, would reign the president in and bring order to what on the outside looked like pathological chaos. But we saw this week that not even Kelly is who many of us wanted him to be, or hoped he would be. We believed that he would be honest at all costs, that he would stand up to the president and speak truth to power: We believed that he would not be compromised, and for a moment, we saw light in what has been a dark period of time for many since the 2016 presidential elections.



**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

Kelly, who was drawn into an unfortunate discussion about his son's death as a soldier after the president, seeking an escape from questions as to why he had not mentioned the fact that four Green Berets had died in Niger, deflected the question by comparing himself to his nemesis, former President Obama. He was going to call the victims' families, he said, something neither former President Obama nor Bush had done. That caused a firestorm in the media, with reporters seeking to see if what he had said was in fact true. Meanwhile, the body of one of those Green Berets, 24-year-old Sgt. LaDavid Johnson was on its way home. Johnson's body was found 48 hours after the bodies of the other were found. With no answers as to what happened, and no support or even mention from the United States government, Johnson's pregnant wife met her husband's coffin at Miami International Airport. There, she wept over his flag-draped coffin and walked away from her grief into a situation which only exacerbated her pain.

**Class and crass**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**I** never thought I would miss our 43rd President, George W. Bush. And I've never much thought of him as a great, or even good, speaker. But the speech he gave at a conference convened by the George W. Bush Institute was simply eloquent, excellent, thoughtful, and compelling. After keeping a low profile for the past eight years, he spoke up to deny the fact that "bigotry emboldened". "Bullying and prejudice in our public life sets a national tone, provides permission for cruelty and bigotry, and compromises the moral education of children".



**Dr. Julianne Malveaux**

Why did George W. Bush choose to speak so forcefully, in a speech that did not mention 45 but was at least partly directed to him? Perhaps it was Charlottesville, since he and his father, 41st President George Herbert Walker Bush, issued a joint statement denouncing white supremacists, something that 45 simply could not bring himself to do. The younger Bush was

blunt last week when he said, "Bigotry or white supremacy in any form is blasphemy against the American creed." I knew that I would miss our 44th President Barack Obama. Like his predecessor, he has kept a low profile since leaving office, stepping out very briefly to campaign for Virginia gubernatorial candidate Ralph Northam and to reflect on the challenges we face in our democracy. Like President Bush, President Obama did not refer to 45 by name, but his speech in Virginia was a repudiation of virtually everything our prevaricating "president" stands for. "Some of the politics we see now, we thought we put that to bed," said Obama. "That has folks looking 50 years back. It's the 21st century, not the 19th century. Come on!". Seemingly scolding the current administration, Obama said, "Instead of looking for ways to work together to get things done in a practical way, we've got folks who are deliberately trying to make folks angry, to demonize people who have different ideas, to get the base all riled up because it provides a short-term tactical advantage." Watching Presidents Bush and Obama reminded me of how far the quality of our nation's leadership has fallen. I saw two men who, with

absolute class, reminded us of our nation's values and that which is repugnant in the current administration. The contrast is the persistent crassness of 45, an ill spoken, bumbling, coarse, and classless individual. He never met a fight he could not pick and escalate, never met an opposing viewpoint he could not demonize. He has belittled everyone he has disagreed with, from his own inner circle to football players he does not even know, calling them "sons of bitches". In his entire eight years of service, President Obama never disparaged his predecessor, President George W. Bush, even as he cleaned up some of his messes. In his several months of leadership, 45 has missed no opportunity to criticize President Obama. If I had a dollar for every time President Obama critiqued President Bush, I'd barely have enough money for a fast-food meal. If I had a dollar for every time 45 disparaged President Obama, I could dine at the nation's best restaurants for a full week! Class is visiting Walter Reed hospital to look in on wounded soldiers, or hosting White House luncheons for Gold Star families. Crass is calling widow Myeshia Johnson, never mentioning her deceased husband, Sgt. La David Johnson, by name,

and telling her "he knew what he signed up for." Class is refusing to disparage either predecessor or successor. Crass is trashing anyone and everyone, including his predecessor. Class is disagreeing with dignity and civility. Crass is name-calling, challenging people to IQ tests, and making fun of ill and disabled people, including war hero Senator John McCain. To be sure, I don't think that 45 maliciously called Myeshia Johnson in an attempt to cause her pain. I think he simply does not know how to talk to people, and we have plenty of evidence. The recent book, *The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: 27 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President* (Macmillan, 2017) explains that the sociopathic narcissist we elected is so fundamentally flawed that he could easily imperil our very survival by pushing us into war. 45 told Myeshia Johnson "he knew what he signed up for". So did nearly half of our nation's voters when they chose crass over class. *Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.amazon.com for booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit www.julian-*

**He doesn't speak for me!**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**G**ood or Bad, Like or Dislike, in all my years as a citizen of the United States, I have come to expect certain decorum from the holder of the Office of President of the United States. While accepting that I will not agree with every decision, and that mistakes are inevitable, among all that I have known, presidents have stepped-up to demonstrate REASONED leadership designed to present a direction for our nation. That is until now!



**Dr. E. Faye Williams**

I am greatly interested in full disclosure of information related to the recent combat deaths of four US Army Green Berets in Niger. I find great contradiction in the response of Republican lawmakers to that tragedy and the embassy deaths in Benghazi. Be that as it may, the resolution of my questions has taken a back seat to the conduct of 45 toward the next-of-kin to one of our slain soldiers. As has undoubtedly been reported to you, 45 (allegedly) made insensitive comments to the widow of

Sergeant LaDavid Johnson, stating, "He knew what he was signing up for." By the character of his conversation, the sergeant's widow was even led to believe that 45 didn't even know her husband's name. Despite 45's denial, these facts have been verified by the widow, her mother-in-law and a US Congresswoman who were all privy to a speakerphone conversation with 45 as the widow's party drove to the airport to receive the remains of her husband. In a public statement, White House Chief-of-Staff, General Kelly, seems genuinely disturbed that this conversation was not held in confidence, but has yet to refute the allegations of Congresswoman Frederica Wilson. Instead he spoke of the message that 45 was "trying" to convey. Admittedly, Kelly's retake of the attempted message was quite different from the stumbling, bumbling ramblings described by Congresswoman Wilson. 45 even suggested that he may have been misunderstood. As I listened to a roundtable of talking heads on MSNBC, retired Army Colonel and Medal of Honor recipient, Jack Jacobs, described what I interpreted as 45's ineptitude in delivering a message of remorse, empathy and condolence.

Jacobs remarked that as the Commander-in-Chief, 45 speaks for the nation. To that assertion I can only remark that 45 doesn't speak for me now, not ever since he moved to the White House. I don't accept that a Serial Liar speaks for me or any other American of character. The infamy of 45's veracity, or rather lack thereof, is well known. From his "My inauguration crowd was the largest" to his assertion that the Puerto Rican relief effort was excellent, 45 has littered the path of his uneventful administration with the carcasses of wild propaganda. I don't accept that a clandestine racist speaks for me or any other American of character. If one takes the time to reflect, one can see his footsteps of racism from Federal Housing Discrimination charges in the 70's, to full-page ads against the Central Park Five, to the multi-year Birther attacks against President Obama, to his "benign disregard" for the US citizens of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. His complimentary concessions to Nazis, Anti-Semites and others of the white supremacist ilk confound conventional reason. It is difficult to dismiss racism as not being the driving force behind his animus.

I don't accept that an avaricious, narcissistic kleptocrat speaks for me or any other American of character. From the obvious violation of Constitutional emoluments clauses to shady mingling of personal and government business dealings that serve to enrich 45 and his offspring, one must wonder whether the interests of the nation or the interests of his business reign supreme. Remember we still don't know the stories his tax returns will tell us. Why does he refuse to release them? I don't accept that a radical deconstructionist speaks for me or any other American of character. I value the stated ethos of our nation and the principles of justice and equality that give hope that meritorious fairness can accrue to all citizens. I reject any and all who would destroy those opportunities. Until Americans of character can unite to elect a leader possessing of principle, character and a respect for the foundations of our nation, we must speak out and, as required for our security, join each other to raise a mighty voice for what is right. *Dr. E. Faye Williams, National President of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. www.nationalcongressbw.org--202/678-6788.*

Kelly did as he was asked. He stepped right into the middle of this heap of dung, and sullied himself and his reputation, by treating Rep. Wilson as though she were inhuman. He never said her name; he intimated that she had lied about what the president had said, and then he told a story about how she had bragged about getting money for a project in Florida at a ceremony which was being held to honor slain FBI agents for which a project had been named. Lawrence O'Donnell, later on MSNBC, said that both he and Kelly had grown up in Irish Catholic neighborhoods where black people were regularly disparaged. To call a black person an "empty barrel" was a familiar and vicious put-down. Kelly knew it and used the term at least twice in his press conference held to defend the president. When a videotape surfaced that showed that Kelly had lied, the White House dismissed the discovery, with Sarah Huckabee Sanders saying that four-star generals should not be questioned. "If you want to go over Gen. Kelly, that's up to you," she said, "but I think if you want to get into a debate with a four-star marine general, that's highly inappropriate." (<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/10/20/frederica-wilson-john-kelly-feud-243987>) The president lies. His press secretaries have lied from the start, beginning with Sean Spicer lying about the size of the president's inaugural crowd one day after the inauguration. We have all known that the president lies, that he is inconsistent with what he says he stands for: We are familiar with his name-calling and with his belief that he is a victim of almost everyone and everything. He is not loyal to people who have been loyal to him; if he feels like his being is in trouble, he will throw anyone under the bus. We have seen that he needs people to worship him at all costs; to hell with the country, the American people, and, frankly, the world. The battle cry of his supporters is that when this president is attacked, he fights back. True. But he often attacks first and is then incensed when people push back, like Rep. Wilson did. She challenged the president and Gen. Kelly and her pushback didn't bring any disappointing surprise about this president. But her actions did bring it home that there is no honesty in this White House. Not even representatives of the military can be counted on to be honest. There is no hope for honesty and justice for anyone other than his "base" in this White House. That is cause for concern. Instead of making the world safe for democracy, this president and his friends have set us up to face Armageddon. That is the honest, scary truth.

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**Basketball Registration!** MLK Community Center, 401 S. 8th St. Pre-registration is required. Must provide birth certificate. Register Online or drop off registration form at the MLK Center. Deadline: November 1st. Questions please call 910-341-0057 or 910-341-7866.

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on voter registration and GOTV efforts for the November Wilmington City Council/Mayoral election and other vital community and state issues will be on the agenda. 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

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church

The pastor of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church is The Reverend Quan K. R. Stewart. Not only is the pastor of Saint John's, but he is a teacher with the Brunswick County Schools. Every year, we hold a great celebration for people in the community. We show the love and respect needed in a community to keep it strong and help the younger generation have more successful lives in the future.



Verniece Stanley

More people gathered outside in a tent that was set up for people who wanted to eat

outside. There was a large crowd of people present, but there was plenty of good nutritional food to feed them all. This was the Saturday when many good things were happening. Special games were made available for small children. Their smiling faces a good indication that they were very happy. Our children need plenty of attention as apart of their growing up years.

Older adults gathered together and one issue on their minds was healthcare and how to avoid ending up homeless if they are blessed to live for a much longer time. Helping these people would give us a feeling of being helpful in times like these. If we have love for one another, this is the time to show it in every way possible.

It is good now and will be useful also in the future over. We ought to share our love with our friends, and they ought to pass this love with their own friends and neighbors.

We ought to strive up to date on all the important issues in our community. This can be another way to address safety issues we and our children encounter every day. Activities are designed for children and adults to learn or relearn basic functions and master skills needed to develop in every way possible.

We encourage all of us to, to the best of our ability, offer the help needed for the disabled and otherwise needy. This would include children, adults, seniors, veterans, etc. So many caring people have gone out of their way to help

those in need, and many others ought to follow that example.

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.



Wow!

Congratulations to this couple, Julius and Davida Ellerby Nixon who are celebrating 35 years of marriage.

They were married on October 19, 1982.

Julius is the son of the late Charlie and Annie Hines Nixon. Davida is the daughter of the late David Lee and Doris Sampson Ellerby. We are wishing them the best in the years to come.

Love your Family

Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas community involvement



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**2017 COUNTYWIDE CDC CELEBRATING THE DREAM LBJ PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS GALA**  
Members pictured from left to right are Leslie Watson, Regional Director, Marilyn Westinghouse-Webb, President Johnsie Davis, Wanda Pugh-Trice and Peggy Mack.

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. has had a series of community events, starting with being presented an award for outstanding leadership by an

organization on September 27, 2017 by the Countywide CDC Celebrate the Dream Committee. The event was held at the Wilmington Convention Center.

The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc joined in with the NAACP and participated in the Voter Registration at the Cape Fear Community College.

The "Take Back the Night" Rally for Domestic Violence was held on October 12, 2017.



NAACP VOTER REGISTRATION

Members pictured above are Jacqueline Davis and President Johnsie Davis.



2017 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RALLY- "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT"

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Carl Jamaar Clark was born on July 17, 1984 to the parents of Willie Clark and Denise Clark Robbins on October 28, 2006.

Carl went to be with His Heavenly Father, Sportie you have been in Heaven for eleven years now. We miss you son, your father, mother, brother Jarrell and family and friends.

For those I have left behind stop the tear's, pops stop the tears, mom stop the tears, Jarrell stop the tears' my family stop the tears. My friends, I am good I am with my Heavenly Father. I see you all you may not see me but I see you, when they took my old life I got a new one in Heaven and a better one.

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Ramsey Hunter

Ramsey Hunter, 74, died October 7, 2017 at his residence. Funeral service was held Friday, October 13, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment was held at Coastal Carolina Veteran's Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Hunter of the home; daughter, Tara Willis; son, Ramsey William Hunter; both of Ocala, Florida; brother, Roosevelt Hunter of New Bedford, Massachusetts, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. *Saunders Funeral Home.*

**Easter Black Patrick**

Easter Patrick, age 58, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, October 13, 2017. A celebration of Easter's life was conducted on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Salvation and Deliverance Church Cemetery.

Ms. Easter Black Patrick, was born in Kelly, North Carolina on January 4, 1959 and passed peacefully in her sleep on Friday, October 13, 2017 at Leland House Assisted Living Facility in Leland, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late David and Margaret Black. She was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Easter was a loving mother of three children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, whom she was proud and loved dearly. To know Easter is to love her and she was fun loving, always cracking jokes and cutting up with family members and friends just the same. Easter loved to bowl, play bingo and enjoyed conversing with anyone who would listen about God.

She also spent a few years living in Delaware where she enjoyed going back to school, reading, and spending time with her daughter and grandchildren. It was always refreshing to hear of her telling stories about their childhood and how her siblings often referred to her as little Margaret because of her resemblance to their mother, especially when she

wore the signature ponytail. Although Easter battled illness throughout the years, she would always find the strength to encourage others even while going through herself. Her infectious laughter could light up a room and command attention, she had a loving spirit and was a jewel sent from heaven and will be missed.

Easter leaves to cherish her memory children, Corey Black, Alisha Patrick-Cooks and Jessica Patrick; grandchildren, Brianna Coston, Takeyah Coston, Tiana Cooks, Tavian Cooks, Dathan Houston and Ashley Black; great grandchildren, Carter Coston and Skylar Coston; sisters, Lottie Henry, Ruby Lee Anderson, Nettie Miller (Andrew), Mary Corbett (Norris) and Alethea Black; brothers, Abraham Levine, George Henry, William Levine and David Lee Black (Pearl) and a host of other special cousins, classmates and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

**Jonathan J. Halyard**

Jonathan J. Halyard, age 30, of Brooklyn, NY, passed away Sunday, October 8, 2017. Funeral services were held on Friday, October 20, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Jonathan Jermaine Halyard was born on August 14, 1987. He was the son of Mr. Robert Halyard and late Mrs. Norma Halyard and Evangelist Lee Ethel Freeman.

Jonathan was a child of God with an active soul and ambitious spirit. Jonathan had humor, he was charming and intelligent. He was a dream seeker, if there was an opportunity for him to be better, to do better, he went for it. He didn't let fear or doubt hinder him. He threw caution to the wind and went for it. He loved music, much like his older brother, Vaughn Halyard. Jonathan was really into producing music, a dream that he kept close as he pursued other ventures in his life. Those who knew Jonathan knew he loved to dress, fashion was important to him.

He found love early and married Ashley Caroline Halyard. They moved to New York to make a better life for themselves. Although, their home and heart was always in North Carolina, they ventured out to have more, to do more, and to experience life. Jonathan loved his family.

Jonathan is not alone in the sweet comfort of heaven. He has his two mothers that

will lovingly embrace his arrival right beside them, and also his big brother, Vaughn Patrick Halyard.

Jonathan leaves physically, but never spiritually a host of sisters and brothers, Cheryl White, Rose E. Halyard, Shelia Henderson(Lewis), Dennis Freeman,(Sissy), Robert N. Halyard Jr., Jessica Freeman, Tiffany Anderson and his almost twin Monique R. Halyard; aunts and uncles that loved him and helped him to grow into the man he became; a ton of nieces and nephews and cousins that will always remember him; friends by the dozens but two special friends in particular, Mr. Michael Gregory and Mr. Curtis Gardner. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

**Knovell A. Hankins**

Knovell A. Hankins, age 56, of Supply, passed away Monday, October 23, 2017. A visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Hankins Family Cemetery, 911 Hankins Way NW, Supply, NC 28462. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

**Rolmand Wilson**

Rolmand Wilson, age 79, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Services are pending and will be announced. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

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Religious Briefs

Chords Across America Gospel Ministries Church will hold an evening service on Sunday, October 29th at 4:00 p.m. Services will be conducted by Pastor Eric Powell of The Living Word Ministries. On Sunday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. services will be hosted by Pastor Darlene Tindall and the Mt. Roney Church family. Both services are free to the public. For additional information please call Pastor Ronetta W. Davis at 910-623-4492.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S.12th St., will celebrate their Gospel Choir Anniversary on Saturday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m. There will be choirs and musical groups from the surrounding areas. For more information call Sue Irving at 910-200-7043.

Traveling Shoes Ministry will celebrate its 23rd Anniversary Sunday, October 29th at 3:30 p.m. at Bethel Holiness Church, 5425 Market St.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church clothes closet will be open Saturday, October 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Their food pantry, "From His Table to Yours" will be open the same day 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Personal transportation and identifications are required. No fee is involved in either ministry. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

# Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church selects Seniors of the Year



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MS. MAGGIE LEWIS



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MR. CLYDE BUTLER MCKOY

### SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Elizabethtown NC - October 15, 2017 Maggie Lewis was selected the 2017 Senior Female of the Year. She was born in Elizabethtown, NC and is the third oldest of fifteen children. Ms. Lewis enjoys having a good time with her family. While growing up she was very helpful to her parents in assisting and caring for her younger brothers and sisters. She was so valuable; in fact, her father nicknamed her his "Gold Dollar." Maggie attended Bladen County Training School. Her hobbies are shopping, traveling and cooking. As a young adult, she moved to Bronx, New York where she dutifully reared her five children. While there, she joined the LeGree Baptist Church in Manhattan, New York and worked at Madison Square Garden and Yankee Stadium. Following her retirement, she moved back to Elizabethtown NC and joined Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church. She serves her church in the capacity of a very dedicated senior choir member. The remarkable honoree possesses a well-developed sense of fashion and is a very classy lady. Her favorite color is green and she wears it well. In addition to her elegant taste in clothes, she has a warm-hearted and graceful personality. Those who visit her home, find snacks and refreshments as a welcoming gesture to them. The Senior Female of the 2017 is daughter of the late Gaston Bruce Lewis and Martha Graham Lewis, the widow of Benjamin F. Lewis,

and the loving mother of: Brenda, Angie, Mark, Jeffery and Linda. Maggie Lewis is affectionately known as the "SILVER FOX" due to her explicit fashions and her superior silver hair styles. Additionally, Clyde Butler MCKoy was selected the 2017 Senior Man of the Year at Baldwin Branch. He is the fourth oldest child born to the late Johnnie McKoy, Sr. and Mary Liza Demery McKoy. Clyde was married to his soul mate, Beatrice Moore for over 53 years and of this union they have four children: Wanda Thomas, Sharon Wilson, Vanessa Crocker and Cetruss. He takes much pride in his many grandchildren, great-grand and great-great grands. The Honoree states that his late wife is the one person who has made the greatest positive impact on his life. Following his marriage, he and his family spent many years living in New York. After returning home to live, Clyde worked primarily as a carpenter. He was also employed by the Bladen County Board of Education. In addition to work, he found time to play as a left-fielder on the community soft ball team called "Happy People." Fishing with his buddy, Larry Adams, was his favorite pass-time. Since his retirement he enjoys watching old westerns, cheering for his favorite sport teams, spending time with his grand-son and son-in-law and taking care of his grand-dog Couture, whom he affectionately calls "Buddy." The honoree is an ordained Deacon of Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church. A man of many talents and Baldwin Branch has and still is benefiting from his God-given gifts.

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### SENIOR MOMENTS

## The global refugee crisis

My fellow citizens,

I just sent a check for \$100.00 to Amnesty International. I had planned to give it to my church, but I'm sure they will understand. This donation says "We welcome refugees." We need to make that declaration loudly and clearly. The global refugee crisis is the worst since World War II. It is time for the people of God to step up and extend a helping hand. Don't just talk about what the President needs to do. We ourselves are supposed to do whatever we can. Through our President, we are sending a message to desperate people. We are saying



Ruth Johnson

refugees are not welcome. Well it is time for ordinary people to stand up. Let the world know we are here to help. The American people will always extend a helping hand to refugees because that's who we are. If the President doesn't understand that, we need to pray for him, but at the same time, we need to do all that we can. Every citizen and every church should step

on up and lend a helping hand. It's not my place to ask for money. I just do what I can and leave it at that, but, in case you haven't heard, the refugees around the world are struggling to stay alive. If you would like to lend a hand, contact Amnesty International and give whatever you can. Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

### SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Peace

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

What a beautiful day the Lord has given us! It is another day in which to thank Him! The Senior Citizens' Fellowship was greeted by President Eloise Purdie. She said, "It is great to be here!" Mr. George Hill called for the choir! He said, "It is another great day that God has made." We opened with "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me." A very fervent prayer was given by Mrs. Delma Brown. Next we sang, "Down Through the Years." Mrs. Marie Stitt came with a

prayer and our message for today. We think of peace in our lives, homes, and the world. The way the world is now, we need peace only through God. We can't buy peace. God says His peace will be with us if we ask and if we are obedient. He is called the Prince of Peace. Satan is always working against Him. You can't get peace through worrying. Peace comes by prayer and reading His Word. Satan puts everything he can to take our peace. Keeping your mind on Jesus brings peace. Tribulation can be eased with peace. God gives us faith, and faith can bring

peace. Galatians 3:15, Romans 12:18, Matthew 5:9. When we make and keep peace, we are children of God. Mrs. Stitt was thanked for a great message and was given an applause. Mrs. Purdie asked for expressions, which are always encouraging. Our meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Gladys Taylor. We had one visitor; Mrs. Cynthia Vaughan. She was welcomed by Mrs. Patricia Nixon. Ms. Lena Boykin told us of an experience that touched her heart. We prayed for Mrs. Gladys Taylor, whose brother is in the hospital. Our minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred

Ellerby and approved. We then had roll call and were given information for our trip to Myrtle Beach. The callers were done, and the winner was Mrs. Mary Martin, who had eight. All the callers were given a hand. The sick and shut in report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. She asked us to keep praying for them. The announcements were then read and great smiles were brought by Mrs. Mary Martin. Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together." Prayer was then given by Mrs. Harriett Debramaletta. There were 35 present.

## Jephthah Chapter celebrates anniversary

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What a glorious time of praise and worship! Jephthah Chapter No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina, celebrated their sixty-seventh year of re-organization on Sunday, September 23, 2017.

The celebration of this wonderful occasion's invitation was extended by Sister Karen McIntyre, Worthy Matron of Jephthah Chapter No. 4 also, member of Warner Temple A M E Zion Church, 620 Nixon Street,

here in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina. The Warner Junior Choir really had hearts and mind prepared for a fantastic message, "WHY DO WE GO TO CHURCH?", by Rev. Dr. Clifford D. Barnett, Pastor. "Food for Thought!" He asked, "Let everyone examine him or herself". If we are attending church, other than to hear the word of God, so that we may go into the highways and by-ways to lead others to Christ, we are going for the wrong reasons, don't use the church as a weekly obligation, a social gathering to discuss past week's activity, show what

you may be wearing or see what others are wearing; even focusing on how well, your favorite choir or soloist, may be singing. If you are not focusing, on the WORD of GOD, you need to re-examine yourself and ask, "WHY DO I GO TO CHURCH?" Following the close of Morning Worship, the attending members of Jephthah Chapter had a delightful fellowship over lunch at K & W Cafeteria. What a wonderful way for sisters and brothers to dwell together in unity. A very special thank you to Warner Temple Church family for sharing their 99th Anniversary Celebration

with the members of Jephthah Chapter No. 4. Thank you also, to these members of Jephthah Chapter-Sisters: Karen McIntyre, Patricia Brooks, Evelyn Jones, Carolyn Washington, Zelda Jackson, Jocette Jackson, Teresa Keaton, Tanisha McIntyre, Linda Moore, Dorene Crumpler; Brothers: Alphonso Robinson, Worthy Patron and James Lightfoot, Past Patron and District Deputy Grand Master of District 19, Visitors: Ms. Tia Washington, Ms Sparkle Bellamy (Catherine Donaldson's Gleaner # 200) and Mr. Samuel Keaton.

### TELL SOMEBODY

## Signs of His coming

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Mathew 24:3

War, Trouble and Tragedy ! Trouble - Danger, affliction, distress Tragedy - An extremely sad or fatal event, or course of events

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Mathew 24:

NO man knows the day nor the hour for the coming of the Lord, but there are signs of His coming. These signs are so pronounced that whether you read your bible, read the internet, read your morning newspaper, or watch the daily news rooms.... you will be aware of the signs of the times in which we are living. Sudden destruction is coming upon the land, and we all need to be aware of the time in which we are living. It should be obvious by now, that our world is not in the hands of man, but in the hands of God. The things that are occurring are in no way accountable nor controllable

by man. They are signs of his coming. Tragedies are common place these days. Right now, according to Wikipedia statistics, there are 27 or more wars going on somewhere around the globe. A declaration of war is formal perforce speech, act, or signing of a document by an authorized party of a government in order to initiate a state of war between two or more nations. The ravages and realities of war are affecting countless numbers of people around the world right now. Some of these wars are major military conflicts and some of them are smaller scaled armed conflicts. War, in and of itself, brings trouble and tragedy to our society. Everyone who has lost his or her life in war; was somebody's father, mother, sister,



Sylvia Hooper

brother, son or daughter. Countless casualties or shall we say countless souls, have been called into judgement, and the sobering reality of war is, ...It's not over! It is a sign of his coming! Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him. That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. II Thessalonians 2:1-2 Jesus said in St. John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1 If you do not know God in the pardoning of your sins through His Son Jesus Christ, now is a good time to seek him and be found of him! If we ever needed the Lord before, we surely do need to know him now! We are all witnessing, right before our very eyes, the signs of his coming. Don't be fearful. Don't be afraid. Be encouraged! Prayer: Father, we pray that you prepare our hearts and

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

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November 27, 2017 Noon
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be available for pickup beginning  
October 20, 2017 at the  
Central Office .
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October 19, 26, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the  
Estate of **Mary Harrison (17-E-  
1474)**, late of New Hanover County,  
Wilmington, North Carolina, the under-  
signed 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 **January  
19, 2018** 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 12th day of October, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the  
Estate of Mary Harrison  
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701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2017

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the  
Estate of **Luberta Higgins (17-E-  
1475)**, late of New Hanover County,  
Wilmington, North Carolina the under-  
signed 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 **January  
19, 2018** 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 12th day of October, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the  
Estate of Luberta Higgins  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
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October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 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 JT 271**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
T.M.L. (DOB: 08-26-2017)**

**TO:  
ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL  
FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAP-  
TIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN  
IN WILMINGTON, NEW  
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH  
CAROLINA.**

Take notice that a  
pleading seeking relief against  
you has been filed in the  
above-entitled action. The  
nature of the relief being  
sought is as follows:  
Termination of all  
parental rights you have to the  
above-captioned minor chil-  
dren.  
You are required to  
make defense to such pleading  
within thirty (30) days follo-  
wing October 12, 2017, which  
date is the date of first publica-  
tion of this Notice. Upon your  
failure to do so, the party seek-  
ing service against you will  
apply to the Court for the relief  
sought.

**YOU ARE HEREBY  
NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON  
THE PETITION TO TERMINATE  
YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS  
SCHEDULED FOR November  
27, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M. or as  
soon thereafter as it may be  
heard, at the Office of Juvenile  
Justice, 138 N 4th Street,  
Wilmington, North Carolina,  
28401.**

This the 12th day of October,  
2017.

LeeAnne Quattrucci  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Tel.#: 910-795-0230  
Fax #: 910-401-1485

October 12, 19, 26, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified  
as Executrix of the estate of **Elena  
Fuqua**, 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  
**5th day of January, 2018**, 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 5th day of September, 2017

Doris E. Richardson, Executrix  
804 McCrae Drive  
Newport News, VA 23608

October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified  
as Executor of the estate of **Joan  
Parkinson**, 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  
**5th day of January, 2018**, 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 5th day of September, 2017

John Parkinson, M.D., Executor  
2301 Ocean Ridge Place  
Wilmington, NC 28405

October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as  
Administrator of the estate of  
**Douglas Everett Hardwick**,  
deceased, of the New Hanover  
County, North Carolina, does hereby  
notify all persons, firms and corpo-  
rations having claims against the  
estate to exhibit them to the under-  
signed on or before the **12th day of  
January, 2018**, 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 under-  
signed.

This the 12th day of October, 2017

Karen Jones, Administrator of the  
Estate of Douglas Everett Hardwick  
1714 Linksie Way SW  
Ocean Isle, NC 28469  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 12, 19, 26, November 2,  
2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as  
Executrix of the estate of **Evelyn  
Emacora Hedus**, deceased, of the  
New Hanover County, North  
Carolina, does hereby notify all per-  
sons, firms and corporations having  
claims against the estate to exhibit  
them to the undersigned on or  
before the **12th day of January,  
2018**, or this notice will be  
pleaded in bar of their recovery. All  
persons, firms and corporations  
indebted to said estate please make  
payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of October, 2017

Joann Cascardi, Executrix of the  
Estate of Evelyn Emacora Hedus  
1000 Upper Reach Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 12, 19, 26, November 2,  
2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified  
as Executor of the estate of  
**Thelma McGuire**, deceased, of the  
New Hanover County, North  
Carolina, does hereby notify all per-  
sons, firms and corporations having  
claims against the estate to exhibit  
them to the undersigned on or  
before the **12th day of January,  
2018**, 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 under-  
signed.

This the 12th day of October, 2018

Rebecca Hardee, Executrix  
912 Adelaide Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

October 12, 19, 26, November 2,  
2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as  
Executor of the estate of **Pamela A.  
Bass**, deceased, of the New Hanover  
County, North Carolina, does hereby  
notify all persons, firms and corpo-  
rations having claims against the estate  
to exhibit them to the undersigned on  
or before the **19th day of January,  
2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in  
bar of their recovery. All persons, firms  
and corporations indebted to said  
estate please make immediate pay-  
ment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of October, 2017

Roger E. Bass, Executor of the Estate  
of Pamela A. Bass  
1951 Middle Sound Loop Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF KATHERINE L. JOHNSON  
FILE NO. 17E 0914**

The undersigned having qualified as the  
Personal Representative of the Estate of  
**Katherine L. Johnson**, deceased,  
does hereby notify all persons, firms,  
or corporations having claims against  
said decedent to exhibit the same to  
Robin L. Bennett, aka Robin L. Bennette,  
Personal Representative, at the address  
set out to below no later than ninety  
(90) days from the first publication date  
of this Notice. This notice may be  
pleaded as bar of any payment recovery  
of same which is not given to the  
**4th day of January, 2018**. All per-  
sons indebted to the decedent will  
please make payment to the under-  
signed at either addresses set out  
below.  
This the 10th day of August, 2017

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.  
2803 Market Street  
PO Box 696  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as  
Administrator of the estate of **Mary  
Joann Wilson**, 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 under-  
signed on or before the **19th day of  
January, 2018**, or this notice will be  
pleaded in bar of their recovery. All  
persons, firms and corporations  
indebted to said estate please make  
immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of October, 2018

Clinton E. Collins, Administrator  
8605 Sidbury Road  
Wilmington, NC 28411

October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2017

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the  
Estate of **Norma Hewett (17-E-  
1505)**, late of New Hanover County,  
Wilmington, North Carolina the under-  
signed 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 **January  
26, 2018** 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 18th day of October, 2018

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

October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as  
Administrator of the estate of **Leona  
Baker Bunn**, 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 under-  
signed on or before the **26th day of  
January, 2018**, 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 under-  
signed.

This the 26th day of October, 2018

Ronnie Lee Watson, Administrator  
202 Jamaica Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2017

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
File No. 17 JT 195**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
T.G. (DOB: 06-13-2017)**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIO-  
LOGICAL FATHER OF THE  
ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE  
CHILD BORN IN WILMING-  
TON, NEW HANOVER COUN-  
TY, NORTH CAROLINA.**

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

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

You are required to  
make defense to such pleading  
within thirty (30) days follo-  
wing **October 26, 2017**, which  
date is the date of first publica-  
tion of this Notice. Upon your  
failure to do so, the party seek-  
ing service against you will  
apply to the Court for the relief  
sought.

**YOU ARE HEREBY  
NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON  
THE PETITION TO TERMINATE  
YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS  
SCHEDULED FOR November  
27, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M. or as  
soon thereafter as it may be  
heard, at the Office of Juvenile  
Justice, 138 N 4th Street,  
Wilmington, North Carolina,  
28401.**

This the 19th day of October ,  
2017.

LeeAnne Quattrucci  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Tel.#: 910-795-0230  
Fax #: 910-401-1485

October 26, November 2, 9,  
2017

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL  
(RFP)**

The Wilmington Southside  
Community Development  
Corporation (WSCDC), a  
501(c)(3) tax-exempt public  
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from qualified and experi-  
enced Developer Partners  
interested in partnering in a  
mixed-used building rehabi-  
litation project to revitalize the  
Old City of Wilmington  
Transportation site at 1110  
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North Carolina.

The Developer Partner will  
partner with the WSCDC to  
develop a mixed-use com-  
mercial, office/conference space  
and should be committed to  
comprehensive neighborhood-  
based revitalization in a col-  
laborative and cooperative  
approach with stakeholders.

Prospective developers can  
review and download the com-  
plete RFP at  
WWW.WSCDC.INFO.

WSCDC will hold a Pre-  
Development Meeting at  
10:00 a.m. on Monday,  
October 30, 2017 at 815  
Rankin St, Wilmington NC  
28401.

October 26, 2017

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
FILE NO.: 17 CVD 3833**

**ALAEDDIN MOHAMMAD,  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
NOURAN BARAKAT,  
Defendant.**

**TO: Nouran Barakat  
Last Known Address:  
Nouran Barakat  
4111 Breezewood Drive, Apt.  
102  
Wilmington, New Hanover  
County, North Carolina 28412**

Take notice that a  
pleading seeking relief against  
you has been filed in the above  
entitled action on October 10,  
2017.

The nature of the relief  
being sought is as follows: CHILD  
CUSTODY and CHILD SUPPORT.

**YOU ARE REQUIRED** to make  
defense to such pleading no later  
than FORTY (40) DAYS after the  
date of the first publication of this  
notice, exclusive of such date, the  
first date being October 26, 2017.

Upon your failure to do so, the  
Plaintiff will apply to the Court for  
relief sought in the Complaint.

This is the 26th day of October,  
2017.

MELODI R. HAYES, P.A.  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
206 N. Fourth Street,  
Suite 4  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
28401  
(910) 762-4540

October 26, November 2, 9, 2017

**Request For Proposal  
SOLICITATION NO.:  
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Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

- Bid Opening: Monday November  
30, 2017 4:00 PM
- Specifications/Plans will be  
available for pickup beginning  
Thursday October 26, 2017 at  
the Central Office .
- Fee; non-refundable charge of  
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