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EBONEE SPEARS

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

IN OUR CHURCHES



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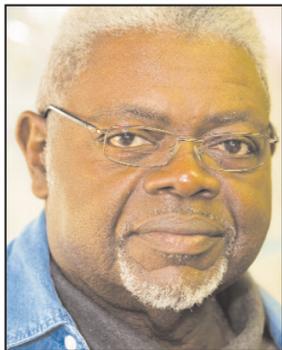
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

SALUTE OUR VETERANS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, as we come upon that special day, which we have come to call Veterans' Day, I look at the facts and see soldiers, Black, White, Native American, and others who have fought on the battle-

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Gov. Cooper signs executive order for more state contracts with minority businesses

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Gov. Cooper signs executive order for more state contracts with minority businesses

Keeping yet another campaign promise from his 2016 candidacy, Gov. Roy Cooper last week issued and signed Executive Order #25 "...to create jobs and expand economic opportunity for historically underutilized businesses in North Carolina."

The governor also used the Nov. 2nd occasion to announce members of his new Governor's Advisory Council on Historically Underutilized Businesses, with appointments from the Triangle to the Piedmont and beyond.

"Diverse businesses are engines for our economy and we need to encourage their growth and development," Governor Cooper said. "We have minority business owners to thank for creating thousands of new jobs in communities both urban and rural, and we must nurture their success."

Gov. Cooper had proclaimed October "Minority Enterprise Development Month," paying tribute to businesses, corporations and financial institutions owned and operated by people of color and women statewide, for their contributions and achievements in the face of daunting odds and barriers.

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NC GOVERNOR ROY COOPER



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PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLOTTE POST WALKER CHARLOTTE POST PUBLISHER GERALD JOHNSON PRESENTS AWARD TO EDUCATOR DAISY WALKER

Daisy Walker named Charlotte Post Educator of the Year

BY ELLISON CLARY OF THE CHARLOTTE POST

An inspirational leader who has spent her entire career - nearly 50 years - insisting on excellence in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is the 2017 Charlotte Post Foundation Educator of the Year.

Daisy Walker was among a very few African-American teachers at Randolph Middle School when she started teaching eighth-grade English in 1969. Through 17 years at Randolph, she expected the best from her students.

"With students," she declares firmly, "you have to demand excellence. They want excellence and they want to be disciplined."

The Charlotte Post Foundation honored Walker at The Charlotte Post Best banquet on Sept. 16 at the Hilton Center City. The banquet draws more than 400 attendees annually and is the foundation's main fundraiser.

"Daisy Walker has spent many years providing guidance and direction to the many students with whom she

was involved," said Gerald Johnson, publisher of The Charlotte Post. "She has long served as an advocate for underserved students in our community."

After Randolph, Walker was assistant principal, then principal at Garinger High, and principal at Wilson Middle. Though she "technically" retired in 2006, she since has worked with an entity that furnished new schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, then signed on with West Charlotte High as coordinator of volunteers in Project LIFT.

A Wilmington native, Walker earned a bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University and holds a doctorate in educational leadership from UNC Charlotte. She has won scores of admirers and produced top achievers at every stop.

Truly caring is the key, Walker said. "You've got to genuinely care about all students. You have to believe that no matter where they live, or whatever happens around

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MAYOR BILL SAFFO



COUNCILMAN-ELECT REV. CLIFFORD BARNETT



CONCILMEN O'GRADY AND RIVENBARK

Saffo wins re-election, Pastor Barnett wins

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

At press time Tuesday night, incumbent Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo won re-election in a landslide Tuesday for his sixth term, defeating challenger Todd Zola, 85 to 15%, becoming one of the longest serving

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GOP leader alleges "corruption" as federal judges target Dec. 1 for special master to

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A special master, designated by a federal three-judge panel, is currently tasked to review redrawn NC legislative maps in the Covington case to confirm if nine specific districts are legally problematic, and if so, redraw those so that the maps are constitutionally compliant by Friday, Dec. 1st.

However, Republican legislative

leaders, who didn't want a special master appointed to redraw the maps they submitted to the court in September, are not only blasting the decision and the special master chosen, but one GOP lawmaker in particular, House Majority Leader John Bell IV, was recently recorded allegedly telling a Republican fundraiser in Goldsboro not only that the GOP will lose the redistricting case, but that there was "corruption" between the plaintiffs

and the judges.

"I feel like we're probably going to lose our case on redistricting. It doesn't look good," Rep. Bell, who represents Craven, Greene, Lenoir and Wayne counties, was recorded telling the attendees at



BELL

the Lenoir-Wayne Republican Men's Club GOP fundraiser at the Walnut Creek Country Club Oct. 24th.

According to NC Policy Watch, a nonprofit progressive State news and commentary website, the NC Democratic Party released the audio of Bell's remarks. He has not responded to press inquiries about them.

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field for a free society. Brunswick County and the counties around us have had a great deal of these brave soldiers. It is still hard to see why, when a football player kneels for freedom, these things are seen, somehow, as disrespectful. I don't understand why it is that, when a civil rights worker asks for a look at an unfair and unjust system that deals out unjust punishment, or even death, to Blacks in what is supposed to be a free society, he or she is labeled a trouble maker. Why is it that, in a free nation, one cannot ask for freedom? Why is it fair that both young men and women have fought, and even made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom for us all and yet there are those who don't want it?

Get up! As we approach Veterans' Day, let us get out and find a way to thank our American service men and women for the service they have given to this great Nation. Let us thank them for their courage to fight for our freedom. Let us further honor them by assuring that the service they have given not be in vain! Perhaps the best way to do this is to continue to fight for freedom in our daily lives! Bernest Hewett is president emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.



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According to the US Dept. of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency, there are approximately 183,000 businesses owned and operated by people of color and women across North Carolina. They account for over \$16.1 billion in sales revenue, and employ over 129,000 North Carolinians annually.

In turn, the NC Dept. of Administration's Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses is the agency that seeks out and promotes Black, women-owned, and other businesses of color in the State, to do business with State government in terms of procurement of goods and services. The "HUB" Office, as it's commonly known, works to make sure that qualifying businesses meet State requirements to contract with State agencies for a variety of needs.

"Investing in the growth and development of small and minority owned businesses creates opportunities for individuals to improve their quality of life and the communities where they live," Secretary Machel

Sanders said. "I have directed the HUB Office team to explore new and improved ways to deliver effective and efficient services that will spur economic growth. Most importantly, we will foster meaningful and substantive inclusion of historically underutilized businesses across North Carolina to strengthen our State."

Per the Governor's Advisory Council on Historically Underutilized Businesses, among the 21 members appointed by Cooper were Cornelius Lambert, of Greensboro, the former owner and Executive Vice President of CoMor Corporation, an IT and computer networking firm, and a Board Member for the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Iris Reese of Durham, President of Fusion Multicultural Marketing; and Andrea Harris of Raleigh, the founder of, and a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Minority Economic Development. At the age of 23, Harris became executive director of a community organizing group in Henderson, and she was the youngest community action agency director in the nation at the time.

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them, that they have some worth. And you have to convince them."

"Believe in yourself," is what LaRita Barber said Walker taught her when she was an eighth-grader at Randolph. "She taught me to know my potential," added the senior vice president for Community Engagement at Goodwill Industries.

Barber remembers doing poorly on a test only to be forced by Walker to retake it. She performed much better the second time.

"She was a stern auntie," said Barber "She gave tough love."

"I call her auntie because I've known her so long," said Yolanda Johnson, proprietor of SB&J Enterprises, which owns and operates airport concessions, including several at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.

Johnson met Walker 20 years ago through her mother Sue Johnson, a retired CMS teacher and principal.

"Although I haven't been in a classroom with her, I've had her as a life coach," said Johnson. "She taught me to always be prepared and do your homework."

Fernando Little was a student leader at Garinger High when his junior class petitioned CMS executives to elevate Walker to principal. The promotion came through, Little said, and members of the class of 1994 are convinced their efforts made a difference.

"She taught me my contribution can always be bigger than my circumstance," said Little.

Walker helped Little get a full scholarship to Appalachian State University to study business administration. After roles with Bank of America and Mission Health in Asheville, Little is assistant vice president in Human Resources for Carolinas Health Care in Charlotte.

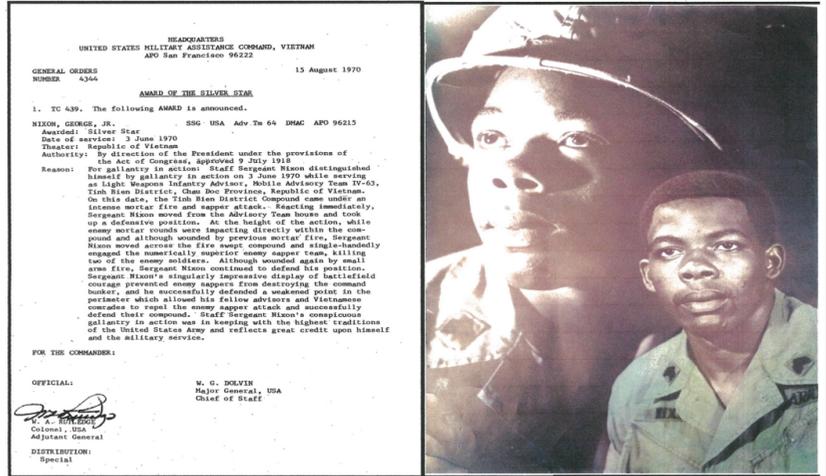
Because Walker is so well-connected, said West Charlotte High Principal Timisha Barnes-Jones, she has made a positive impact with LIFT. Barnes-Jones sees Walker as a mentor.

"She has experience as a principal and I often turn to her for advice," Barnes-Jones said. "She brings a supportive and nurturing spirit to everything she does. She embodies our vision at West Charlotte where we believe all students can succeed."

With pervasive technology and younger parents, students have changed, Walker said. "But relationships and caring and kindness, they do not change."

Walker is also a community leader. She is president of the Charlotte chapter of The Links Incorporated, a national women's organization, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. She is a deacon in Friendship Baptist Church, which she joined in 1973. For 10 years, Walker taught English at Central Piedmont Community College in its high school completion program.

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**MAJOR MAYORAL ELECTIONS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA**

[RALEIGH] At press time Tuesday, incumbent Raleigh Mayor Nancy McFarlane, an independent, won a fourth-term to lead the Capital City in a runoff against challenger Democrat Charles Francis, who had the support of Raleigh's black community. McFarlane won 58 to 42%.. Mayor McFarlane said this coming term may be her last. In Durham, City Councilman Steve Schewel outpaced former City Councilman Farad Ali, 60 to 40%. Ali had the endorsement of outgoing Mayor Bill Bell, - who has served for the past 16 years - and the Durham Committee on the



Affairs of Black People. In Charlotte, Councilwoman Vi Lyles, a Democrat, jumped out to an early lead over Republican Kenny Smith, and kept it to become the first African-American woman to be elected mayor of the Queen City. Lyles had a lion's share of the vote, 58 to 42% percent. Fayetteville's incumbent mayor Nat Robertson lost to opponent Mayor Pro Tem Mitch Colvin. Colvin received nearly 60 percent of the vote.

**HALF MILLION IN NC HAVE COPD**

RALEIGH, N.C. - More than 7 percent of North Carolina's population has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease or COPD - meaning the state has one of the highest rates in the country. Experts say the incurable disease, which killed almost 5,000 people in 2015 in the Tar Heel State, often is undiagnosed and left untreated.

Dr. MeiLan Han, volunteer spokeswoman for the American Lung Association, says shortness of breath or frequent incidences of bronchitis both are indicators of the disease. Also, asthma is a risk factor for developing COPD. "Certainly, smoking is a risk factor, but if the patient is also experiencing some of the symptoms, those also would be red flags that they need to talk to their doctor," she states. Han says the rate of COPD also could be under reported since the test to diagnose the disease - spirometry - isn't used with frequency during doctor and hospital visits. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the chronic illness costs the country upwards of \$68 billion annually. Han says it's important to remember that there are medications that help patients live with COPD - with 60 percent of people with the disease taking at least one medication for it.

"It's not curable but it's definitely treatable," Han points out. "The lung that is destroyed, I have no way of getting it back, but we do have medications that can improve lung function, improve symptoms, as well as reduce the frequency of flare-ups." A majority of patients with the illness are over 55 years old, and 8 percent of women in North Carolina have COPD, compared with just under 6 percent of men. (SOURCE: STEPHANIE CARSON OF NCNS)

**SOME UNSCRUPULOUS LAWYERS TARGET EXONERATED INMATES IN NC**

[RALEIGH] Seven death-row inmates in North Carolina have been exonerated in recent years. When many of them are released they're often left to navigate the legal system and a society they haven't been a part of for years or even decades. Often in need of legal assistance, they sometimes end up with unscrupulous attorneys who offer to sue the parties responsible for their wrongful conviction, looking for a large piece of their settlement. Co-director of the Duke Wrongful Convictions Clinic Jim Coleman explains. "Somebody who comes along and offers them money in exchange for an agreement in which, if they recover, the lawyer will be paid out of the recovery, they're sort of easy marks for that kind of an arrangement," he explains. Recently, Henry McCollum, who spent three decades on North Carolina's death row for a wrongful conviction, became the latest victim of the practice. A judge threw out a settlement that would have allowed his lawyers to claim \$400,000 of the \$1 million settlement in payments from investigators in the case. Additionally, McCollum's lawyers claimed half of a \$750,000 payout from the state.

Coleman says McCollum also is intellectually disabled - a condition that makes him even more vulnerable after spending 30 years in prison with little education or real-world skill training. "In prison, there's no effort to prepare them for eventual release," he says. "The result is that, when they come out, they don't have the skills to deal with day-to-day living, and they're often desperate financially." Coleman says the judge's ruling in McCollum's case is unusual, and often the court chooses not to intervene, even in instances where an arrangement may be unfair to the wrongfully convicted. The Duke Wrongful Convictions Clinic investigates claims of innocence made by incarcerated felons, helps manage their cases and gathers documentation. (SOURCE: STEPHANIE CARSON OF NCNS)

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mayors in the port city's

history. Meanwhile, for City Council, incumbent City Councilman Kevin O'Grady led all candidates in the nine-candidate race, followed by incumbent Councilman Charlie Rivenbark, and Rev. Clifford Barnett, pastor of Warner Temple AME Zion Church, edged out Deb. Hayes for the

third open seat. Rev. Barnett replaces councilman Earl Sheridan, who chose not to run for re-election. Rev. Barnett, now the

only African-American on the council after Sheridan leaves, said his win is a testament to the need for diversity on the council, and wants the city to be a better

place for all of Wilmington's citizens to live and work. One of his priorities is to advocate for affordable housing for those who work in the city.

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"When you talk about corruption, let me tell you something; did you ever see the plaintiffs and the judges hanging out with each other," Bell is heard asking his audience. Then Rep. Bell said something that many observers are already surmising, that the Republicans might sacrifice the 2018 midterm elections just to appeal what they already suspect will be a negative verdict to the US Supreme Court, where they feel, because of the 5-4 conservative slant, they

would have a better chance to hold on to their legally problematic legislative districts. "I feel that they, the Supreme Court, actually will agree with us," Bell said. Rep. Bell's alleged remarks are just the latest indication of Republican legislative leaders' hitting the panic button over the federal court's appointment of Stanford law Prof., Nathaniel Persily, of California. Persily has previously served as a special master and has redrawn districts in New York, Maryland and Georgia. It is Persily's job to correct the nine legislative districts -

four Senate and five House - that the judicial panel has deemed to be legally problematic. The four Senate districts still reflect the racial gerrymandering evident in the original 2011 NC legislative redistricting maps rendered by the Republican-led NC General Assembly, and ruled unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court. The five House districts were redrawn by the legislature in September but didn't have to be because they weren't racially gerrymandered. Since they weren't part of the original 28 legislative districts under court order to be redrawn, then doing

so was in violation of the State Constitution. Persily will now have to return those five House districts to their original boundaries. Through their attorney, Phil Strach, Republican leaders told the court in a motion that it was premature to appoint Persily to redraw anything before an official ruling was handed down on the previous version of the maps (they were deemed legally problematic but not officially unconstitutional yet) before the GOP had yet a third chance to correct whatever mistakes they made the second time. However, the three-judge

panel said, "No," adding, "The State is not entitled to multiple opportunities to remedy its unconstitutional districts." With Dec. 1st the target date for Prof. Persily to deliver new maps, it is apparent that the three-judge federal panel wants to get them into the hands of both the plaintiff and defendant's attorneys for review and comment no later than January and use whatever time is needed prior to the February filing date for legislative primary candidates to begin filing for office, to finalize the maps. The expected "monkey wrench" from the Republicans is that they will immediately

appeal to the US Supreme Court, which, given past experience, would take its time to render a decision, thus pushing the May primaries back, if not the 2018 fall general elections. One thing is certain, political observers agree, is that North Carolina Republicans do not want to lose the current electoral advantage that the 2011 legislative maps gave them and would rather delay the 2018 elections until they got a favorable US High Court ruling, as State House Majority Leader Bell said, than try to compete with objectively drawn voting districts that the special master is likely to produce.

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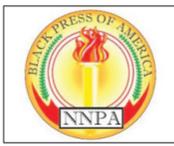
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## OUR VOICE

### REV. BARNETT WINS A SEAT

**C**ongratulations to Rev. Clifford Barnett, pastor of Warner Temple AME Zion Church, for winning a seat on the Wilmington City Council Tuesday night, winning behind incumbents Councilmen Kevin O'Grady and Charles Rivenbark.

Rev. Barnett now replaces Earl Sheridan as the only African-American on the City Council. Sheridan decided not to run for re-election after three terms of outstanding service to our community.

This was a tough one for us in Wilmington. Out of three black candidates running, Rev. Barnett came through. That means, in terms of representing the African-American community of Wilmington at the council table, Rev. Barnett is there as our voice. And one look at his community involvement, especially with the children of our community, tells you he is certainly up to the job. We might not agree with him on every issue, but we know his golden heart of service is in the right place.

And it needs to be, and long before swearing in, the community needs to sit down with Rev. Barnett, and refresh him on our issues - economic development in the black community (including the Southside CDC bus depot project, affordable housing for low-income families in the face of increasing gentrification; the need for more African-American police officers, NOT, as we noted last week, more riot gear and military equipment.

How can we get more black small businesses downtown where the money is being made, and how can those businesses get access to needed capital to succeed? Other cities right here in North Carolina have found the answers to those questions, why can't Wilmington?

Attracting more employers here so that more people can get jobs and work their way out of poverty...and YES, clean water. What can the city do to ensure that ALL residents of the port city have clean, unpolluted water to drink, cook and bathe in?

We could go on. The bottom line is, our community MUST come together NOW, roll up our sleeves, and work hard toward making sure that our issues are addressed by Mayor Saffo and the entire new City Council.

An ALL Democrat Council win, by the way, so let's see just how responsive they are.

With three African-American candidates vying for three open seats in a nine-candidate race, the writing is on the wall. We have to learn how to pool our resources, and concentrate our votes to get the best representation possible for OUR interests. Because in the end, that's what all of this is about...making sure that our interests as a community are heard, seriously considered, and answered as positively as possible.

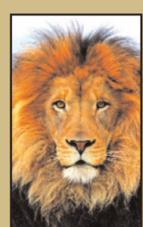
Rev. Barnett can't do it alone, obviously. He has to bring a majority of the council around to his way of thinking, and from what we've seen, he has the respect of many. But that also means that WE, us, our community, cannot raise hell about an issue we want City Council to address, and then not show up in strong numbers to support our City Council representatives who are pleading our case.

If we want progress, we have to support each other, for only then can we come together and advocate for what's just and correct for our community.

Congratulations, Rev. Barnett, on your impressive win Tuesday.

And now, community, the work really begins!

**"If the lions do not write**



**their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."**

**--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**

## YOUR VOICE

DAVID ROUZER

1st Tuesday-Excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do." "Absolution." Matthew 18:22 (Paraphrased) "Forgive not seven

times, but seventy times seven." TRUMP tells at least five lies every day, so he has passed the 490 allotted to him. Our 7th District Congressman, David Rouzer, has forgiven TRUMP in the past, forgives him five times

every day and still supports him 100%. I applaud David and his fellow conservative Christians who are full of forgiveness for TRUMP, but I will not vote to reelect David in 2018. To honor the many diverse people in our dis-

trict, please help me say goodbye to David in the language of the hurricane victims (Americans) in Puerto Rico. "Adios."

James J. Hankins  
 Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### RAINBOW COALITION

### To choose not to vote is to surrender self-determination

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*(Editor's Note: This commentary was written before Tuesday's election but is still worthy of reading.)*

**T**uesday is an election day in many parts of America. There are key gubernatorial races in Virginia and New Jersey. A single special election in a suburban Seattle district could win Democrats control of the Washington Senate and thus control both houses of the state legislature and the governorship. Charlotte, North Carolina, could elect the first black female mayor ever: A record 43 women are vying for seats in the Virginia House of Delegates. Voters in Maine will decide whether to extend Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

All eligible Americans should take the time to vote. The right to vote is the foundation of our republic. It is also - and has always been - contested territory. Originally, voting was restricted to white, male property owners. Against fierce resistance, citizen movements forced it to be extended - to all white males, to women, to

African-Americans at the ash end of segregation, to young people.

The right to vote was a centerpiece of the civil rights movement here, of the movement against apartheid in South Africa. Medgar Evers, Dr. Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela understood: The right to vote is not just a mark of equal citizenship; it is central to self-determination. Enforcing the right to vote would bring an end to apartheid in the U.S. and in South Africa.

Voting is still contested territory today. Across the country, right-wing Republicans have pushed to make voting more difficult for the poor, the young, workers and minorities. They seek to make registration harder; to require various forms of ID, to cut the days and hours for voting, to purge voter lists, to close down the number of polling booths and more. These measures had dramatic effect in many states in 2016, including in Wisconsin, and arguably may have cost Hillary Clinton the election.

Every vote counts. Surely the 2016 election made that clear: 77,000 votes in three states made the difference in the Electoral College. Everyone talks about the voters who went from Obama to Trump, but a far larger number of Obama voters simply ended up not voting.

Too many still choose not to

vote, especially in so-called off-year elections, when the presidency is not at stake. The fall-off is particularly extreme in the core of the progressive base: single women, millennials and people of color. By choosing not to vote, they forfeit the power that was won only after the sacrifice and struggle of many.

To go from being denied the right to vote to choosing not to vote is to surrender. It aids and abets those conspiring to suppress the vote. It insures that your voice is muted, while others gain more volume. To fail to vote is essentially to support the side of Trump, of George Wallace, of the Koch brothers, who know they can win only when large numbers of people stay home.

Young people of the so-called millennial generation have more eligible voters than any other. They have every reason to vote. Vote to make college affordable and gain relief from crippling student debts. Vote for affordable health care. Vote for the right to a job. Vote for livable wages. Vote for action against catastrophic climate change that, unchecked, will make your world less habitable. Vote so the concerns of young people cannot be ignored.

Some argue that an election doesn't offer a clear choice, that neither candidate champions the causes or the agenda that would inspire them. In Virginia, for example, the

Democratic candidate for governor, Ralph Northam, is a decent, uninspiring, moderate establishment figure. He's run a cautious, defensive campaign almost designed to reduce turnout. His opponent, Republican Ed Gillespie, has run a vile and divisive campaign drawn straight from the playbook of Donald Trump and George Wallace: braying and lying about immigrants, gangs, Confederate statutes and more. Northam may not inspire, but a Gillespie victory would ensure that cesspool politics spreads across the country in 2018. Virginians who choose not to vote Tuesday surrender to those who will drive us apart.

Sometimes the choices are narrow, but life can be in those cracks. If single women, young people and minorities vote in large numbers, the candidates they elect may not champion their entire agenda. But they - and future candidates - will pay more attention.

By voting, we gain power. By choosing not to vote, we surrender it. We cannot afford to do less than our best. We cannot create the society we want if we surrender our power to choose. Vote today and make certain your neighbor, your roommate, your coworker has voted. It makes a difference.

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

### CASH IN THE APPLE

### CODE-SWITCHING

**T**he other day I was perusing Facebook to see what interesting tidbits people were writing about, or nuggets of news people were reacting to (I find those most interesting).

Then I came across a post by one of my nieces, who I think very highly of. She was opining about the fact that apparently some people have accused

her of "talking white," and this seemed to bother her, though she was quick to dismiss them, and in my opinion, rightfully so.

My niece is a young woman, so I doubt if folks in her generation have ever heard the term "code-switching," or know what it means. Black folks in my generation, who mostly came up in the 1960's, know only too well what "code-switching" means, and I dare say it's a skill that just doesn't apply to African-Americans, as you'll see in a minute.

Code-switching is how black people are able to appropriately adapt to the different circumstances they find themselves in, and effectively communicate accordingly. So, for instance, being a black man of age 61, appropriately educated, generally skilled, professionally trained and having been

"around the block" a few times in various settings, I feel that I'm able to be conversant with just about anyone I come in contact with, as long as they are speaking (or at least trying to speak) what they call "the King's English."

Thus, when I have to be "Cash Michaels" in various settings, either meeting the public, or being on a radio or television interview, or conversing with my media colleagues or asking questions of a public official, I instantly "code-switch" to be able to adequately and appropriately do my job. Indeed most black people I know are able to do the same thing, depending on what they do professionally, and that's a good thing.

But some folks would call that "talking white."

Then, when I'm home, talking with my family, the "professional" code is no longer appropriate, and I just ...talk, being more relaxed (assuming there's nothing to get upset about). Now if I have to jump on the phone per business, I'll code-switch in a heartbeat, but generally at home, I'm more laid-back in my speech and tone.

Again, most black folks I know are like this.

If I'm talking to an old friend from "around the way, back in the day..." I definitely code-switch to an even more relaxed tone and texture than what I have even at home, and indeed, that's where my "Black side" may show itself most. I'm talking

to old friends, almost family, so my language with them is even more intimate, more exclusive. I'm more likely to say "Yo man (or Yo cuz)..." or "Yeah..." or "Damn right..." (I've consciously reduced my cussing significantly in recent months), or "Thank you, my Sistah..." or any other variety of some of what folks would call "street" talk.

Again, it's a language of intimacy, which reminds me, how many of us "brothas" really say, "Yo baby..." when we're talking to our significant others, especially if you're way over the age of 20, huh?

The one thing I've always been proud of when it comes to my people and community is that African-Americans are multi-faceted, and ALWAYS have been. Whether it be speech, literature, music, dance, or other viable means of expression, we can, and have, mastered it all. Indeed, I've always found it extraordinary hearing some foreign guy or gal speak in their language, but then when it came to singing, sound a "black" as possible (anyone ever hear of "Tom Jones" from Wales?)

Indeed, many foreigners who came to America have also had to learn how to code-switch in order to mainstream into American society. Some even adopted Americanized names in order to appropriately fit in. But when back among their own, their Spanish or Italian

would be as thick as ever.

A lot of American television newsmen, like Dan Rather or Bob Schieffer, actually have thick Southern accents (they're both from around Houston, Texas), but code-switch on TV in order to communicate better.

I could go on and on, but the bottomline is judging black people by the way we speak is dangerous territory. I've also learned in my life that judging black people by who they marry is also perilous. In both cases, they should be judged by their actions towards or for their communities.

Is a drug dealer who uses black "slang" truly "Black" just because he sounds the part?

C'mon, if you're THAT interested in whether someone is really "Black" or not, broaden your standard, including yourself. What should be the TRUE measure of any black person's commitment to our community? I mean really.

Answer that, and you'll find a lot of the cosmetic stuff we've been arguing about amongst ourselves has been just a tremendous waste of time!

Yo, ya dig?!!!  
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**The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!**

TO BE EQUAL

# On the 100th anniversary of Fannie Lou Hamer's birth, find inspiration to fight for voting rights

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*"You can pray until you faint, but unless you get up and do something, God is not going to put it in your lap." - Fannie Lou Hamer*

At a time when the right to vote is being threatened, we look for inspiration in the lives of those who fought most valiantly to extend and protect that right. This fall we recognize the 100th anniversary of one of our greatest champions, Fannie Lou Hamer.

Born to a family of sharecroppers in rural Mississippi, she was forced at the age of 13 from her one-room schoolhouse into the cotton fields. She was forced off the plantation where she worked when

the owner found out she had tied to register to vote. She was blocked from actually registering, however, by Mississippi's notorious racially-discriminatory literacy test. At that time, Black voters not only had to prove they could read, but also had to compose an essay analyzing a portion of the U.S. Constitution - to the satisfaction of a white registrar. White applicants were exempt from such requirements under so-called "grandfather clauses."

Her willingness to challenge the registrar and demand she be alone to fill out an application attracted the attention of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which hired her as a field organizer.

The beating she suffered in prison in 1963 as a result of her activism left her with permanent injuries to her kidneys, eyes and legs.

While her work with SNCC raised her public profile, it was as a founder of the

Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that she gained national celebrity. The party selected 64 delegates to send to the 1964 Democratic National Convention, and Hamer was elected vice-chair of the delegation. Hamer's powerfully moving testimony to the credentials committee was broadcast on national television, drawing attention to the humiliations and violence visited upon Black Americans in the South who tried to vote.

The work of Hamer and others led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965. It placed restrictions states with a history of discrimination - Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Virginia and Hamer's home state of Mississippi - and certain jurisdictions in other states, requiring the approval of the federal government for any election law changes. In 2013, the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act, ruling that "preclearance" no longer was necessary. States wasted

no time in proving the Supreme Court wrong. Within two months, North Carolina passed racially-discriminatory voting restrictions that later were struck down in federal court. Overall, 23 states have passed restrictive voting laws.

Meanwhile, the White House has established a sham Commission to perpetuate the myth of widespread voter fraud. The commission is a weapon of mass deception, a Trojan horse to usher in even greater voting restrictions on people of color, the poor, senior citizens and students.

Despite her worsening health, complicated by a lifetime spent in poverty and the beating she suffered in prison, she spent her life battling racism and poverty. It would be a disgrace to her memory if we did not make every effort to defeat the effort to restrict voting rights.

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



Marc Morial

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

# Is the Church impotent to end racism?

Is the Christian church supposed to be able to destroy racism?



Rev. Susan K. Smith

The words of the Christ, taught to me, were awe-inspiring, powerful and had the power of transformation. The Christ taught that love was the principle upon which all things of God must stand. We were taught to love everyone - our friends and our enemies. In so doing, the world would be transformed.

Though the directive did not seem difficult in fact was and is. Unconditional love, and with it, the capacity to forgive people and through action, lead them to God, is what the Christ showed us. Jesus the Christ saw no difference between people; one race or one gender was no better than another. We were directed to live in community with each other.

But it seems that God's people needed and still need more direction. If we believe that God created us all, then the variety of races and ethnicities is of God and from God. We in the church are supposed to represent the God whom we say we love. That would seem to mean that we work to embrace all of God's created people.

The church does not do that, however. The Christian church - and other religions as well - have found it difficult to embrace and to accept the concept and the practice of love. Instead of being a voice for the voiceless, or a home for the homeless, instead of being a community of like-believers, members of the church are dividers. Instead of gathering people into community, the church characteristically drives people apart - all in the name of the Christ.

It seems that this institution, which has such transformative power, has forfeited that power and replaced it with naked humanity, humanity which gives in to base emotions and prejudices, all the while ignoring God and the words of the Christ which form the spine of the church. The church engages in prejudice and hatred and sees nothing wrong with it.

That is a problem. During the Civil Rights movement, some pastors of white churches in the South preached that it was OK to treat black people poorly, and that to defend the Civil Rights Movement meant that one could lose favor with God and jeopardize one's own salvation. The Church, North and South, black and white, debated over the essential meaning of Christianity. There was a clear divide, in spite of the words of the Christ. Individualism began to emerge as a Christian tenet, as opposed to "the Beloved Community."

The Church developed a bifurcated theology; white theology was and is distinctly different from that of African Americans, and there is no intersection point. Those white pastors and church members who challenged white theology paid a price; many pastors lost their churches and many church members lost friends and ended up leaving the churches they loved.

There were pangs of protest in the very souls of a few. Both black and white Christians often remained silent, blacks because they were not interested in "causing a stir" and perhaps upsetting the tenuous "freedom" they had, and whites because they could and did lose so much. Some white pastors in Mississippi dared confront this bifurcated Christian theology and wrote a statement dubbed "Born of Conviction" in 1963.

In that document, the pastors wrote "confronted with the grace crises precipitated by racial discord without our state in recent months, and the genuine dilemma facing persons of Christian conscience, we are compelled to voice publicly our convictions. Indeed, as Christian ministers and as native Mississippians, sharing the anguish of all our people, we have a particular obligation to speak."

They did speak, but their cries were overpowered by the noise of racism being practiced in and by the church. Dr. King addressed the weakness, the impotence of the Church, the progressive Church in particular, in his Letter From a Birmingham Jail, but in the end, neither the voices of anguished white Southern pastors or an anguished Black civil rights leader could say or do whatever needed to be said or done to end racism.

Has the Church failed, then, as a moral force against racism? Up to this point, that seems to be the case. The Church, the Christian church, in spite of having a revolutionary named Jesus be the center of its belief system, has pushed the Christ to the curb and continues to help nurture this illness called racism which will ultimately destroy this country.

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## Step-by-Step

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Anyone old enough to remember "The Three Stooges" may also remember one of their most famous skits, "Niagara Falls." In this bit, each time Moe heard the words 'Niagara Falls' he approached Curly saying, "Slowly I turned, step-by-step, inch-by-inch." He then viciously assaulted Curly.

If you appreciate physical comedy, it's a funny, dated art form and, if you like retro-humor, you'll find it funny now. It's NOT funny when viewed in the context of #45's authoritarian governance.

Without amusement, our democracy has not equally fulfilled its promise to all citizens. Less funny is that #45 is slowly creeping upon the most valued principles of our flawed Democracy and step-by-step, inch-by-inch he's assaulting them with reckless abandon.

Paramount among these principles is the expectation of

the election of an executive whose veracity is above reproach and whose focus is to build a spirit of unity among the citizenry. #45 entered office with the goal of dissembling the principles, institutions, traditions and expectations that have provided for our reasonably stable societal evolution.

Among his most egregious transgressions is his serially lying - an estimated daily average of five significant lies. More disturbing is that these lies play to the fears of his supporters and detractors alike creating an adversarial WE vs. THEM dynamic - hyper-polarization.

Historically, The Press has been "Freedom's Watchdog." While never perfect, it has investigated and illuminated wrongdoing that would have shaken our national foundations. Watergate and Enron pop into mind. #45 criticizes any press outlet that doesn't edify him or his agenda.

Like Pravda or RT news, the Fox network has become the state news source for Trumpism. The Sinclair Broadcast Group, supporters of #45's agenda, is pursuing the monopolistic acquisition of television outlets throughout the nation. Sinclair is infamous

for forcing their local stations to make nightly broadcasts of pro-Trump, rightwing messaging. Meanwhile, networks which critically analyze #45's messaging are vilified as Fake News.

One year ago, the Department of Justice served as a beacon of fairness and guardian of integrity. Since January, it has turned a blind eye to protecting the rights of ALL citizens. It reneged on promises made to "Dreamers" and established draconian immigration policies. The FBI is targeting Black Lives Matter for investigation as Black Identity Extremists (read: Domestic Terrorists).

Although #45's complaints about the inefficiency of the legislative process aren't new and his criticism of the judiciary pre-date 2016, his recurring appeal for modification of the judicial system pierces the airwaves. Operating in the shadow of Josef Goebbels, #45 seems to believe, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it."

As with the Central Park Five, #45 has morphed into Judge, Jury and Executioner. Although there's no question of his guilt, #45 has violated due

process by already proclaiming Sayfullo Saipov guilty and condemning him to death. The problem - too many of #45's supporters - whether in office or not - would willingly surrender this power to him. I, for one, am not willing to accede to this type of justice.

As I've quoted Maya Angelou so many times before, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."

In words and deeds, #45 has clearly informed us that the laws, freedoms, and civil courtesies we believe in and have come to expect are meaningless to him and those who support his authoritarian agenda. He has fomented fear and anxiety to create the circumstance where his supporters will voluntarily relinquish their personal freedoms. Until we can demonstrate our opposition at the ballot box - and we must vote - it is essential that we engage in civic action to protest the step-by-step and inch-by-inch erosion of our freedoms that has persisted since January 2017.

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Dr. E. Faye Williams

## All souls to enroll - Faith in Action

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

For all of this Administration's efforts to kill (as in "repeal and replace") the Affordable Care Act, it is still the law of the land, and still available (and required).

However, since 45 and his team have declared it all but dead, they have shortened the enrollment period from three months to a mere six weeks, from November 1-December 15, 2018. Additionally, the department of Health and Human Services has drastically cut the budget for outreach. This time last year, there were television and radio announcements, billboards on buses, and other reminders that people should enroll for health care if they don't get health care from their job.

This Administration hopes that, without outreach, people will not enroll for care, so that they can then crow that people "don't want" health care. But some faith leaders have pledged to use their pulpits to remind their congregations to get enrolled for health care. Rev. Dr. Barbara Williams Skinner, the first Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, an activist who melds faith with public policy, and a spiritual advisor to many Black leaders, has developed a toolkit for communities of faith to help them do the work that our government won't in encouraging people to enroll for affordable health care.

The effort has a title, #SOULSTOENROLL, or #SOULS2ENROLL, a Facebook Page, ?Facebook.com/FaithinPublicLife, a toolkit adopted from the government page, ?GetAmericaCovered.org, a weekend campaign that will begin November 12, suggestions for faith leaders, a sample bulletin announcement, PSA, and social media tips. In other words, the faith community is being encouraged to treat health care enrollment like any other grassroots organizing campaign and get involved in it.

Back in the day, before social media, we used to talk about "the drum", or the ways we shared information in the Black community. Lots of our radio stations, or programs, were called "the drum" because they were our ways of sharing information. Now faith leaders are taking the drum viral to ensure that people who don't get the word because of lack of government outreach, will get it through churches and through the Internet.

Once upon a time we could mobilize. Without any Internet, 250,000 people managed to get to Washington, DC for the March on Washington on August 28, 1963. Mimicking that effort, and using both word of mouth and the Internet, more than a million women made it to Washington DC for the post-inaugural Women's March. Now we have the opportunity to rally millions to participate in benefits of the Affordable Care Act.

There are consequences to not enrolling. If you haven't enrolled by December 15, you may have to wait a whole year before getting access to affordable health care and the subsidies available under ACA, and you may have to pay a fine for not enrolling. Some states (California, Washington, Minnesota, DC, Colorado and Massachusetts) will allow enrollment until January, but most will close enrollment on December 15. Even with a longer enrollment period, the best thing to do is to ensure that those you know who need ACA benefits enroll early.

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Helping people enroll for ACA benefits is not only a public service, but it is also an act of resistance to 45's pernicious attempts to undermine President Obama's signature piece of legislation. To be sure, ACA is not perfect, but it is responsible for expanding the base of people who can get affordable health insurance.

This example of Faith in Action may be a template for other ways to use the church to organize resistance. The novelist Dr. Daniel Black (author of Perfect Peace) recently gave a talk in which he described our churches as the backbone of the Black community. Disagree with your pastor, or with the sermon if you will, he said, but still get to church for the sense of community that can only be found there. While the Black church is less impactful than it was in 1963 when most of us could be reached through church announcements, it is still a place where we gather and share information. If you don't usually go to church on November 12, when the #SOULS2ENROLL weekend campaign kicks off, consider making our way there to check this campaign out (or encourage your pastor to participate).

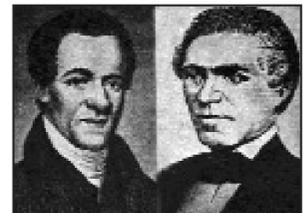
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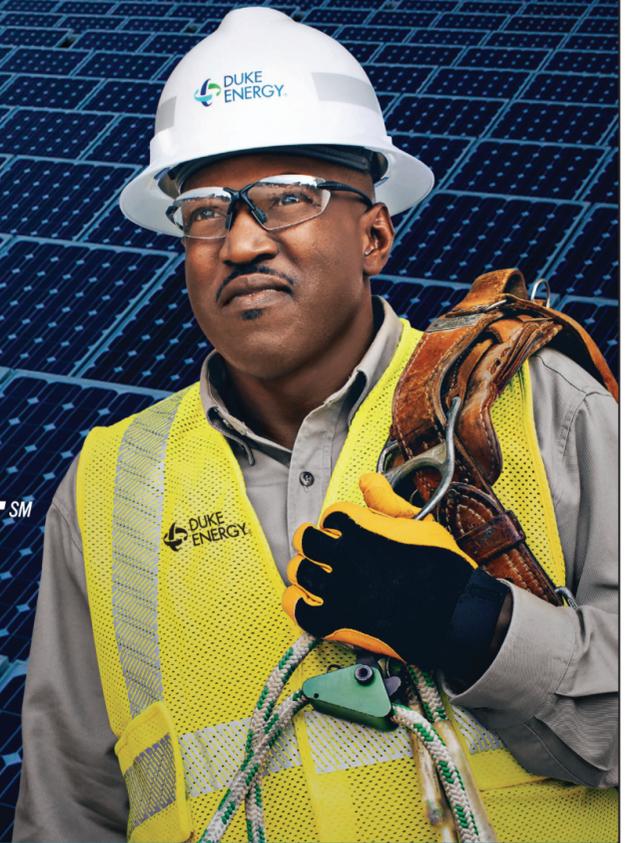
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New Hanover County

**Precinct 29** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13th at Williston Middle School. Meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. The speakers will be Kevin Skipper, Senior Benefits consultant at North American Senior Benefits and Deb Hayes of Affordable Housing. Your help an input is needed with the Friends of Williston Project, The vision of the Friends of Williston is to establish a perpetual care plan for maintenance and upkeep of Williston in the coming years.

Community Briefs

The **New Hanover NAACP** monthly meeting is Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on vital community and state issues will be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. 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

More women needed in politics

**T**oday, there is a real need for more women in politics. We get daily information on this issue daily through watching the news on television and reading the news in the newspapers and magazines, etc. Much of the reading material we receive on this issue comes to us in the mail.



Verniece Stanley

Today's women make a great impact in our lives in various ways. Women serve a great role in the

schools of our communities and make worthwhile contributions to helping young people fulfill their fondest dreams. Every investment made in the education of a child is a step in that direction. Much ado is made about the tax dollars spent on the improvement of the infrastructure of our communities, but we must never forget the significance of the time, attention, and materials necessary to teach necessary educational skills to our young people. If the necessary teaching materials are not accessible, it creates a problem for all involved. All children ought to have available to them the best education possible.

More and more of our women are becoming more and more involved in all aspects of our lives, particularly politics, and women's voices are making a difference on the various issues that affect every area of our lives. As we face more critical times in the days ahead, we live with the hope that, out of future generations, will come even more of our women who will enter the critical areas of life in all of our communities and take a firm stand. If we stand on solid truth and righteousness, we must achieve our ultimate goal, total rights for women. If we stand for righteousness, our rights will never be destroyed!

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Zaria Allen WBSMC 2017 scholarship winner

BY LINDA SMITH CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Wilmington Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club (WBSMC) announced its 2017 Scholarship Awards. The scholarships honored a graduating senior with a GPA of 2.5 or higher from the surrounding area High Schools. The sum of \$1,500.00 is set aside annually. The groups Scholarship Committee selects the candidates based on the proposed use, ranking of the candidate in relation to other applicants based on overall qualification, and the quality of the final essay. Additionally, the scholarships will be paid by the WBSMC to the student or school upon verification of acceptance and enrollment at an accredited college/university. The award may be used at any accredited college/university of the recipient's choice.

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On October 9, 2017, the group presented Zaria Allen with the award. Zaria is a member of the 2017 graduating class of John T Hoggard High School with a 3.4 GPA. During her years as a Viking, she was a Junior Varsity Cheerleader, on the Track and Field team, a

member of the Legacy Club and STAE. As a participant in the 2017 Alpha Kappa Alpha Debutant Pageant, she placed 1st Runner-up. Her flight to higher education led her to attend Winston Salem State University in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Her career goal is to major in pediatric nursing. Zaria is the daughter of Crystal McDuffie and Steven Allen.

The Scholarship application is open to seniors attending

local high schools. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, carrying a minimum 2.5 GPA at the end of their junior year. Applications must be postmarked or emailed by July 31, 2018. Mail completed applications to: Wilmington Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club: Scholarship Program; P.O. Box 1933, Wilmington, N.C, 28402. For additional information; contact President "Fred Fox" at 910-619-2526.

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**Audrie Dene Daniels-Murphy**

Audrie Dene Daniels-Murphy, 68, died November 3, 2017. Funeral services are 1:00 pm, Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place, Wilmington, NC.

Survived by children, Aaron McCrae III, Adrian McCrae, Portia Daniels-Murphy; sister, Elfreda (Harvey) Mack. R.C. Bostic Funeral Services.

**Daisy Brice**

Daisy Brice died Saturday, October 28, 2017 at her residence. Graveside services were held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Oak Grove Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Lindell Russ**

Lindell Russ died Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Brunswick Cove Living Center. Memorial services were held Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Lindell is survived by five nieces and nephews, Reginald Troy, Larence Troy (Kim), Chinita Trpy-Mandley, Valerie Troy and Kimberly Troy other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Dorothy Robbins**

Dorothy Robbins died Saturday, October 28, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Riley Robbins, beloved daughter of the late Mack and Addelle Lewis Riley, departed this life on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters and husband, Charles "Chummy" Robbins. "Dot" or "Dottie Mae", as she was affectionately known, accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age. Until her illness, she was a faithful member and servant of Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Dottie Mae was born in Wilmington, NC

on July 7, 1934 and attended the Public Schools of New Hanover County here in Wilmington. During her earthly life, she was an avid bowler who enjoyed life and loved working in the yard, cooking and workouts at Curves with her daughters. She deeply loved, supported and cared for her family and was a devoted wife, mother, auntie, cousin and friend. A quiet soul, with a keen sense of humor.

She leaves to lovingly cherish her memory: daughters, Beverly Anne Robbins, Janie Robbins Jacobs, Blanchie Robbins Anthony (Robert); a special nephew that she reared as her son, Clarence Riley, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, William Henry (Jennifer), Shirley Matthews (Vincent), Earl Robbins (Mary); a special great-grandniece, Zavianna Riley; two special great-grand-nephews, Xavier and Zamere Riley; two special cousins Maxine Hobbs and Irene Taylor; loving companion, "Pookie"; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Jessie L. Mathews**

Jessie L. Mathews died Sunday, October 29, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at St. Phillip AME Church.

Jessie was born on July 23, 1932 to the late Earnest and Olea Pridgen of the Sandhills Community, Bladen County, North Carolina. She had 12 siblings, 10 preceded her in death and two remaining with us is Otis Pridgen (Bertha) and Roland Pridgen. Jessie accepted Christ at an early age at Sandhills Missionary Baptist Church. She worked in the church, doing whatever was asked of her. At the age of 17 she moved to Wilmington, NC, married and had one child, Audrey. At the age of 18 she divorced and Jessie and Audrey moved in with the Cherry family. They lived with them for many years. Morris (Marcy) Jackson Permenter, and Bennie remained by her side until death. In her later life she remarried her true love, the late James Lewis Matthews. They were married for over thirty years. She developed a career as a chief. Following his death she joined St. Phillip AME Church where she was able to renew herself. She loved to go to church and work in her food ministry too. She looked forward to Sister Margie coming to get her for church and the ladies of the church coming to visit. She leaves to mourn: three grandkids, Nickysha McKoy (Michael) of Charlotte, NC, Ralph Harris, III and Andrennia Deloris Harris all of Wilmington, NC; two great-grandchildren, Jessica Powell and Michael McKoy, Jr.; a host of

aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Mary Ann Pierce Payne**

Mary Ann Pierce Payne funeral service were held Saturday, November 4th at Macedonia MB Church.

Mary Ann Pierce Payne, daughter of Marjorie Powell and Robert L. Pierce, Sr. was born on August 20, 1961, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She departed this life on October 31, 2017 and is now resting in peace. Mary Ann, known by family as "Boobie", attended George Clymer School in Philadelphia and worked for the John Middleton Company for ten years. Following some health issues, Mary moved to Wilmington, North Carolina to be with her family. She was a homemaker and had a great love for her family.

Mary Ann is survived by her loving mother, Marjorie Powell (William); father, Robert Pierce, Sr. (Francine); four sisters, Angeline Pierce, Barbara Williams, Sheron Pierce Davis (Stanley) and Latonya Myers (Ronald Sr.); one brother, Robert Pierce, Jr.; aunts, Mary Summers and Mary McIntyre; nieces, Walnetta Pierce, Angel Pierce, Nakisha Myers; nephews, Barry Pierce (KiKi), Leon Pierce, Rasaan Ware, Robert Ware and Ronald Myers, Jr.; a host of great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Rebecca McMillan**

Rebecca McMillan Funeral services were held on Monday, November 6th at First Baptist Church. Burial in Calvary.

Sister Rebecca L. McMillan was born on January 2, 1936 to the late Henry and Virginia Lawrence in McClellanville, South Carolina. Rebecca was educated in the Charleston County Public School System. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age at Howard AME Church in McClellanville, South Carolina. "Bec" as she was affectionately known was united in holy matrimony to Bro. William McMillan on April 6, 1961, who preceded her in death. "Bec" traveled throughout the United States with her husband who was in the US Navy. Later she moved to Castle Hayne, North Carolina and faithfully worked at Corbett's and was the head cook at K&W Cafeteria for 22 years, until her retirement. Rebecca also earned her CNA License from Cape Fear Community College. Her hobbies included fishing, gardening and cooking. She was a great asset and help to all she knew. In addition to her parents and husband, "Bec" was preceded in death by her son,

Charles Melbert.

Rebecca leaves to cherish her memories: two sons and two daughters, Leroy Lawrence and Hilda (Harry) Singleton all of Charleston, SC, William McMillan, Jr. of Castle Hayne, NC and Rhonda Allen of Wilmington, NC; daughter-in-law, Deborah Melbert of McClellanville, SC; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one brother, Eddie Lawrence (Sarah) of Mt. Pleasant, SC; three sisters, Lula Tillet of Manteo, NC, Anna Lee (Marshall) Middleton of Charleston, SC and Shirley McConnell of McClellanville, SC; ten sisters-in-law, Sarah, Melva, Betty, Lynda, Jane, Odell, Mae, Geneva, Marjorie and Justine; three brothers-in-law, Walter Waters, Marshall Middleton and Charles Singleton, Sr.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends, including the Carmichael and Canty families, god-daughter, LaShawn King and the First Baptist Church family. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Bessie Brown McKinnon Jones**

Our mother, Bessie Jones, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the age of 86, surrounded by love and those having hope of seeing her again in paradise.

Bessie, known by some as "Bot", "Legs" or "Bessie Lee", was raised in Brunswick County. She attended school in both Brunswick and New Hanover Counties. Bessie was employed many years in the healthcare system and later in life enjoyed working with the Grandparent Volunteer Program in New Hanover County. On October 25, 1970, Bessie dedicated her life to

Jehovah as symbolized by water baptism and became one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Bessie was preceded in death by her first husband, James Lloyd McKinnon, Sr.; her daughter, Sharon Guy; parents, Elizabeth Brown Merrick and Henry Myers; brothers, Bernard Merrick, Thomas V. Merrick, Sr. and Marvin E. Merrick.

Bessie was both mother and father to her 7 children following her husband's death. She is survived by three sons, Lloyd McKinnon, Jr. (Barbara), Reginald McKinnon, Vander McKinnon; daughters, Carmen McKinnon, Velda Legarde and Brenda Nixon; sister, Elizabeth Joyce West (William); brother, Norris Merrick (Donna); nine grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

**Oliver N. Peoples**

Oliver N. Peoples, age 67, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, October 29, 2017.

Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, November 3, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Oliver's life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Oliver Neal Peoples was born to the late Leroy and Sarah Peoples on February 7, 1950. On Sunday October 29, 2017 while holding the hand of his loving wife, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ called him

home to enter into internal rest. Oliver accepted Christ at an early age and gained his Christian experience as a member of Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church.

In his early years while playing in the Castle Hayne community he earned his nickname "Cheetah" because of his quick speed at running. He was always very competitive and willing to meet any challenge. Oliver was also a very compassionate and loving person who loved talking with anyone. Those who knew him would say that he could talk for hours and hours and more hours and then end with "hey, it's just conversation." He liked playing cards games, washing his car, dancing to his James Brown songs and going to the movies.

Oliver's working career began with him working with his dad at Carolina Meat Processing Company. Oliver was able to gain invaluable leadership skills that he later would use when he moved to Houston, Texas. The skills Oliver obtained at an earlier age enabled him to be an effective supervisor at A-1 Rocket Moving and Storage along with Grabel Moving where he worked for a combined 24 years before retirement.

Oliver loved the Lord, his wife, children, grandchildren and he also had a deep love for his Pastor and friend, Rev. Leonard Peters. He talked often about how much he loved working in the church alongside Pastor Peters. His family always knew that any conversation they had with him would lead to Pastor Peters, Sister Valerie and the members at the Good Shepherd House of Prayer of Houston, Texas.

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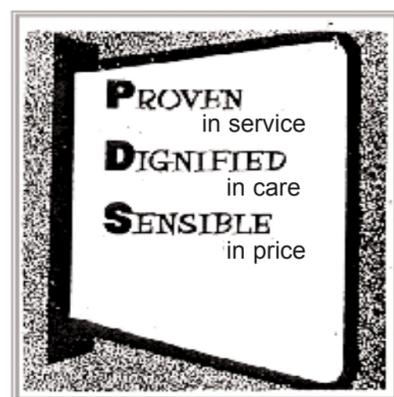
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**Central Missionary Baptist Church**, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate their 134th Homecoming Anniversary and Family & Friends Day on Sunday, November 12th. At 11:00 a.m. Worship Service will be delivered by Pastor Reverend Richard Robinson and at 3:00 p.m. the special guest will be Reverend Tony Harrington along with the choir; ushers and congregation of First Missionary Baptist Church, Magnolia, NC.



Religious Briefs

**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**, 3701 Princess Place Dr., will hold Men's Day Weekend, "Men Who Aren't Afraid To Worship" Friday, November 10th-Sunday November 12th. Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Robert Campbell of New Beginnings Christian Church will be the guest speaker and on Sunday at 7:45 a.m. Pastor Cameron Hanins of New Christian Chapel, Rose Hill, NC will be the guest speaker and at 11:00 a.m. Elder Ricky McLean of New Hope Fre Will Baptist Church will be the guest speaker.

**New Jerusalem MBC** will be celebrating their 60th church anniversary on Sunday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m. The guest church will be Mt. Holly and Reverend Alderman.

Brunswick County

**Mt. Calvary AME Church**, 325 Main St., Navassa, NC, Lay Organization will hold a Veterans Day program on Sunday, November 12th during the 11:00 a.m. service. The speaker will be Reverend D'Other Melvin. For questions contact Barbara Watson at 910-616-9988.

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**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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or St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
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But, as the saying goes, there is no place like home - due to health challenges Oliver decided to move back to North Carolina where he spent the last two years with his family and friends; he was also able to reunite with his childhood church family, Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church family.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Ruth Mae Peoples; children: Jeremiah Peoples (Ursula) Wilmington, NC; April Peoples (Mark) Charlotte, NC; Timothy Ragin (Ramona) Wilmington, NC; Tammi Lofton (Harold) Houston, TX; grandchildren: Deontra Peoples, Darius Peoples, Jacques Baldwin, Ragin Lofton, Isaiah Lofton; great granddaughter: Desoria Peoples; siblings: Ernestine Bonds (Hubert), Wilbert Peoples (Rose), Leroy Peoples, Jr. (Peggy), Ruth Lawrence (Larry), Jeffrey Peoples (Emily), Gloria Mckinney (Clifton), Deames Peoples (Kim); aunt: Mrs. Fannie Thomas; uncle: Mr. Thomas Gaines; in-laws: Hattie Green, James Green, Daniel Green, Cheryl Williams (Ernest), Annie Green, Anthony Green and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. *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.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

**Tina W. Howard**

Tina W. Howard, age 49, of Bolton, passed away Sunday, October 29, 2017. A celebration of Tina's life was held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

On December 26, 1967m Mrs. Margery Graham was blessed with the birth of a precious baby girl, Tina Wytette Bowens, in Brooklyn, New York. Tina entered into eternal rest on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Columbus Regional Healthcare.

Tina graduated from Acme-Delco High School as the baby of the Class of 1985. In preparation for her career; she pursued studies at Miller-Motte College in Wilmington. She was licensed customer service representative with Brad Sizemore Insurance Agency in Wilmington.

She united in marriage with Joseph P. Howard, Jr. on April 13, 1991 and they resided in Bolton, NC. Their union was blessed with two beautiful children. As a member of Mt. Pleasant Church, she served as a member of the Steward Board, President of the Adult Choir and Director of the Buds of Promise.

In addition to her mother; her memory will be held dearly by her husband of twenty-six years, Joseph P. Howard, Jr.; son, Joseph P. Howard III; daughter, Alisha Nicole Howard and other family, classmates and friends. To know her was to love her: Tina was the life of the party! We thank God for blessing us with such a beautiful spirit. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

**Morgan E. Lewis, Jr.**

Morgan Elton Lewis, Jr., 77, passed away peacefully at his home in Wilmington, NC on October 30, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

Morgan Elton Lewis, Jr. was born in Youngstown, Ohio on July 4, 1940 to the late Morgan Elton Lewis, Sr. and Louise Lewis. He graduated from Hubbard High School in 1958. He served in the United States Marine Corp from 1958 to 1966 and obtained the ranking of Sgt (E-5). While enlisted as a Marine, Morgan worked in the capacity of Cannoneer, Motor Transport Technician, and Helicopter Mechanic/Crew Chief. Post military discharge, Morgan worked at Chrysler Mack Plant, General Motors, and the Detroit House of Correction. On October 29, 1966, Morgan married Jean (Lucas) in Detroit, Michigan.

Morgan obtained a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Social Work from Wayne State University. He later earned certification as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and established his own private practice in Dearborn, Michigan, Greenville, North Carolina, and Wilmington, North Carolina. He was employed as a counselor at the University of North Carolina - Wilmington for 8 years.

On any given day, you could find Morgan participating in his life-long passions and love of outdoor activities which he shared with his family and friends. He took great pride in teaching them all about the wonders and beauty of nature. He had many hobbies and was an avid reader. He loved sailing, motorcycling, camping, kayaking, archery and martial arts. He attended motorcycle rallies and toured in Lake George, Vermont, Knoxville, Atlanta, Charleston, Myrtle Beach, Raleigh and toured from Wilmington to Nova Scotia, Canada.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father and sister Dana Lewis Dyer.

Morgan leaves a legacy of love and cherished memories. He is survived by his wife of 51 years Jean Lucas Lewis, son Alan (Dawn) Lewis, daughter

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**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**Focus on prayer**

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Senior Citizens' Fellowship met on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at First Baptist Church. We were all glad to be in the house of the Lord. Our meeting was called to order by President Eloise Purdie. Our choir gathered under the direction of Mr. George Hill. We opened with "Pass me Not." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ella Brown. We next sang "Glory to His Name."

Mrs. Thelma Gates was the speaker for today. We began

each day with The Lord's Prayer. She read from the King James Version and the NIV. She said that Matt 6:7 indicates that we should not use repetitions. We run through the words of the Lord's Prayer, but, if we pay attention, the Lord's Pray has a true meaning. God wants us to come to Him. We should not hold grudges. God will deliver us from evil. God has power over evil. When we say the prayer, we should focus on the prayer and its true meaning. That prayer says that God will take care of us and our needs. Mrs. Thelma Gates was given a hand for

such a great message.

We had expressions. Mrs. Cherry Pearson thanked everyone for their acts of kindness shown to her during her surgery and recovery. Mrs. Ethel Mae McClammy also thanked everyone. The expressions heard are always so encouraging. Mrs. Thelma Gates will have back surgery 12/6/17. Prayers are needed for each of them.

Our meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Gladys Taylor. She thanked Mrs. Cherry Pearson and sisters for warm greetings and for providing refreshments. They were delicious. The

minutes were read by Mrs. Mary Greene, and they were approved. The roll was called, and tickets for our anniversary and our trip were given out. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave the sick report. She asked us to continue to pray for those who are sick.

The callers were announced, and the winner was Mrs. Frances Burney Matthews, with 11. Smiles and laughter were given by Mrs. Mary Martin. Our circle was formed, and we sang, "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Minister Henrietta McGlenn. There were 45 present.

**SENIOR MOMENT**

**Churches can form The National Association for Advancement of Christianity or Humanity**

My fellow citizens,

When I was a child, I heard men have heated arguments about the Sunday School lessons. However, when it was over, they would shake hands and move on. Today they don't argue. They just listen quietly and then get up and go, but the children will ask questions they know we can't answer. For example, how did Adam and Eve make clothes



Ruth Johnson

for their children. When they don't like Bible Study, they ask impossible questions.

However, we have come to realize that Moses did not know everything. He wrote as if all mankind descended from one man and one woman. In the Book of Numbers, he estimated some men to live several hundred years, which would explain the passage of time, but today, we know better and so do the children. We don't know who first said, "All of it is God's Word." However, we know he was not acquainted with all the authors. Besides, this is a different world. Our children read books by many

different authors. They also search the internet. So they drop out of Bible Study at a very early age.

We already know that God does not change the direction of a hurricane, no matter how hard we pray. Besides, someone else is praying that it will go the other way. So what are we saying to the children about the value of prayer? What are we saying about the purpose of the church?

Today, we see God as the Holy Spirit that lives within us, not an outside force that controls nature and directs the wind and the rain. Why would he send a hurricane or

maintain a place called hell? The church should be a vessel strong enough to navigate the swirling tides. If not, we're going down. Now is the time to strengthen the pillars, widen the doors and put something more on the table.

However, one church can't do it alone. We should form something like The National Association for the Advancement of Christianity, or should we say Humanity? If politicians can draw up a proposal, so can the church, and the people united can never be defeated.

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

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**"If the Blind Lead the Blind"**

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

**Blind - Being without sight**

How do you know if you are following good leadership? We must be able to hear, and obey God's voice when choosing leadership. Proverbs 3:5,6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding. In all our ways to acknowledge him, and he shall direct our path." The choices we make in determining leadership reflect who



Sylvia Hooper

we are, because we trust them enough to make decisions for us and our families. (Ephesians 5:1-20)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If a political leader begins to deviate away from the truth, maybe it is time to relieve him of his office. If a Christian leader begins to deviate away from the Word of God, we must remember to follow the Word of God which also agrees with the Holy Spirit! We should pray for those in leadership and hold God's Word higher than any man's opinion !!!

A good Christian leader is willing to model what their ministry teaches. A good leader sets the example, and is always seeking what is best for his/her followers.

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

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

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

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

Tell Somebody!!!

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

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

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Cynthia Tye, son Furkwuan (Asia) Lewis-Ali, son Jeffrey (Tonya) Lewis, son Frederick (Dawn) Lewis Muhammad; sister-in-laws; Shirley Lucas Fomby, Peggy Lucas, and Brunetta Lucas Bolton, Elaine (Clarence) Williams; brother-in-law Louis (JoAnn) Lucas; 17 loving grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends.

A special thank you to the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC for their loving care

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

**Harlee Murphy**

Harlee Murphy, age 73, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to services. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave,*

*Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Mary Ella Shaw**

Mary Ella Shaw, age 93, of Riegelwood, passed away, Saturday, November 4, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, November 10, 2017 at Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to services. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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**Clifton Hardy**

Clifton Hardy, age 66, of Raleigh, (formerly of Bolivia), passed away, Saturday, November 4, 2017. A visitation will be held from 6:00 -8:00 pm on Friday, November 10, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Piney Grove FWB Church. Interment will follow in Evans Family Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davifuneralhome-nc.com.*

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Buffy Frank (17-E-1373)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **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  
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 Executor of the estate of **Evelyn Emacora Hedus**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of 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 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 **Elbert Thomas Townsend**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of February, 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 2nd day of November, 2018

Robert Palmeter AKA James R. Palmeter, Executor  
705 Shawnee Trail  
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Willie Ruby Munoz**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of February, 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 2nd day of November, 2018

James Williams, Executor  
306 N. 25th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28405

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Janie Evans Monroe**, late of 2020 Pender Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28403, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **February 7, 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 9th day of November, 2017.

Tanya Monroe  
Administrator of the Estate of Janie Evans Monroe  
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS, P.A.  
509 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 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 corporations 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 payment 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**

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 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 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 undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **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 undersigned 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 undersigned.

This the 26th day of October, 2018

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

October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joseph Oliver Mintz**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of February, 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 2nd day of November, 2018

Ina M. King, Executor  
304 Gatefield Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Theodore Jones, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of February, 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 2nd day of November, 2018

Joyce Irving Jones, Executor  
319 Bristol Road  
Wilmington, NC 28409

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 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.  
TAKE NOTICE THAT 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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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA

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

- Bid Opening: Monday 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 \$25.00 for project manual pick up, or
- Download Project Manual from our website at www.wha.net, click on Business Opportunities then RFP at no charge
- Questions; E-mail to Cgnapinski@wha.net no later than November 10, 2017 by 12:00 noon

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

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

October 26, November 2, 9, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

2010 SUBURU  
VIN: JF1GE7G65AG503959  
OWNERS: ASHLEY ALLETTE  
SQUIRE  
PLACE: NATIONAL SPEED INC.  
6779 GORDON RD.  
WILMINGTON, NC 28411  
DATE: 11-27-17  
TIME: 9:00 A.M.  
TELEPHONE: 910) 332-5901

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 2017

**NOTICE OF SALE**

2004 INFINITY G35S 2 DOOR BLUE  
VIN: JNKC54E14M805682  
OWNER: ALEXANDRIA ANDREONNA LEANN MOORE  
4829 MCCLELLAND DR APT T104  
WILMINGTON NC 28405  
PLACE: ACE WRECKER SERVICE INC.  
2012 CASTLE HAYNE RD  
WILMINGTON NC 28401  
MANAGER: JAMES HOCKADAY  
TELEPHONE: 910-343-9508

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 2017

**NOTICE OF SALE**

2006 BMW 325XI 4 DOOR BLACK  
VIN: WBAVD1356KV06150  
OWNER: CARLOS QUIROZ & ANA MARIA BARRAGAN  
SALE DATE: 10/3/2017  
PLACE: ACE WRECKER SERVICE INC.  
2012 CASTLE HAYNE RD  
WILMINGTON NC 28401  
MANAGER: JAMES HOCKADAY  
TELEPHONE: 910-343-9508

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 2017

**NOTICE OF SALE**

2007 CHEVROLET MALIBU 4 DOOR TAN  
VIN: 1G1ZT58NX7F112848  
OWNER: SHANNON FLORA MULVANEY  
4860 GRINDERS WAY NE  
LELAND NC 28451  
SALE DATE: 10/3/2017  
PLACE: ACE WRECKER SERVICE INC  
2012 CASTLE HAYNE RD  
WILMINGTON NC 28401  
MANAGER: JAMES HOCKADAY  
TELEPHONE: 910-343-9508

NOVEMBE 2, 9, 2017

**NOTICE OF SALE**

2006 CADILLAC CTS 4 DOOR RED  
VIN: 1G6KD57906U113062  
OWNER: ZOLLIE LYN WATKINS  
671 HARDY GRAHAM RD.  
MAPLE HILL NC 28454  
PLACE: ACE WRECKER SERVICE INC  
2012 CASTLE HAYNE RD.  
WILMINGTON NC 28401  
MANAGER: JAMES HOCKADAY  
TELEPHONE: 910-343-9508

November 2, 9, 2017

**NOTICE OF SALE**

2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA 4 DOOR BLACK  
VIN: 2G1WT5K691147682  
OWNER: SAMOD DWIGHT CHANDLER  
SALE DATE: 12-5-17  
10:AM  
PLACE: ACE WRECKER SERVICE INC  
2012 CASTLE HAYNE RD  
WILMINGTON NC 28401  
MANAGER: JAMES HOCKADAY  
TELEPHONE: 910-343-9508

November 2, 9, 2017

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Mary Jane Conway Kimble**, late of 4618 Norwich Road, Wilmington, NC 28405, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **February 7, 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 9th day of November, 2017.

Melissa Kidd  
Administrator of the Estate of Mary Jane Conway Kimble  
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS, P.A.  
509 Princess Street  
NC 28401

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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 undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **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  
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**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Luberta Higgins (17-E-1475)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **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  
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, Tia Lee, having qualified on the 25th day of October, 2017, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **James C. McPherson (17-E-1539)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney Kevin May, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **2nd day of February, 2018**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 30th day of October, 2017.

Tia Lee  
Personal Representative  
ESTATE OF JAMES C. MCPHERSON  
Kevin May  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Dr.  
Wilmington NC 28403

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Emma Lee Campbell**, late of 1109 Spofford Circle, Wilmington, NC 28403, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **February 7, 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 9th day of November, 2017.

Richard P. Campbell  
Administrator of the Estate of Emma Lee Campbell  
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS, P.A.  
509 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Daniel Joseph Brady**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of February, 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 2nd day of November, 2018

Nancy Simcox, Executor  
905 Brewster Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Shirley M. Cartrette, having qualified on the 27th day of October, 2017, as Administrator of the Estate of **Helen T. McClain (17-E-1376)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney Rick Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **2nd day of February, 2018**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 31st day of October, 2017.

Shirley M. Cartrette  
Administrator  
ESTATE OF HELEN T. MCCLAIN  
Rick Graves  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Dr.  
Wilmington NC 28403

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 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 195**

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

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE 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 children.

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

YOU 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

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LEGALS

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jerry Dean Harrison**, 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 **17th day of November, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 17th day of August, 2017

Roberta Winton Penn, Executrix  
310 Tennessee Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2017

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
17 E 1547**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Margaret Estella Moore Brown** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said Margaret Estella Moore Brown to present them to Alexander Charles Brown, 232 Loder Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28409, Executor by **February 9, 2018** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of November, 2017.

R. v. Biberstein, Jr.  
Attorney for Alexander Charles Brown,  
Executor  
P. O. Box 428  
Burgaw, NC 28425

November 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **John Cleveland Davis**, 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 **9th day of February, 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 2nd day of November, 2018

Jeffrey Lynn Davis, Executor  
Po Box 2618  
Wilmington, NC 28402

November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2017

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **John J. Norton, III, (17-E-1569)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **February 7, 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 7th day of November, 2018

Denise Norton, Administrator of the Estate of John J. Norton, III  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2017

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on on the 21st day of November, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at 505 North 8th Street and 511 North 8th Street and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street 2nd floor during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

Amy Beatty  
Community Services Director

The City of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs or activities.

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

November 2, 9, 2017

EMPLOYMENT

PPD Development, L.P. seeks a Biostatistician (multiple positions available) in Wilmington, NC to act as the lead statistician on projects of moderate to large size & complexity. MS & 2 yrs. exp. req'd. For full req's and to apply send resume to: global.recruitmentSM@ppdi.com and reference Job ID: 142946.

**Property Manager  
Assistant Property Manager**

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington is accepting applications for Property Manager and Assistant Property Manager. Applicants must submit a letter of interest, current resume and three references to Property Manager or Assistant Property Manager Search, Attention: Human Resources Department, PO Box 899, Wilmington, NC 28402 or email to jobs@wha.net. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. EOE. For detailed position description, please visit www.wha.net.

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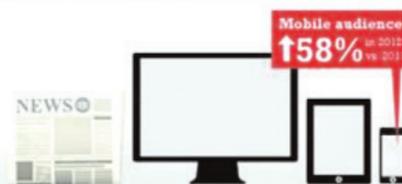
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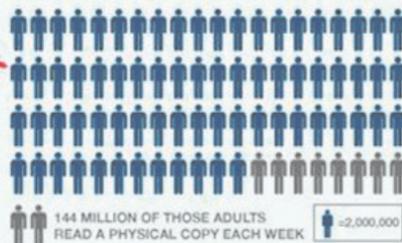
Newspaper media content and advertising rate as the most trusted, most valuable and most engaging. The numbers tell our story.

Newspaper media reach a **HUGE AUDIENCE**

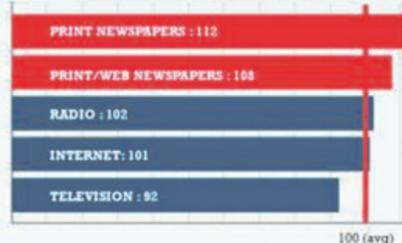
**59%**  
OF YOUNG ADULTS  
READ NEWSPAPER  
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Across platforms, **7 in 10** Americans read content from newspaper media each week. **THAT'S 158 MILLION U.S. ADULTS.**

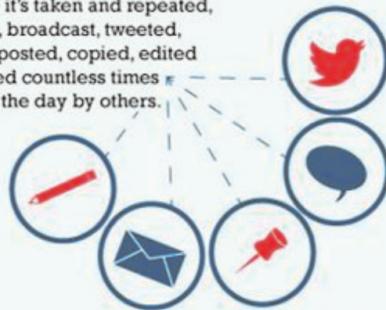


**AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT INDEX**



Not only do newspaper media reach a **HUGE** audience, they also reach an **ENGAGED AUDIENCE**

Newspaper-generated content is so valuable it's taken and repeated, condensed, broadcast, tweeted, discussed, posted, copied, edited and e-mailed countless times throughout the day by others.



Newspapers and their websites rated **12%** higher than other media on how engaged audiences were with advertising.

Newspaper print ads drive the **highest purchase intent**—a **35% higher score** than local television, cable television & local music radio.



Adults who name local newspapers as the **most effective** place to learn about Black Friday sale and store information.

This is a **37% higher score** than microblogs and a **58% higher score** than local TV.

**NEWSPAPER MEDIA ARE MOST TRUSTED**



**56%** trust newspapers



**37%** trust social media



**52%** trust local television

**NEWSPAPERS ARE TRANSFORMING.**

Fueled by creative, fresh ideas, very real, very positive changes are afoot in the industry.



**5% CIRCULATION REVENUE GROWTH**

**40%**

**INDUSTRY REVENUE FROM NON-ADVERTISING SOURCES**

A host of new revenue sources that did not exist a few years ago grew by **8%**, which now accounts for close to **1 in 10** dollars coming into newspaper media companies.



**Sources:**

Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013)

The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)

2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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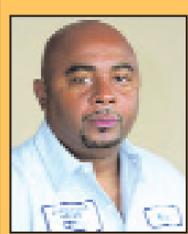
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