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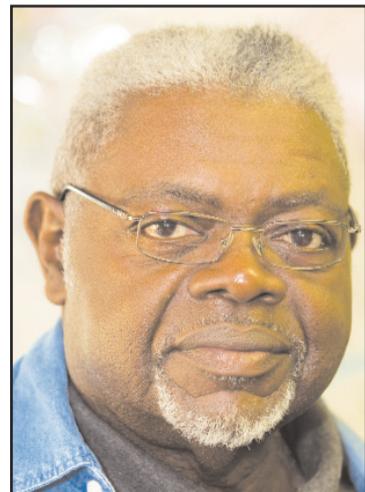
Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Eboney Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Eboney's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington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

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**BERNEST HEWETT****An insult**

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I find it very hard to believe in the new gang idea that has been proposed by District Attorney Ben David and others. I find it kind of insulting to the Black community because, if one of our young Blacks grows locks or gets a tattoo, he or she is considered a gang member. Then he or she is open game for over zealous law officials who would use any type of tactics

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Bishop Barber to meet Pope Francis at the Vatican on Thanksgiving Day

BY CASH MICHAELS
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In an exclusive interview, Dr. William J. Barber, II, currently president of Repairers of the Breach, a nonpartisan, nonprofit social advocacy group, has confirmed that he and a delegation of "moral, workers' rights, anti-poverty and ecological justice advocates..." will be meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Thanksgiving Day.

Dr. Barber gave his permission Sunday for the news of his Vatican visit to be released now. He received the invitation from the Vatican last September, along with invitations to

visit England and Africa to join other labor and workers' rights advocates.

"[The Pope] wants to bless this movement and meet with other activists from around the world who are fighting against poverty," Barber said then indicating that he would give his permission for it to be revealed in November.

Dr. Barber, who officially stepped down in October after 12 years as president of the NCNAACP, will be part of a two-day conference attended by social justice advocates from countries like Canada, Senegal, Italy, Ireland, Tunisia, Ghana, Brazil, and the United States,

among others.

It's no doubt that Dr. Barber's involvement in the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's 1968 Poor People's Campaign caught the attention of, not only national but international, social justice leadership, like Pope Francis, who is world renowned for his personal and official advocacy for the poor.

Just last Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, Pope Francis, the leader of the Catholic Church, celebrated a special mass for poor people on the first World

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**BISHOP WILLIAM J. BARBER, II****KEEPING HOPE ALIVE!**

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CIVIL RIGHTS ICON REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, SR., RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS PARKINSON'S DISEASE. THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN DURING THE RECENT 2017 RAINBOW PUSH COALITION GLOBAL AUTOMOTIVE SUMMIT.

Friends, medical community weigh-in on Rev. Jesse Jackson's Parkinson's diagnosis

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA NEWswire CONTRIBUTOR

R everend Jesse Jackson's Parkinson's disease diagnosis caught many by surprise, but those who know him said they're confident that he'll overcome the life-threatening challenge before him.

"He's in the rumble of his life, but he's rumbled some big foes before," said Vincent Hughes, a Democratic state senator from Pennsylvania who campaigned for Jackson in 1984 and again in 1988. Hughes said that Jackson's campaigns were birthed in the Black empowerment movement that followed the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. "I'm one of those African Americans, who took office and was a part of

that issue of 'protest to power' and Rev. Jackson was, in many respects, our leader and he still is."

More than anyone else, Jackson opened the door for the election of Barack Obama, the first African American President of the United States, said Dr. Benjamin F Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). Chavis was one of Jackson's contemporaries during the Civil Rights Movement. "Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., is a living, global civil rights icon. As a colleague in the Civil Rights Movement dating back to the 1960s and under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I have personally witnessed the selfless sacrifice and dedication of Rev. Jackson."

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NCNAACP announces February 10th for next "biggest" HK on J March

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Just over three months from now, the North Carolina NAACP, this time led by its new president, The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, will hold its next Historic Thousands on Jones Street Moral March and People's Assembly on Saturday, February 10, 2018 in downtown Raleigh.

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BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The lead attorney for the plaintiffs in the Covington V. State of North Carolina has announced that she will run for the NC Supreme Court in 2018.

Anita Earls, founder and Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Justice, told supporters and reporters gathered in front of State Democratic Party headquarters in Raleigh Nov. 15, "I ... passionately believe in the importance of the right to vote and that an independent judiciary is crucial to the balance of powers necessary to maintain democratic government of, by, and for the people."

Earls is already known as one of the most dynamic civil rights attorneys in North Carolina, if not in the United States. She has consistently worked with the NCNAACP and other social justice groups, challenging the Republican-led NC legislature's voter suppression laws and unconstitutional voting districts, as later determined by the federal courts.

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to take our youth down. We have too many laws and not enough people willing to uphold the law.

If lawmakers want to help decrease gangs and some of these illegal crimes, they need to find our young people more jobs and more educational training which gives people hope. We need programs to help ex convicts. For these people, the rewards are better than filling up jail cells. We are faced with a system that is unfair, and we are building more and more cases for ethnic cleansing.

Bernest Hewett is president emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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Day of the Poor, eating with 1500 from Italy, Poland and France.

The pope also denounced

those who express indifference to the plight of the poor, calling such behavior "a great sin."

"It is when we turn away from a brother or sister in need, when we change channels as soon as a disturbing

question comes up, when we grow indignant at evil but do nothing about it," Pope Francis said. "God will not ask us if we felt righteous indignation but whether we did some good."

Dr. Barber's organization,

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Chavis continued: "For all who have cried out for freedom justice and equality, the news of his Parkinson's disease should only serve to re-dedicate a movement now for healthcare equality for all, not only as a civil right, but as a human right."

On Friday, November 17, Jackson, 76, issued a statement informing the world of his illness.

In the statement, Jackson recalled his foray into activism, being arrested on July 17, 1960 with seven other college students who advocated for the right to use a public library in his hometown of Greenville, S.C.

He said that he remembers the arrest as if it happened yesterday and it was a day that forever changed his life.

"From that experience, I lost my fear of being jailed for a righteous cause. I went on to meet Dr. King and dedicate my heart and soul to the

fight for justice, equality, and equal access," said Jackson, whose multiracial National Rainbow Coalition grew out of his work in the 1984 presidential campaign.

He said he resisted interrupting his work to visit a doctor, but his daily physical struggles intensified and he could no longer ignore his symptoms.

"After a battery of tests, my physicians identified the issue as Parkinson's disease, a disease that bested my father," Jackson said.

Rev. Al Sharpton issued a statement saying that he spent time with Jackson and his family in New York, as Jackson made the announcement of his illness.

"As I watched him, I was reminded of the greatness of this man," Sharpton said. "Reverend Jackson has changed the nation and served in ways in which he never got credit."

Maynard Eaton, a journalist and national director of communications for the Southern Christian

Leadership Conference, called Jackson a legendary and fearless civil rights champion.

He said the disease may slow Jackson, but won't stop him.

"Activism and civil rights are in his blood. As a journalist, Jesse Jackson has been a treat and joy to cover and write about," said Eaton. "He has been a civil rights darling and media maverick...Jesse Jackson is a quintessential and preeminent civil rights activist of our time."

Even though Parkinson's disease is a chronic neurological condition, it is very treatable, said Dr. Nabila Dahodwala, an associate professor of neurology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

"A diagnosis of Parkinson's disease does not necessarily mean that you must make drastic changes, but every individual is different in how they are affected, how they respond to treatment and how they choose to spend their time," Dahodwala

more committed to bending the arc of the universe toward justice than Attorney Anita Earls." The Reverend Spearman said. "Wheneve I have been in her presence to hear her offer legal opinions, insights or otherwise, the contributions of Attorney Earls have been like a plumb line, ethically balanced and judiciously centered.

"Hers is a superior legal mind."

One of the NAACP attorneys who has been in the trenches with Attorney Earls over the years has had a front row seat to witness her legal prowess and deep commitment to justice.

"Without a doubt, Attorney Earls is a constitutional law scholar," says NCCU law pro-

fessor Irving Joyner, Chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee. "She possesses the intellectual breadth of knowledge and the judicial demeanor necessary to ensure North Carolina citizens that she will be an impartial arbiter of the many rights and privileges which citizens entrust to our appellate courts to decide."

"Her ascension to the Supreme Court will be a loss for the many citizens who encounter civil rights and constitutional law issues, but her expertise is needed on our State's court," Professor Joyner added.

On the day of her announcement, Attorney Earls had already garnered the endorsements State

allowing to continue making unjust laws, issuing oppressive decrees,...and withholding justice from 'we, the people.'

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munity was one hundred percent behind Earls' announcement.

"Anita Earls is a tremendous jurist and profound litigator and is deeply committed to the principles of justice for all," said Bishop William Barber, former president of the NCNAACP. "She has been a champion for the full constitutional protection of women, minorities, Blacks, the poor and the entire human family."

The current NCNAACP president, The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, concurred.

I don't know of anyone

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According to the civil rights organization, "HK on J," as it's more commonly known, is made up of a coalition of "...more than 125 North Carolina NAACP branches, youth councils and college chapters from across the State and members of over 200 other social justice organizations.

In previous years, upwards of over 100,000 participants marched across downtown Raleigh to rally in front of the State Capitol on the Fayetteville Street Mall.

Next February, The Reverend Spearman promised the largest turnout "...since our inception [12 years ago]."

Spearman added that the NCNAACP will go on a statewide tour of local NAACP branches over the next several weeks to promote the HK on J People's Assembly, and mobi-

lize participants. Consequently, such a tour will also give The Reverend Spearman the opportunity to introduce himself as the new State Conference president.

"There is no better time to accelerate our resistance than it is right now!" the NCNAACP leader told reporters, while surrounded by branch and conference members.

"It is time to resist, insist and persist," Spearman continued, adding that a lot of time over the next couple of months will be confronting the "recent attacks [by the Republican-led NC General Assembly] on the independent judiciary, which more broadly speaking is another frontal attack on 'we, the people,'" The Reverend Spearman declared.

Spearman went on to charge that the attacks on the State's judiciary have been going on since 2011, and "...it actually puzzles me that a roguish government, such as ours, be

allowed to continue making unjust laws, issuing oppressive decrees,...and withholding justice from 'we, the people.'

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Repairers of the Breach, "...seeks to build a moral agenda rooted in the framework that uplifts our deepest moral and constitutional values to redeem the heart and soul of our country," it says on its website.

"Our deepest moral traditions point to equal protection under the law, the desire for peace within and among nations, the dignity of all people, and the responsibility to care for our common home."

Ihtsham ul Haq, an expert in neurology at the Wake Forest School of Medicine, said he believes Jackson will do well.

"Though each patient's journey with Parkinson's disease is a little bit different, thankfully for many the symptoms are often well-managed with medication, said Haq. "The hallmark of the disease is the slow loss of dopamine in the brain, which unlocks our movement."

Haq continued: "As patients begin to produce less of it they show the slowness, stiffness, and tremor that typify the disease. Replacing dopamine usually substantially alleviates these problems."

Leslie A. Chambers, the president and CEO of the American Parkinson Disease Association, said making appropriate lifestyle changes and focusing on physical therapy will go a very long way to helping Jackson live the best life possible, in spite of the disease.

"Since it's a lifelong chron-

ic illness, the American Parkinson Disease Association encourages people with Parkinson's to seek out a top notch medical and healthcare team, which includes a movement disorders specialist physician and allied health care providers and protect and defend their overall health status with a nutritious diet, physical therapy and safe, effective daily exercise programs, as well as emotional and social support from family, and professional care partners-givers," Chambers said, adding that the association extends heartfelt wishes to Jackson.

Dorothy Leavell, the chairman of the NNPA and the publisher of the Crusader Newspaper Group said that even though Jackson is in for the fight of his life, she warned that Parkinson's disease had met its match.

"This is a major blow, but it's not the death knell," said Leavell. "We will keep working and encourage Jesse with all he's done for us and continues to do."

North Carolina Board of Elections, She's taught at Duke University, UNC - Chapel Hill, and the University of Maryland.

If Earls were to win a seat on the State's highest court, she could conceivably join incumbent Associate Justices Cheri Beasley and Mike Morgan, making for three African-Americans on the NC Supreme Court at one time.

The Republican-led State Senate is leaning towards changing the rules governing judicial elections in 2018, having Supreme Court justices serving only two-year terms, instead of the customary eight. That means everyone on the court now would have to run for re-election in 2018.

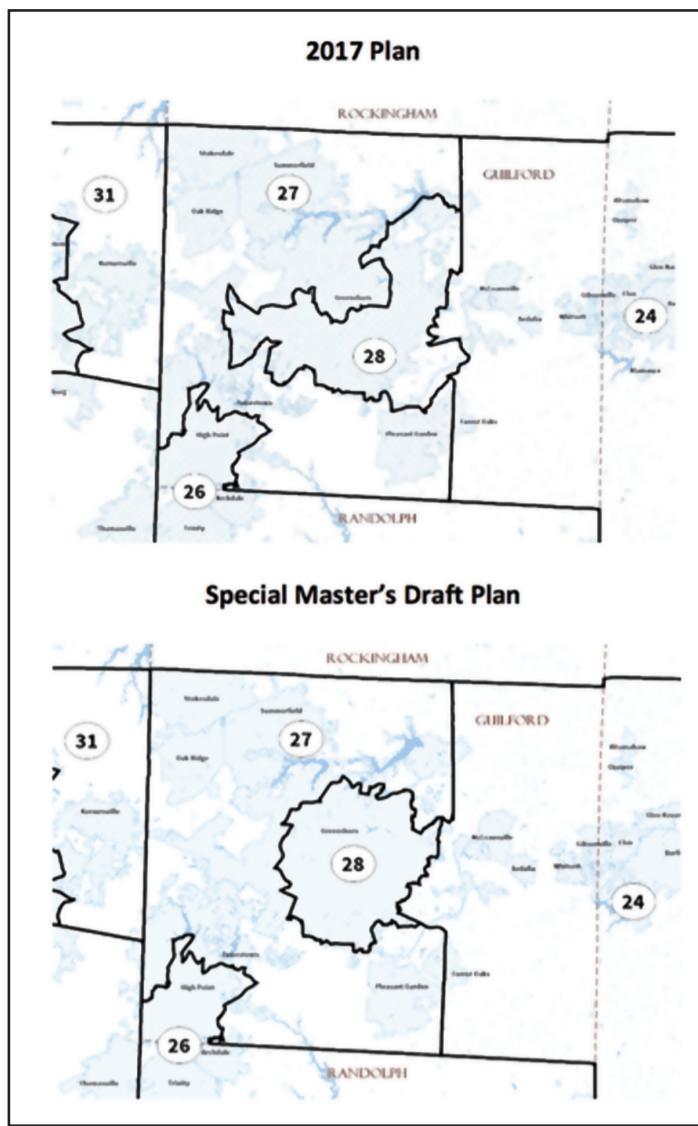
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SENATE DISTRICT 28 IN GUILFORD COUNTY NOW, AND IN THE REDRAWN PROPOSED PLAN

Special redistricting master waiting for reaction to maps

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON
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The special master appointed by a federal three-judge panel several weeks ago to redraw redrawn legislative maps submitted by the Republican-led NC General Assembly in August, has finished a first draft of his maps, and is now asking both plaintiffs and defendants in the Covington v. State of North Carolina case to review them, and offer their observations or criticisms now, prior to the court's Dec. 1st deadline for completion.

The federal court rejected the previous maps because it has "serious concerns" about at least nine voting districts were still legally problematic. The court appointed Stanford University Law Professor Nathaniel Persily to first review the redrawn maps, and if he concurred with the problems, redraw them to remove any racial gerrymandering or other unconstitutional features.

On Nov. 13th, Persily

issued his preliminary maps for both House and Senate Districts.

According to Persily's report accompanying the draft maps, "...the Court has ordered the Special Master to redraw Enacted 2017 State Senate Districts 21 and 28 and State House Districts 21 and 57 in order to remedy those districts' violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. It has also ordered redrawing of Enacted 2017 State House Districts 36, 37, 40, 41, and 105 because the General Assembly, in redrawing those districts in the 2017 Plan, may have violated the provision of the North Carolina State Constitution prohibiting redistricting more than once a decade."

Of particular concern to African-Americans on the state Senate side was the manner in which the GOP has redrawn Senate District 28 in Guilford County, currently represented by state Sen. Gladys Robinson (D-Guilford).

In September, Sen. Robinson expressed frustration that her district was

unnecessarily drawn as a majority-minority district.

"The courts specifically looked at my District 28 and commented on its composition. Republicans are intent on protecting Senator Trudy Wade (a white Republican from Guilford) for whom they created a district by packing 28. I expect that the only remedy will be in the courts."

Per his proposed redrawing of Senate District 28, Special Master Persily writes, "...the Court struck down the 2011 version of Senate District 28 and continues to harbor constitutional concerns as to racial predominance with regard to the district's 2017 configuration."

As expressed in the Special Master's draft plan, the newly configured district is a compact district -- almost a perfect circle... The newly drawn district is contained almost completely within the city (CDP) of Greensboro, and is made up of whole precincts."

At press time, neither plaintiffs' attorneys nor Sen. Robinson had a reaction to the Special Master's redrawing of the district to relieve

the "stacking and packing" of black voters there, so they wouldn't influence electoral races in surrounding voting districts.

In order for Persily to meet his court mandated deadline of Dec. 1st, he has ordered both plaintiffs and defendants in the case, "...to submit to the Special Master proposed objections and revisions to the Special Master's Draft Plan by November 17, 2017."

"In particular, the parties are encouraged to include in these submissions suggestions as to how incumbents shall be unpaired without degrading the underlying features of the plan, as specified in the Court order," the Special Master's Order continued. "The parties shall also then specify any disagreements they have as to which incumbents are seeking reelection in 2018. Reply briefs shall be submitted by November 21, 2017... In their replies, the parties are encouraged to identify which proposed changes of the plaintiffs and defendants, if any, are jointly supported by the parties."

Watch your wallet: High interest loans could be coming to NC

BY STEPHANIE CARSON
OF NCNS

RALEIGH, N.C. -- North Carolina's long history of prohibiting predatory lending in the state could come to an end with a bill introduced by one of the state's own congressmen.

The "Protecting Consumers' Access to Credit Act," introduced by Rep. Patrick McHenry, would authorize non-banking entities to partner with a national bank and charge

up to triple-digit rates to borrowers. Kelly Tornow, director of North Carolina policy at the Center for Responsible Lending, explained.

"This bill allows lenders to change much higher - 100, 200, 300 percent interest rate loans, using a rent-a-bank scheme," Tornow said.

Currently the state has a cap of 30 percent on loans to consumers, which is supported by a variety of citizens groups, including veterans, AARP and other bipartisan organizations.

McHenry and other supporters say the legislation is needed to make loans available to those who wouldn't qualify with a traditional lending institution.

North Carolina and Georgia are currently the only southern states to cap payday lending. Neighboring state Tennessee sees rates as high as 460 percent, which Tornow said creates a debt trap for those who opt

for a high-interest loan.

"This affects families all across North Carolina. It's not one segment of the population," she said. "Just because you might not take out a payday loan, your brother who might be struggling to pay his rent that month [might]."

With 400 percent interest, a \$300 loan would accrue about \$45 in interest, but if the consumer can't pay it back in the negotiated time, there are often rollover fees.



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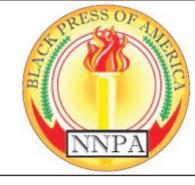
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TO BE EQUAL

History of Thanksgiving in the U.S. is a quest for unity

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

This history [of Thanksgiving] teaches us that the American instinct has never been to seek isolation in opposite corners; it is to find strength in our common creed and forge unity from our great diversity. On that very first thanksgiving celebration, these same ideals brought together people of different backgrounds and beliefs, and every year since, with enduring confidence in the power of faith, love, gratitude, and optimism, this force of unity has sustained us as a people. It has guided us through times of great challenge and change and allowed us to see ourselves in those who come to our shores in search of a safer, better future for themselves and their families." - President Barack Obama, 2016

While Thanksgiving is clearly a celebration of gratitude for a bountiful harvest, its origin and history in the United States tell an unexpected tale of unity that is particularly relevant in these divisive times.

While the early history of the United States is rife with atrocities committed against Native Americans, the "first Thanksgiving" - a three-day feast in 1621 - was a peaceful moment of fellowship between the English settlers and the Wampanoag among whom they lived.

In one of two existing accounts of that feast, Edward Winslow wrote of the "many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted." Another English settler who arrived shortly after that first feast, William Hilton, wrote in a letter to his cousin described "the Indians round about us" as "peaceable and friendly."

Over the next century and a half, Thanksgiving was celebrated at different times by the separate colonies. The Continental Congress issued the first National Proclamation of Thanksgiving in 1777: "It is therefore recommended to the legislative or executive Powers of these United States to set apart Thursday, the eighteenth Day of December next, for Solemn Thanksgiving and Praise..." Over the year, various days of Thanksgiving would be proclaimed by Congress and Presidents, as well as governors, but an annual, recurring, nationwide holiday would not be proclaimed until 1863, in the middle of the Civil War.

He was prompted by the writings of magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale, who wrote to him on September 28, 1863: "You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing interest felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day, in all the States; it now needs National recognition and authoritative fixation, only, to become permanently, an American custom and institution."

Lincoln's proclamation was more than a declaration of a holiday, but a heartfelt plea for the end of the war and a reunification of the nation. He invited his fellow citizens not only to set apart the last Tuesday of November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," but also to "fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

In an effort to lengthen the Christmas shopping season and stimulate the economy in the midst of the Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt briefly changed the date of the holiday to the next-to-last Thursday, but the move was considered an affront to Lincoln's memory and triggered partisan outrage. November 30, 1939, was considered "Republican Thanksgiving" and November 23 as "Democratic Thanksgiving" or "Frankssgiving". The experiment appeared to fail, with no measurable boost to the 1939 and 1940 Christmas shopping seasons. On December 26, 1941, Congress passed a law making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of November, where it has remained - a bipartisan celebration - ever since.

It's instructive that we find the pivotal moments in the development of modern Thanksgiving in the United States at the time of the Civil War and the Great Depression. We are once again facing a crisis of division. As we give thanks for the blessings that have been visited upon us, let us also remember to pray for healing and a reunification of our nation.

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

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"I f at first you don't succeed, try, try again" is a well-known adage. In recent weeks, it seems that phrase could also be an apt description of the unrelenting efforts of predatory payday lenders to sell their wares.

Across the country, 15 states as well as in the District of Columbia, with varying geographies, economies and demographics have enacted strong

rate cap limits. In each locale, these actions were taken to curb the harmful consequences of payday lenders' 300 percent or higher interest rate loans.

When voters or legislatures approve rate caps, these lenders seek loopholes to evade state requirements. Changing products from payday to car title-loans is one way. Others pose as "loan brokers" or "mortgage lenders" to avoid regulation of payday lending. Even at the federal level and on the heels of a still-new rule by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), payday lenders and their supporters are now pressuring for legislation to continue and expand triple-digit lending on small-dollar loans.

The same deception that hides the real cost of predatory consumer loans is reflected in the title of pending legislation in both the House of Representatives and in the Senate. The Protecting

Consumers' Access to Credit Act of 2017 (H.R. 3299 and S. 1624) would allow payday lenders, high-cost online lenders, and other predatory lenders to partner with banks to make loans that surpass existing state interest rate limits. This legislative scheme would legalize payday lenders to charge triple-digit interest rates despite state laws banning them.

Some term this financial switch as innovation for "fintech", a recently coined term that smacks of the 21st Century's tech focus. But in everyday terms, these actions are a renewed effort for an old scheme known as "rent-a-bank".

If the bill is enacted, states that have annually saved an estimated \$2.2 billion each year by banning triple-digit interest would have to face the return of past debt trap lending. Additionally, and in 34 states where a \$2,000, 2-year installment loan with interest higher than 36 percent is illegal today, would enable predatory lenders to charge unlimited rates on these longer-term loans.

One more item to note - these measures are advancing with bipartisan support.

Virginia's Senator Mark Warner, the lead sponsor of that chamber's version has Senators Gary Peters (Michigan), Pat Toomey (Pennsylvania) and Steve Daines (Montana) as his co-sponsors. On the House side, Rep. Patrick McHenry from North Carolina, has the help of two Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) members, New York's Congressman Greg Meeks and Wisconsin's

Congresswoman Gwen Moore.

Right now, both New York and Pennsylvania have rate caps prevent triple-digit rate lending. It is therefore curious why bill co-sponsors would strip their own state law protections. In other home states of these legislators, payday loan interest rates are some of the highest in the country. For example, in Wisconsin the average payday interest rate is 574 percent; in Michigan, the average interest is 369 percent. This bill would expand this type of predatory lending in their states, rather than reigning it in.

On November 15, the House bill passed out of its assigned committee with a split among CBC members serving on the House Financial Services. While Representatives Maxine Waters (California), Al Green (Texas), and Keith Ellison (Minnesota) opposed the bill, Lacy Clay and Emanuel Cleaver (both of Missouri), joined Meeks and Moore in its support.

It is noteworthy that in Missouri, the average payday loan interest rate is 443 percent. Further, just days before the November 15 vote, a new study by the Cleveland Federal Reserve found that the loans addressed in this bill would be reminiscent of the subprime mortgage loans that lead to the 2008 financial crisis.

For civil rights advocates, the committee vote was disturbing.

"The potential costs and damage to consumers is significant, especially for borrowers of color; as research shows that payday lenders disproportionately target communities of color and trap consumers in

unsustainable cycles of borrowing and reborrowing high-cost loans," said Vanita Gupta, President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. "Under these arrangements, banks effectively 'rent' their federal charter powers to non-banks lenders, in exchange for a fee associated with each loan."

"The swarm of payday lenders in our communities is blocking access to responsible credit and lending options, which have found that they cannot compete with such deep pockets and market penetration," noted Hilary O. Shelton, Director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau and Senior Vice President for Policy and Advocacy. "Responsible banking policy would be acting to end these high-cost loans, not make them more common."

The concerns of civil rights leaders are also shared by a nationwide coalition of 152 national and state organizations who together advised all of Congress of their collective opposition. Coalition members include church conferences and affiliates, consumer groups, housing, labor, legal advocates and others. Approximately 20 state attorneys general are also on record opposing the bill's provision.

"This bill represents the efforts of high-cost lenders to circumvent the most effective protection against predatory loans-state interest rate caps,"

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CHILDWATCH

Why America may go to hell

I hope you will speak up loudly and do whatever else is necessary to stop Congress' hugely unjust Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that rewards billionaires at the expense of poor babies and corporations at the expense of vulnerable children. Millions of America's children today are suffering from

hunger, homelessness and hopelessness. Nearly 13.2 million children are poor - almost one in five. About 70 percent of them are children of color who will be a majority of our children by 2020. More than 1.2 million are homeless. About 14.8 million children struggle against hunger in food insecure households. Despite progress and coverage of 95 percent of all children thanks in large part to Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), 3.3 million children lack the health coverage they need to survive and thrive. Millions of young children need quality early childhood programs during their critical years of early brain development but only 5 percent of eligible infants and toddlers are enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start serves only 46 percent of eligible 3- and 4-year-olds. The majority of all our public school fourth and eighth graders cannot read at grade level; over 70 percent of Latino and 80 percent of Black children cannot read at grade level in fourth or eighth grades. Every 47 seconds a child is abused or neglected and the number of children in foster care is increasing rapidly in some parts of our country from out-of-control opioid use.

And what are our callous and morally blind and money

greedy political leaders doing to address grim child survival needs in our wealthy nation? Making it worse by seeking to enact tax cuts for billionaires and millionaires and powerful corporations, hugely increasing the national deficit, and imposing emasculating and deep cuts in essential lifegiving investments for children and families. Both the House and Senate are working hard to move millions and millions of low- and middle-income children and families backwards and to line the pockets and fill the coffers of powerful special interests.

The Republican Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R.1) approved by the House of Representatives and the version of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that will be voted on in the Senate after Thanksgiving are massively expensive and morally indefensible new giveaways to the wealthiest households and most powerful corporations at the expense of vulnerable children and low- and middle-income families. Countless children will pay for these cruel tax cuts with cuts in their health care, nutrition, child care, education, housing and other survival needs.

Congressional Republican claims that these massive tax cuts will help the middle class are lies. The Joint Congressional Committee on Taxation says more than two thirds of the nearly \$1.5 trillion cost of the House bill would go to the wealthiest families and businesses. Families with annual incomes under \$75,000 would (on average) see a tax increase in ten years, while families making more than \$1 million would see a tax cut.

Although the House and Senate bills include an increase in the maximum Child Tax Credit, both so-called improvements deny benefits for children in low-

income working families. Under the House bill, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates one in three families would be excluded entirely or only partially benefit from the increase - ten million children in families that work for low pay would be excluded entirely and roughly 13 million more children in working families would receive only a portion of the increase. And more than three million low-income children, many U.S. citizens, in hard-working immigrant families currently benefiting from the tax credit will lose it entirely with the new requirement that all families file their income taxes with a Social Security Number rather than the Individual Taxpayer Identification Number many taxpaying immigrant families now use.

The House-approved bill also would eliminate a number of existing credits that currently help children and families at the bottom and in the middle of the income range. It ends tax credits or deductions for employers offering child care to working parents; high cost medical treatment for children and adults with severe medical needs; reimbursement for public school teachers who purchase supplies for their classrooms out of their own pockets; student loan interest and other higher education assistance; and help to find jobs. Charitable contributions that help service programs for vulnerable children and families will likely decrease as the percentage of taxpayers who itemize deductions is expected to decline because of changes in the House bill to eligibility for the standard deduction.

It gets worse. Senate Republicans announced this week that they will use their tax bill to continue their cruel efforts to destroy the Affordable Care Act (ACA)'s individual mandate requir-

ing most Americans to purchase health care or pay a penalty as they file their tax returns. This will "save" \$338 billion for the rich and leave millions of children and families without health insurance beginning in 2019 and 13 million children and adults without health insurance over the next ten years while raising premiums for millions more. Savings from the mandate's repeal will threaten treatment and be used to pay for tax cuts of nearly \$100,000 a year for the very top 0.1 percent of the income scale. A broad group of health care providers and insurance companies oppose the harms it will cause.

Finally, it is critical to understand that the massive and morally obscene tax cuts in the House and Senate bills will require huge budget cuts in safety net programs for vulnerable children and adults. The \$1.5 trillion ten-year deficit both bills will allow will undermine the health and well-being of millions of children and is just Part I of theft from the minds and bodies and spirits and hopes of children. In Part II we will see additional huge cuts in Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, child care and Head Start, education, Pell grants, and other crucial child investments likely to be proposed to pay for welfare for non-needy billionaires and corporate tax cuts. The 2018 budgets proposed by President Trump and those approved by the Senate and the House provide a multilane highway roadmap to eviscerate the basic survival and development needs of millions of babies, children, and youths hungering for hope.

Although polls reflect public skepticism about these unjust tax cuts for the very

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The Black Press:

USE It or LOSE It!

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said Scott Estrada, Director of Federal Advocacy with the

Center for Responsible Lending. "Rather than making it easier for predatory lenders to exploit financially distressed individuals, Congress should be establishing a federal rate

cap of 36 percent that protects all Americans, just as it did in 2006 for members of the military at the urging of the Department of Defense."

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communications deputy director with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

Celebrating good news

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

By now you know I look forward to the weekly opportunity of sharing my opinions with my readers. I pray that they offer helpful, thought-provoking, and uplifting ideas.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

For several months, we have mostly had d r e a d f u l events about which to write. The worst have been about #45's dangerous, embarrassing and

unworthy antics. Well, I have decided to give my readers a break. This week, I will share some noteworthy, positive deeds and actions.

I recently read that Google gave one million dollars to increase the presence of Black males in technology. According to the writer, Samara Lynn, "Students are five times more likely to take an interest in computer science if they often see people who look like them in that field..." Lynn reported that

Google's foundation made this award to the Hidden Genius Project, an Oakland, CA based organization which does just that. Google is to be commended! More companies should take a lesson from Google's enlightened example.

Good deeds are not exclusive to wealthy corporations. Students at Spelman and Morehouse Colleges went on a hunger strike to call attention to the problem of hunger on college campuses. It may not be obvious to many, but the expense of college often causes less-affluent students to sacrifice meals in order to pay fees. A dozen students decided something could be done and used their hunger strike to influence meal providers to allow students to donate their unused, prepaid meals to needy classmates.

Although the Spelman-Morehouse project mirrors Swipe Out Hunger, a program at the University of California, it's an important and thoughtful initiative. Mary-Pat Hector, a Spelman student states, "By introducing a Swipe Out Hunger program at Spelman and Morehouse, we would directly impact student hunger and

homelessness while in College." It sounds like several Spelman and Morehouse students have adopted some of the activist principles of the late Dick Gregory. We owe them our gratitude.

Another good news story emerged through the fog of bad news that has plagued us. This good news, good luck story finds a Black Florida businessman the recipient of a \$52 million grant from the Florida Lottery Commission. Yes, this Brother hit the lottery for \$52 million in 2010. Instead of blowing his winnings, Miguel Pilgram started his own real estate company and invested his winnings into rebuilding the Black Business District in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Pilgram's dedication to the revitalization of the Black community in Ft. Lauderdale begins a renewal of using "Our Own" dollars to strengthen our communities. This is the type of initiative we have the power to replicate individually and/or collectively. It's the type of initiative that affirms our power to create self-sufficient communities.

As I search for praiseworthy achievement in our communities, I am reminded of

President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" initiative. Now, New York City has stepped into the lead with the "Men Teach" initiative. The goal of "Men Teach" is to recruit male teachers of color into public education so that young Black men and other young men of color will have real-life role models who reflect the tangible opportunities available to them. 900 of the targeted 1,000 teachers have already been recruited. I applaud this effort because research shows that having a Black teacher significantly reduces the likelihood that students of color, especially males, will drop out of high school.

Just to mention a few more good news stories: I see that students are enrolling in HBCU's in increasing numbers. There's much to be said for the nurturing atmosphere at an HBCU. It is refreshing that, in the aftermath of alt-right activity in Charlottesville, Black voter turnout was instrumental in Democratic victories throughout Virginia.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**What's good for the goose ...**

While it is good that women who have been sexually harassed are coming forward and telling their stories, losing the fear that has kept us from saying anything for generations because we have been afraid of the repercussions, one thing about what is happening is troubling.

From Bill Cosby to Bill O'Reilly to R. Kelly to Harvey Weinstein to Mike Tyson to Anthony Weiner to Jerry Sandusky to Roy Moore to Al Franken...the list of men who have engaged in aberrant sexual behavior is growing, largely because women are in fact coming forward.

Jerry Sandusky is in jail. Bill Cosby is facing a trial. Al Franken has volunteered himself to be investigated by the Senate Ethics Committee. Men are being held to accountability and that is as it should be.

Almost every man who is or has been accused of sexual harassment or misconduct - or worse - has denied it at the moment of accusation. It is a horrible thing to have to own up. These men are often leaders in their communities or in their fields of work. In the instances where there is no hard proof - such as a photo or a videotape, many of these men just kind of settle into their denial.

That is not surprising. Most human beings who are caught in doing something they are not too proud of will initially deny their shortcoming until they can deny it no longer.

But some deny it in spite of "proof." They deny it even when multiple women come forth and tell basically the same story and they feed into a culture which has for too long objectified women and minimized the trauma that sexual harassment and/or misconduct causes.

That men are being held to accountability is a good thing. It is called justice and it is long overdue.

But if one man is going to be held accountable, all men who have engaged in this behavior ought to be held accountable. The fact that too many people - men and women - think that the attention given to these men is a bit over the top is disturbing; we get disappointed when our "heroes" are shown to be flawed and our tendency is to give them a pass, the feelings of the affected women notwithstanding.

When our current president was accused by at least 15 women of being sexually harassed by him, and even after the infamous Billy Bush tape was heard, way too many people blew it off and attributed what they heard to being "locker room talk," something that is common and ought to be accepted and understood. In spite of the string of women who came forward, the then-candidate called them liars and threatened to sue them ...and people still voted for him.

In the case of Roy Moore, who has a record of defying "the law," there is again a swath of people willing to say that the women who have come forward are not telling the truth. They are hailing him as a "man of principle," citing his "love of the Lord Jesus."

If Bill Cosby and Bill O'Reilly and Harvey Weinstein - and others - have had to pay consequences, these men - the current president and candidate for the US Senate - ought to have consequences as well. It is personally insulting to me that the president has been so disrespectful of women and was still elected, and it is troubling that so many religious people think that Roy Moore, the dishonored judge who was removed from the bench not once, but twice, would be a good addition to the Senate.

The United States is showing its moral weakness and its Christian hypocrisy. If something is wrong, it is wrong, no matter who does it. There is no way Americans ought to be satisfied that a man who has had so many women come forth to complain about his sexual indiscretions should be president. The people elected him and so we are stuck with him, but even at that, there ought to be some kind of accountability, some kind of standard to which he should be held.

In the same way, Roy Moore ought to be held accountable. There is rumbling that if he is elected, he may have to go before the Senate Ethics Committee. He should. He should have to undergo intense scrutiny to examine the charges levied against him. He is sounding like the president, playing the victim, saying that "nobody has undergone as much scrutiny as him." He is blaming alternatively the "liberal media" and the establishment GOP in the person of Sen. Mitch McConnell for these women coming forward. He is blaming everyone but himself.

What is good for the goose is good for the gander. If some men have to pay for this kind of indiscretion, all men should have to pay. Being president or a senator should require even more scrutiny and accountability, seeing as how these elected officials have so much power over the lives of so many.

If I had my way, these men would be censured, prevented from serving in government. Behaviors have consequences, more so when one has such power. The man who bragged about grabbing the genitals of women is in the White House. That is very disturbing.

Some of the geese in our society are having to pay up for their mistakes, but the ganders are still running footloose and fancy free, totally rejecting any responsibility for their actions.

That can't bode well for this country.

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non-needy rich, Congressional Republicans and the President are recklessly zooming full speed ahead. Every American who believes in fairness must stand up and stop their indefensible massive giveaways to the least needy and richest among us at the expense of the most needy and vulnerable young and old. A recent CBS poll showed 70 percent said Congress should address other issues before passing a tax bill. Over the Thanksgiving recess and for as long as it takes, make sure your voices are strongly heard by the morally bankrupt leaders who have lost any semblance of our nation's purported commitment to just opportunity for all.

In his last Sunday sermon at Washington National Cathedral, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. retold the parable of the rich man Dives who

ignored the poor and sick man Lazarus who came every day seeking crumbs from Dives' table. Dives went to hell, Dr. King said, not because he was rich but because he did not realize his wealth was his opportunity to bridge the gulf separating him from his brother Lazarus and allowed him to become invisible. Calling for a Poor People's Campaign, Dr. King warned this could happen to America, the richest nation on earth. On the day he was assassinated, he called his mother to give her his next Sunday's sermon title: "Why America May Go to Hell." He warned that "America is going to hell if we don't use her vast resources to end poverty and make it possible for all of God's children to have the basic necessities of life." If this horrifically unjust tax bill passes we will be well on our way there!

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Listening can be peaceful

Listening is such a useful tool and can be used in such beneficial ways. For example, we can start our day each day listening.

Whether we are alone or in company, we can hear and appreciate familiar sounds. Even before we leave home in the morning, or on our way to work, we can hear various sounds, some nearby and some from farther away. No doubt, we think to ourselves, "This is the beginning of a new day, and it's going to be one which I'm going to enjoy with others."

We may hear the sounds of birds in the air or other animals we may see and hear along our way.

We may turn on our radios and hear the news. We may listen to various kinds of music. Some music can be so soothing and comforting. It can soothe us and get us in the right frame of mind to go to work and soothe us and help us wind down as we head home from work. After working all day long, it is good to think that we can be comfortable as we return home in the afternoon to the children and other family members. Certainly, it should be a comfort and a joy to be able to listen to the sounds of the laughing and talking as comes to our ears from those we love so dearly.

When darkness covers the earth, when we retire for the night, as we lie in bed, we can hear various night sounds and drift off to sleep while listening. Sometimes, we drift off to sweet dreams. Some may come true, and some may not.

We were taught in early childhood that, while we sleep, we have the silent protection of the angels watching over us. That's good to know because that is the blessed assurance that, even in the stillness of the midnight hour, we are never alone.

Sounds will always be with us, and, whatever sounds we may hear, it is incumbent upon each of us to thank God for our sense of hearing that enables us to appreciate each

of them.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N.C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

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Omar Jerod Simpson

Omar Jerod Simpson was born on September 4, 1970 in Salisbury, Maryland to Cleveland and Jereline Simpson. He peacefully departed this life after a lengthy illness on November 1, 2017. While growing up in a military family, Omar received his education in the school systems of Hampton, VA, San Bernardino, CA, Pender County NC, Prince George's County, MD, Raleigh, NC and New Hanover County, NC. Omar excelled in school and was an honor student and star athlete in both football and basketball which he played in high school and in college for the United States Air Force Academy. In 1988 Omar graduated from Laney High School in Wilmington, NC, and was subsequently nominated to and attended the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co. In 1992, he graduated from the US Air Force Academy as a commissioned officer with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. From 1992-1997 he served on active duty in space operations for the First Space Operations Squadron DSP (Defense Support Program) as a Crew Commander. He attended and received his law degree from the University Of Baltimore School Of Law graduating Summa Cum Laude (highest distinction) with his Juris Doctorate (JD.) in 2004. Omar went on to practice law for several years doing what he loved to do, serving the less fortunate and under-privileged clients until his health began to fail.

In November of 1997, Omar met the love of his life, Cleopatra, who would become his wife on May 4, 2002. He was a man of esteemed character and high integrity who stood firm in his beliefs. He was also a mentor to many and gave countless hours of his time participating in community service and pro bono expungement opportunities in Harford County. Omar also enjoyed running and was an avid runner throughout his life.

Omar leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Cleopatra; three children, Eboni, Afsa, and Omar Justice; Parents, Colonel (USAF, RET) Cleveland and Jereline M. Simpson; Brother, Pastor Gio Simpson (Felicia); Sisters, Jill M. Dyson (Todd) and Cobi M. Simpson; Close family friend,

Shanetta Brown; Mother-in-Law, Afsa Seray-Wurie; Sister-in-Law Cheryl Smythe (Bumike) and Brother in Law, Alfred Akibo-Betts (Binta); Nieces and Nephews, Clevici and Hallel, Issa and Isiah, Tre, Tiley, Genesis, Madden, Aiden and Camille, Gisele and Alfred, Cleoney and Felicia, and Jamie; Close Family the Malloy, Simpson, Hansley, Moore, Hicks, Lewis, Murray, Robinson, Hanciles, Seray-Wurie, Hebron and Shyloon Families.

Harlee Murphy

Harlee Murphy, age 73, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. 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.

Harlee Murphy was born July 18, 1944 to the late Hildred Sidbury and Margaret Murphy. He was educated in New Hanover County School System. He worked several jobs including The Bulb Farm, landscaping with James Horton, State Port and Cape Fear County Club, under Mr. Perry Glaspie.

Harlee loved life and enjoyed people. He was affectionately known in the East Wilmington Community as "Can Man". Harlee had a passion for collecting cans and his East Side family loved him so much that they would save cans for him and offer him a cup of coffee. His love for people was amazing, you would see him standing on corners waving as cars passed by.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alfred and Katie Murphy, who raised him and two brothers, Hildred and Sam Hill. His memories will be forever cherished by his two loving sisters, Eremaine Murphy (JJ) and Natalie Williams; a loving brother, Donald Murphy; step-siblings, Hilda Jacobs, Elaine Sidbury, William Sidbury, Loretta Allen, Faye Hill, Marilyn Sidbury, Curtis Sidbury and Dewayne Sidbury and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Margaret J. Jacobs

Margaret Johnson Jacobs, age 83, of 230 Montgomery Ave., Wilmington, passed away Thursday, November 16, 2017. A celebration of Ms. Margaret's life was held Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church, 620 Nixon St., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment followed in

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

Irene B. Hankins

Mrs. Irene Barham Hankins, 89, of Southport passed away on November 19, 2017, at her home.

The daughter of the late Nurney and Pearl Barham, she was born on a farm in Wilson County, North Carolina, on April 6, 1928. After the death of her father when she was four years old, she and her siblings went to live with her Uncle Battle and Aunt Viola Barham. During the Depression, their mother took a job in Washington, D.C. The four children looked forward to spending several weeks during the summers in the Nation's capital. The trip provided respite from farm work and an exposure to opportunities of a major city.

Education was a must in the Barham household; the children were never allowed to miss school to do farm work. Irene often shared that "farm work" was the best motivator she had to thrive in school and to attend college.

She graduated from her beloved Shaw University in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Science. She also obtained a Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Counseling from Atlanta University in 1962.

Her career in education began at Longwood School in Longwood in 1948. She was one of the first high school teachers for African-American students in the western part of Brunswick County. She taught math and science, and often encountered students who were the same age as her during those early years.

In 1951 she moved to the new Union School in Shallotte and met Jonathan Hankins the principal. They were married in 1952. This power couple changed the lives of thousands of children who were in their care. Irene had the ability to recognize and pull out the God-given talents of each student she met. She did this with her students, with her community, and with strangers as well.

She retired from the school system in 1985 after 35 years of service. She did not retire from making an impact on her community.

Her community activities centered around her church, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, The Order of Eastern Star, NAACP, Daughters of ISIS, ABWA and her local Senior Citizens Center. Irene was a pillar of this community, and will be truly missed.

Irene was predeceased by her husband Jonathan Hankins; her brother Louis

Barham; three sisters, Evelyn Madison, Wilhelmina Winstead and Josephine Barham.

She is survived by her son John Ethan Hankins (Lona) of New Orleans, Louisiana; three grandchildren, Malaika, Jelani and Bilal; her sister Christine Holley (William); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, November 25, at Ocean View Missionary Baptist Association Center, 7550 Ocean Highway West, Sunset Beach, at noon, with visitation occurring from 10 a.m. to noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hankins Scholarship Fund, 403 West St. George Street, Southport, NC 28461.

The family wishes to extend its gratitude to the community of family, friends and loved ones who have taken care of "Momma IB" over the last 10 years. 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.

James Sansbury

James Sansbury died November 4, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Linda Pino Williams

Linda Pino Williams died November 9, 2017 at her residence. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

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In Loving Memory Of**Ssgt Kenneth Carmichael**

Sunday, November 26, 2017, will be the 5th anniversary of our being at your bedside as you transition to our Heavenly home. We hated to see you go, but knowing that you were now free from pain made our grief a little easier to bear. You will always be in our memories and it brings smiles to our faces.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard - working hands at rest

God broke our hearts to prove to us, he chose to take the best.

With tearful eyes we watched you, as you slowly slipped away.

Although we loved you dearly, we couldn't make you stay.

It's lonesome here without you we miss you more each day.

Life doesn't seem the same since you have gone away.

When days are sad and lonely and everything goes wrong, We seem to hear you whisper "Cheer up and Carry On"

Each time we see your picture you seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm in God's hands, we'll meet again someday!"

Humbly Submitted, Children: Marilynn McClammy, Jacqueline Grady, Teresa Everett, Thomas Hooper, Jr. Grandchildren, Great-Grands Husband: Thomas Hooper, Sr.

In Loving Memory Of Our**Beautiful Mother, Grandmother & Wife Catherine Grady Hooper October 28th, 1935 - November 26th, 2016**

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to me"

With tearful eyes we watched you, as you slowly slipped away.

Although we loved you dearly, we couldn't make you stay.

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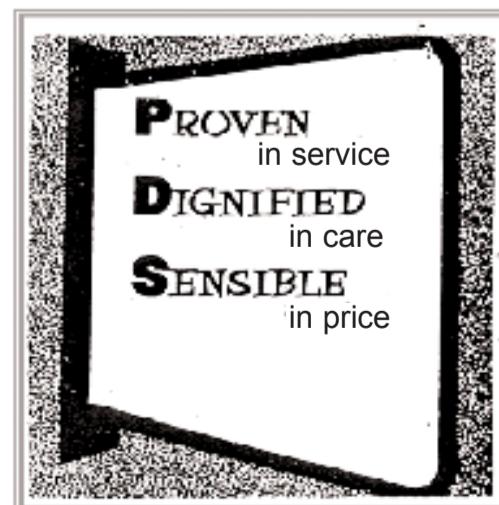
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In MemoriamConnie Drain Green
Funeral Director

New Hanover County

Chords Across America, 1020 Rankin St., will hold Sunday morning seervice on November 26th at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will follow service. Free to the public. For additional information call 910-623-4192 or 910-297-4314.



Religious Briefs

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S 12th St., will host their Annual 100 Women and Men in Red on Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. For more information call Bertha McIntyre at 910-675-2119.

St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, will host their first Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday, November 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The service is open to the public and the offering will be donated to Douglas Academy.

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Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Linda Eleanor Pino Williams, daughter of the late Benjamin and Emma Pino, Sr., was born on August 8, 1948, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Linda was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1967. She was a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Linda was joined in Holy Matrimony to Elton Benzen Williams, Sr. on June 1, 1968. God blessed this union with three wonderful children and two nephews and one niece that they also raised. Linda, the matriarch of the Williams family was a very loving person. She took classes in Interior Decorating which enabled doors to open for her to go coast to coast with her interior decorating business. "Linda's Fashions" showcased her talent throughout many homes. She never met a stranger and always pleasantly greeted you with a smile and a warm welcome. Linda took great pride in caring for her family. A mother, always on the go, she enjoyed the football games, cheerleading, choir rehearsals, and graduations. Her nephew that she raised, Benjamin Pino, III, preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories: her devoted and loving husband, Elton

Williams of the home; three children, Elton B. Williams, Jr. and his children, Malquan, Arrion, Briyanna; Sharon Williams Hamilton and her children, Donshanae, Carrollinda; Maria S. Williams and her children, Shalyn and Emarie; three great grandchildren, Jayden, Aerial and Dominic; nephew that she raised, Harold Yeoman and his children, Cory and TyReim; niece that she raised, Danita Pino; other relatives and many, many friends, including best friend, Harriet Williams. Linda E. P. Williams' core value was family. The Williams family will continue to uphold and pass along the gained knowledge and values in her honor. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lee Vander Kennedy

Lee Vander Kennedy died November 10, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the Clemmons-Kennedy Cemetery, Leland, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Edith Hooper

Edith Hooper died November 12, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in the Hooper Hill Cemetery, Leland, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A Thanksgiving Praise"

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

As we come together with family and friends to celebrate the time honored holiday of Thanksgiving, before we carve the turkey, toss the salad, eat the greens, and serve the cobbler...let us remember to offer unto the Lord our God, a Thanksgiving Praise! Praise never takes a holiday, because everyday is a day of thanksgiving!

Psalms 33:1 says, "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright."

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psalm 92:1 It is always good and proper to give praise unto the Lord. As a matter of fact, Saints of God understand the purpose and power of praise.

The purpose of praise is to exalt the name of the Lord. Psalm 34:3, says "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Praise brings us into the presence of the Lord. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with

praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalm 11:4 "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." Psalm 22:3

Praise reminds us of God's greatness. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3 "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?"

The power of praise can edify the Believer. The more we bless the Lord, the more he blesses us. This is important to know because, there will be times when we do not feel like giving God praise. Our praise should not be predicated on a feeling, because feelings change. Hebrews 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

The economy is down, unemployment is up, and sickness has no respect of person. Nevertheless, when we assume an attitude of gratitude, praise will pick us up every time! Praise is what we do, even when we are going through. The power of praise can lift us up out of despair, despondency, and depression. When we stop and give God praise, we focus on Truth, rather than facts. Facts say you may be broke, but Truth says, "Our God shall supply all our need according to his riches in

glory by Christ Jesus."

Facts, may say you have a bad report from the doctor, but whose report are you going to believe? Facts say you are sick, but Truth, says, "with his stripes you are healed!" The facts may determine that you need a miracle. Truth reminds you that, "With God all things are possible."

David the psalmist said in Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times; HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH."

This praise warrior had a made up mind, and a double determination to give God praise in whatever state he found himself in. When he declared that he would bless the Lord at all times, it was because he trusted the Lord at all times. The words of his testimony showed great confidence in the Lord's ability to deliver him out of any and every situation. He even said, "Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me..." Psalm 23. He had so much faith in God's ability to deliver him, he offered God praise in advance. On at least one occasion, he gave God an undignified praise. He praised God in the dance until he felt better! He didn't care who saw him praising the Lord. He was so full of

thanksgiving!

Like our brother, David, let's keep the high praises of God in our mouth, before, during, and after this holiday season. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee." Psalm 67:5

Prayer: Dear Lord, touch my heart, so that I can give you praise every day of my life, because everyday is a day of thanksgiving! And you are so worthy! In Jesus Name Amen. Happy Thanksgiving! 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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Saturday, December 9, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **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

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 3rdt 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
Craigie & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

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Owner: BARBARA BRAMLET
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Place: Kirby's Garage Inc.
1513 Castle Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Date: 12-16-17
Time: 10:00 a.m.
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November 16, 23, 30, 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

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JA 295

IN THE MATTER OF:
M.A.S. II (DOB:
10/19/2017)

TO: RESPONDENT-MOTHER:
LAURA WILLIAMS
PUTATIVE FATHER:
MARC ANTHONY STEAD

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

Adjudication of a Juvenile Petition filed on October 24, 2017, alleging that the above-referenced Juvenile is a neglected Juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, November 16, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Respondent-Mother, Laura Williams, has been provisionally assigned Attorney Lyana Hunter, Public Defender. Attorney Hunter may be contacted at (910) 343-5423, 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401. Putative Father, Marc Anthony Stead, has been provisionally assigned Attorney Yuliya Loshinsky. Attorney Loshinsky may be contacted at (910) 939-1125, 313 Walnut St., Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATION/ DISPOSITION HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 4, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 16th day of November, 2017.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.

of Social Services

1650 Greenfield Street

Wilmington, NC 28401

(910) 798-3615 (phone)

(910) 798-3772 (fax)

November 16, 23, 30, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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 the 9th day of November, 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 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 the 31st 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
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **William Mark Ungerland**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **February 25, 2017** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 17th day of November, 2017.

/s/ Lisa H. Bell
Assistant Clerk of Superior Court
New Hanover County, North Carolina
Petitioners' Attorney:
Charles T. Busby
P.O. Box 818
Hampstead, North Carolina
28443
910-270-8830

November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR NEW TITLE
CERTIFICATE

NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
Before the Clerk
File # 17-SP-745

IN THE MATTER OF NEW
HANOVER COUNTY REGIS-
TERED ESTATE NUMBER 2A
ROBERT ERNST and wife,
SUSAN ERNST, Petitioners

All persons or parties who may have or claim any interest in the land hereinafter described, the same being New Hanover County Registered Estate No. 2A, are hereby notified that Robert Ernst and Susan Ernst have filed a petition seeking issuance of a new Title Certificate for Registered Estate Number 2A.

The current Certificate of Title is recorded in Real Estate Book 1881 at page 97 in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County. The original Certificate of Title has been destroyed or lost. The subject property is located in New Hanover County, North Carolina, and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the eastern line of the Robert H. Tate Tract as certified by Registered Estate Number 2, Certificate Number 7A in Torrens or Title Book Number 1 in the Registry of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, said point located North 30 degrees 53 minutes East 776.72 feet as measured with said line from its intersection with the northern line of Greenville Loop Road (SR 1421); running then from said Beginning with said eastern line North 30 degrees 53 minutes East 309.00 feet to a point; then North 59 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds West 447.70 feet to a point in the western line of said Tate Tract; then with said western line South 30 degrees 59 minutes West 309.0 feet to a point; then South 59 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds East 448.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3.18 acres.

TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO certain easements and other conditions as described in said Certificate.

Petitioners have requested the issuance of a new certificate of title in the name of Robert Ernst and Susan M. Ernst, subject only to the easements and other matters stated in the current certificate and New Hanover County ad valorem taxes.

All persons having or claiming an interest or estate in the lands described below are notified to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, 316 Princess Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402 on or before January 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. to show cause as to why the Petition should not be granted. Failure to do so may extinguish or jeopardize any claim of right or ownership any claimant might have or claim in the subject property.

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 **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 Palmerer AKA James R. Palmerer, Executor
705 Shawnee Trail
Wilmington, NC 28412

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