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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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

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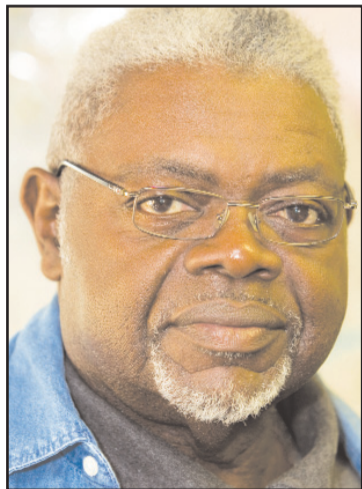
**Rev. Ronald Boykin**  
to preach  
at Mt. Olive

Sunday, December 10th is Family and Friends Day at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church. Our guest preacher for the 11:00 worship service is our own Rev. Ronald Boykin who grew up in the church before entering the ministry in the Washington, DC area.

He is currently the pastor of Seaton Memorial A.M.E. Church in Lanham, Maryland. At his side for forty-five years is his wife, Helen. Together they make a progressive, compassionate, spirit-filled team.

We invite the public and Ronald's friends and classmates to worship with us and join us for dinner after the service.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**Another treasure lost**

**BY BERNEST HEWETT**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County has lost another treasure, Mrs. Irene Barham Hankins. She was born April 6, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Nurney and Pearl Barham in Wilson, N. C.

She attended Shaw University in Raleigh, where she graduated in 1948 and began her teaching career in Brunswick County at Longwood School. She broke

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**EXCLUSIVE**

**DR. BARBER "SURPRISED" BY MORAL MONDAY FAME IN ROME**

**BY CASH MICHAELS**  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Rome, Italy is over 4,600 miles away from Raleigh, NC, but when it came to "Moral Mondays," the massive yet peaceful demonstrations held in North Carolina's capital city, and led by the former president of the NCNAACP, no distance was too far as far as admirers attending last week's international conference on labor at the Vatican were concerned.

"I was ...surprised by how many leaders from around the world had been inspired by Moral Monday, the moral revival last year, and the Poor People's Campaign plans," Bishop William Barber, leader of the social justice group, "Repairers of the Breach," said by text from the Vatican last week.

Dr. Barber was one of 300 participants from around the world attend-

ing the conference which addressed the conditions of working people and the working poor: Representing the upcoming Poor People's Campaign in the United States, Dr. Barber's social justice reputation from the 12 years he led the NCNAACP preceded him, with an invitation already given him to attend and preach at another world gathering about labor rights and the poor in Liverpool, England next June. He has also been invited to Brazil next year.

As a birthday present, Dr. Barber took his mother, who had turned 84 the week before, along with his wife and one of his sons, all part of an eight person delegation.

In an exclusive telephone interview from Washington, DC Monday, Dr. Barber recalled two days of "...long intense eight-hour days..." of

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. BARBER  
**BISHOP BARBER POSING OUTSIDE OF THE VATICAN WITH THE VATICAN GUARDS**

**Saint Stephen supports Douglass Academy**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**S**enior Pastor of Saint Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church Thomas O'Neal Nixon, Douglass Academy Headmaster Carla Fisher and Constance Drain Greene of Adkins Drain Funeral Home gathered after the Sunday morning service following Thanksgiving to celebrate an \$872 offering to Douglass Academy from the families of the church. Ms. Green generously contributed half of the donation - matching an original offering of \$436. "We are so thankful to the members of Saint Stephen and will use this contribution to help our students build their futures," said Ms. Fisher. Douglass Academy, a tuition-free charter school managed by the Roger Bacon Academy, is located at 6th and Red Cross Street in downtown Wilmington.

**Report: HBCUs generate \$14.8 billion in economic impact**

**BY STACY M. BROWN**  
NNPA NEWSWIRE CONTRIBUTOR

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) generate \$14.8 billion in economic impact annually, according to a stunning new report by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

The landmark study titled, "HBCUs Make America Strong: The Positive Economic Impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities," said that public HBCUs account for \$9.6 billion of that total economic impact, while private HBCUs account for \$5.2 billion.

"The estimate includes direct spending by HBCUs on faculty, employees, academic programs and operations, and by students attending the institutions, as well as the follow-on effects of that spending," the report said.

The combined economic impact is equivalent to a top 200 ranking on the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations.



**PROUD HBCU GRADUATES**

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barriers by being one of the first Black college educated high school teachers here in Brunswick County. During her first years of teaching, she had to teach students who were older than she because several young Black men were going into service, coming out, going back to school, and completing their education.  
 In 1951, she moved about 15 miles to Union School, where she met the love of her life, Mr. Jonathan Hankins, who was the principal at Union. They worked in the Brunswick County School System, where they touched the lives of many young people. They were responsible for many young people making good sound decisions about life.  
 Mrs. Hankins' 35 years in the Brunswick County School System was only a start of her leadership in this County. She was a member of the Eastern Star #555, Daughter of Habib Temple Court #159, Retired Teachers' Association, and the local senior citizen center. I believe one of the greatest organizations touched by Mr. and Mrs. Hankins was the Brunswick County Chapter #5452 of NAACP. She would call and remind me of its purpose and what I needed to do to make it better. She was one of our proudest workers and supporters. I say now that she exemplified the words of the old Negro spiritual, "May the Work I've Done Speak for Me." She lived so that her work speaks for her.  
 Bernest Hewett is president emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP

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 "The presence of an HBCU means a boost to economic activity, on and off-and even well beyond-campus. Stronger growth, stronger communities, more jobs and a more talented workforce," UNCF authors wrote in the report.  
 Fact sheets for the economic impact of individual HBCUs are available at <https://www.uncf.org/programs/hbcu-impact>.  
 According to the UNCF report, Howard University generates \$1.5 billion in total economic impact and 9,591 jobs for its local and regional economies.  
 "Every dollar spent by Howard University and its students produces positive economic benefits, generating \$1.58 in initial and subsequent spending for its local and regional economies.

The study, conducted by the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business Selig Center for Economic Growth, found that Hampton University generated \$270 million in total economic impact and 2,249 jobs for its local and regional economies.  
 "For each job created on campus, another 1.7 public- and private-sector jobs are created off campus because of Hampton University-related spending," study said. "Looked at in a different way: Each \$1 million initially spent by Hampton University and its students creates 11 jobs."  
 While Morehouse College generated a total economic impact of \$188 Million and 1,580 jobs. Spelman College accounted for \$199 million in total economic impact and 1,625 Jobs.  
 North Carolina A&T State University generated \$488 million in total economic impact and 4,325 jobs for its

local and regional economies.  
 "It's the first time that we've had a study conducted by such a professional institution to recognize the importance of HBCUs and particularly the impact on our community," Miles College President Dr. George T. French, Jr., told the NNPA Newswire. "We've talked in general terms, but to quantify this is important so that our partners can understand the value of our institution. It's a win-win for our region and for government partners who look to partner with us."  
 The report revealed that the 1,634-student Alabama school generated \$67 million for its local region. Each \$1 million initially spent by Miles College and its students creates 16 jobs, according to the report.  
 "It's eye-opening and, in addition to the 730 jobs created, there's a 1-to-1 match for every full-time job at Miles, we create another job in our

region," French said. "So, we have about 377 employees on campus, but because of that, we've created 350 off-campus jobs."  
 The benefits flow to Miles College's graduates, who'll enter the workforce with sharper skills and vastly enhanced earning prospects, according to the report.  
 As an example, the 196 Miles College graduates from 2014 can expect total earnings of \$497 million over their lifetimes—a stunning 77 percent more than they could expect to earn without their college credentials.  
 "What you're looking at is, when you round it to 200 students, they already have over \$2 million more in earning potential in their careers which increases by \$1.1 million, because of having a degree from Miles College," French said. "I think it's important to have this conversation for young people, who must decide if college is

worth it. At the end of the day, it's a great economic decision."  
 The figures also allow college officials to approach state and local government officials, when funding for recruitment and other programs are needed, French said.  
 French said, adding that because of the report he believes the city will be even more cooperative with Miles College.  
 "With this study, we can go to the government and say we need additional money for cutting-edge programs and recruitment," he said. "We've requested and will have a meeting with the city to compare our master plan with what the city is doing. Here we are, this economic engine with a \$52 million annual budget and we can help this city with its master planning and their master plan may intersect with what we're doing."

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plans (also called Medicare Advantage Plans) offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide Part A and Part B benefits.  
 Medicare Part D offers prescription drug coverage, offered either through Original Medicare, insurance companies, or private companies approved by Medicare.  
 Again, if you're 65, or about to turn 65, call 1-800-

MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week to find out more. The enrollment deadline is Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017. Also visit [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan) before Dec. 7.  
 In North Carolina, SHIIP (the Seniors Health Insurance Information Program) can help with all questions about Medicare. Call 1-855-408-1212, or visit [www.ncshiip.com](http://www.ncshiip.com).  
 For those under age 65 and still seeking affordable health insurance, starting January 2018, the shortened open enrollment period for

Obamacare, or the Affordable Care Act, ends on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017, two weeks from now.  
 According to published reports, an estimated 2.28 million people have signed up between Nov. 1, and Nov. 18, 2017. That's more than the 2.1 million who enrolled in 2016 for 2018 coverage.  
 Observers say the public response has been remarkable, even though the Trump Administration cut the advertising and outreach by 90 percent, hoping to encourage people not to sign up. At the end of the enrollment period

on Dec. 15, the total number could still fall behind last year's figures because the enrollment period was cut from three months to just 45 days.  
 And in order to qualify for federal tax subsidies to offset the rising cost of health insurance premiums, those seeking to apply should go online to [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). An estimated 496,420 residents - 85% of those insured by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBS) through the ACA are eligible for what are

known as Advanced Premium Tax Subsidies (APT).  
 The average ACA health insurance premium is calculated at \$662 per month, but after the APT subsidy tax credit kicks in, comes down to just \$129 per month, and in some cases, as low as \$87 a month.  
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**COLEMAN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES FOR 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT**

[RALEIGH] Former three-term state House member Linda Coleman, a Democrat, officially threw her hat into the ring to run for the Congressional



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Second Congressional

District seat currently occupied by Republican incumbent Rep. George Holding. Ms. Coleman, who previously mounted two failed attempts at running for lieutenant governor, made her announcement from the south grounds of the Old Capitol Building. The former school teacher said her campaign will focus on improving education, the economy, and affordable health care. Filing for the 2018 primaries are scheduled for February.

**HIGHWAY NAMED AFTER DR. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN DEDICATED IN DURHAM**

[DURHAM] On Monday, Nov. 27th, a section of the Interstate 85 Highway in Durham was officially named after famed African-American historian Dr. John Hope Franklin.

The "Dr. John Hope Franklin Highway" was dedicated at the Hayti Heritage Center in Durham, with dignitaries including Gov. Roy Cooper, Congressman G. K.

Butterfield (D-12-NC) and state Sen. Floyd McKissick, Jr. (D-Durham) in attendance. Former U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx declared the stretch of highway between Cole Mill Road and U.S. 70 Bypass in Durham after Dr. Franklin before he left office.

**HARNETT COUNTY NAACP DEMANDS FIRING OF KICKING OFFICER**

[DUNN] The Harnett

County NAACP is demanding the firing of a Dunn police officer after a local television station aired a five-year old police dashcam video, showing a female officer kicking a handcuffed black male motorist after a brief car chase. WRAL-TV showed a 2012 dashcam video of the female, identified as Lt. Cary Jackson, kicking the suspect, identified as Seneca Jackson, after he exited his vehicle, got down on the ground, and was handcuffed by a male

officer. "At a press conference this week, Harnett County NAACP Pres. Carolyn McDougale, asked why the video was only coming to light now, five years after the incident. She blasted Dunn city officials for doing nothing about the officer. The Dunn city manager says the matter is being investigated, but would offer no statement directly addressing what the video shows.

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deeply committed religious and labor leaders working together. From countries like France, Sudan, England and others, Dr. Barber said he was greeted warmly by all.

Even the Vatican guards saluted him because of his title of "Bishop."

During his presentation at the conference, Dr. Barber said, "Rightfully, the Pope has noted at the start of the twenty-first century that religious leaders must play a leading role in the struggle for justice in dialogue with all social and political actors. We must articulate a way of thinking that brings together the complexity of the current situation and proposes an action strategy for the construction of a just society. Not only is democracy at stake, but the well being of the world itself."

Later in his remarks, Bishop Barber continued, "I believe Pope Francis' call for a moral vision of the common

good connected to a call for solidarity within the labor union economy and ethos is most important. I join you today as President of Repairers of the Breach and Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival in the United States. We have identified five areas, five moral diseases that must be addressed if we are to be a people able to address the common good, promote the general welfare, and ensure the common defense, with liberty and justice for all. We must address systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological devastation, the war economy, and the immoral narrative of extreme religionism."

Before he left, Dr. Barber was satisfied with how his presentation was accepted by other religious and labor leaders.

"Many of the points that we raised were in the final document produced by the conference as a guide to the way forward," he texted.

And what about that much

anticipated Thanksgiving Day meeting between Dr. Barber and Pope Francis that was scheduled during the two day gathering? It got cancelled at the last minute," Barber says.

"Up until 4 p. m. yesterday, the Pope was scheduled to come and be with us," Bishop Barber texted last Friday, "[but] we were informed around 4:15 p.m. that due to challenges around his trip to Malaysia and other world events (like the mosque [terrorist] shootings in Egypt), he had to change [his plans]."

"[The Pope] sent a personal note to us and a papal letter," Dr. Barber added.

Indeed, Pope Francis, this

week, is walking a fine, and, some say, diplomatically perilous, line during his visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh. Myanmar has cracked down on Rohingya Muslims in what some are calling an "ethnic cleansing." Reports say villages are being burned and women and children are being raped, as over 600,000 refugees have fled to Bangladesh.

However, before he left Italy, Pope Francis issued a letter at the conclusion of the international conference. In that papal letter, the Pope warned of "the money god" that leads to the exploitation of the working poor globally.

"Work must serve the

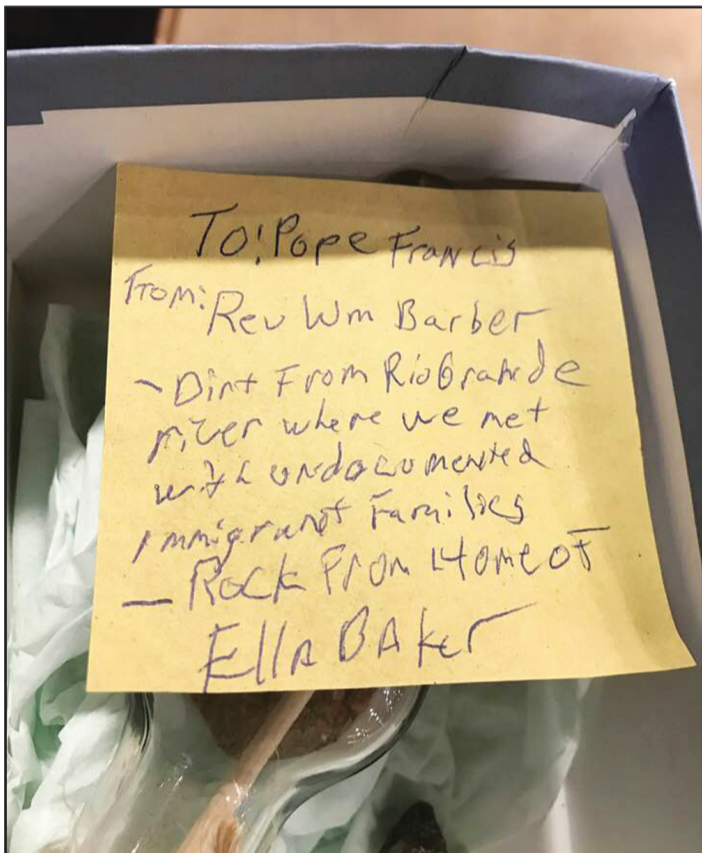
human person," Pope Francis said, "not the other way around." He added that "...every worker is the hand of Christ who continues to create and do good."

Even though Dr. Barber wasn't able to personally meet the Pope as he had hoped, he was able to present one of the Pope's cardinals with gifts from His Eminence from the United States - a small stone from the home of North Carolina civil rights leader, Ella Baker, and sand from the Rio Grande [River], where Barber walked with families traveling to see relatives from Mexico, whom they had not seen in years.

"Beyond the conference, if there were one consolation," Dr. Barber wrote, "it was that one of the cardinals [from Ghana] here exchanged personal information with us and promised to visit with the bishop in North Carolina upon his next visit to the United States."

On Monday, in Washington, DC, Dr. Barber, who is Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, which will commemorate its 50th anniversary in April 2018.

*Editor's Note - you can read Dr. Barber's Vatican presentation at <http://wilmingtonjournal.com/exclusive-bishop...vatican-11-24-17/> ?*



**GIFT TO POPE FRANCIS--NOTE READS:**  
To: Pope Francis  
From: Rev. Wm. Barber  
--Dirt from Rio Grande River where we met with undocumented immigrant families  
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**DR. BARBER AT LABOR UNIONS INTERNATIONAL MEETING AT VATICAN CITY**

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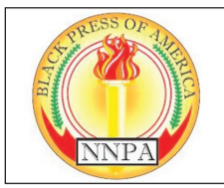
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## OUR VOICE

### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### Proposed tax reform plan will destroy Black America

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Think about the worst racial policies of America. Chattel slavery. Jim Crow segregation. Apartheid. Share-cropping. Mass incarceration. Ethnic cleansing. Education, housing and economic discrimination. Wealth gaps and health gaps. Now think of a way to re-institute the best elements of all these putrid ideas and you have the 2017-2018 proposed Tax Reform Plan!



Phillip Jackson

The proposed Tax Reform Plan 2017-2018 is actually a re-fighting of the U.S. Civil War that was previously fought between 1861 and 1865. The major issues of that war were the South continuing to hold Black people as slaves and whether slavery would be allowed to spread to new territories.

Today, we have the Civil War 2.0 with many of the same southern states that lost the first Civil War initiating a Tax Reform Plan that would effectively, long term, disenfranchise most Black people in America. This time, the South plans to win! The negative impact of this proposed Tax Reform Plan, as it is being proffered by the Republican-controlled House, Senate and White House, will be that of 100 Hurricane Katrina's on Black communities across America.

This proposed tax plan for Black America is like the frog put in a pot of cold water under a low-burning flame so that it doesn't jump out of the pot, but as the heat is turned up, the frog is slowly cooked. The early years of the proposed Tax Reform Plan would give most Blacks in America some tax relief. The later years of the proposed Tax plan would "cook" Black people in America!

Charles D. Ellison, a Washington correspondent for The Philadelphia Tribune, says, "Not only is Black America the least likely to see a tax cut, but it's the most likely to see future tax increases, shredded safety nets and a flurry of fines and fees to make up the difference." He continues, "Right now, at this very moment, the single biggest threat to the group of people already in a compromised position because of their race is the Congressional Republicans' tax-reform plan. Not the sound of the police. Not lead in your water and not a jail cell."

How will the proposed Tax Reform Plan impact Black America?

- Greatly reduce Medicaid by \$5.3 trillion over ten years
- Trigger \$400 billion in Medicare cuts over ten years, including \$25 billion in the first year
- Greatly reduce food stamps by 30 percent
- Eliminate the ability to write off student loan interest
- Dramatically reduce college Pell Grants
- Significantly reduce the number of Head Start slots by 200,000
- Cut K-12 Education funding by 30 percent
- Eliminate rental assistance to nearly 1 million households
- Cut job training by 40 percent
- Exacerbate the wealth disparity between white and non-white Americans
- Put median Black household wealth on a path to hit zero by 2053
- Create an additional \$1.5 trillion deficit that would force the gutting of social service programs for decades to come

This proposed tax plan is as close to the return of slavery that Black people have been faced with since the first Civil War. Most Black leadership and progressive leadership are asleep on this aspect of the proposed Tax Reform Plan. Many government operatives, foundations, universities and corporate-sector leaders have aligned and seemingly conspired to destroy the progress made by Black people over the past 152 years under the guise of Tax Reform.

The proposed Tax Reform Plan will destroy Black America. At best, this Plan is the reincarnation of trickle-down economics, which never worked. At worst, it is a kind of neo-slavery and works as an ethnic cleansing of Black people in America. Either way, it is something that Black people in America cannot afford.

What must you do?

- Call and write your Congressional representatives and tell them that you are against the currently proposed Tax Reform Plan.
- Call and write Congressional representatives from other states and districts, and tell them that you are against the currently proposed Tax Reform Plan.
- Share this information with everyone you know; ask them to share this information, and ask them to call and write Congressional representatives.
- Comment on blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Linked In and other digital media about this plan.
- Send contributions/investments to organizations working to fight this proposed Tax Reform Plan.
- Vote your interest in every election and encourage everyone you know to do the same.

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## YOUR VOICE

### OUR BACK OF THE BUS ROUND TRIP FROM 1954 TO 2017 THEN, BACK TO 1954!!!

Excerpt from my book-"What We Blacks Need To Do"-St. Augustine said, "An

unjust law is no law at all". In 1963 Alabama Governor George Wallace said, "segregation now and segregation forever". The all white New Hanover County Board of Education said, "neighborhood schools

now and forever". Segregation and neighborhood schools are synonyms /the same. In order to integrate our schools, we need Blacks on the board. Please run for your children, grandchildren and for

yourself. We Blacks know that integration is not quite 100% Heaven, but we know that segregation is 100% hell!!!

James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### RAINBOW COALITION

#### To win in Alabama, Jones must create a new coalition

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Can Doug Jones, a Democrat, win a Senate seat in Alabama when voters go to the polls in a special election on Dec. 12?

The polls say the race is tight. Most press attention focuses on the Republican Judge Roy Moore, an extreme and controversial figure even before he was hit with credible charges of sexual misconduct with teenage girls. Moore's weakness is obvious. The big question is whether Jones can mobilize enough voters to take advantage. That may be less about Moore than about the new Alabama waiting to take political form.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The odds against Jones are forbidding. As Perry Bacon Jr. pointed out in FiveThirtyEight, the last Democratic presidential candidate to win the state was Jimmy Carter in 1976. A Democrat last won a Senate seat in 1992. Alabama is the "heart of Dixie." Obama won only 16 percent of the white vote here (as opposed to 41 percent nationally). Hillary Clinton fared even worse, winning little more than a third of the total vote.

About 71 percent of the electorate is white; about 25 percent black. A stunning 35 percent of the vote comes from white evangelicals, an increasingly rabid Republican voting bloc.

by the genitals. But Black women rarely get the respect or recognition that our votes indicate we deserve. Our vote is too often taken for granted even when it makes a major difference in elections.

## Sisters rising - Black women's votes in 2017

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Virginia Governor-elect Ralph Northam is as dull as they come.

Listening to him speak is about as exciting as watching paint dry. But he's a Democrat who is mostly right on the issues, he served as Lieutenant Governor under the charismatic and focused Terry McAuliffe, and President Barack Obama came to Virginia to campaign for him. The result - he won the



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November election by double digits, defeating Republican Ed Gillespie whose campaign descended into racist ads reminiscent of our current President. Ninety-one percent of the African American women who voted in this election voted for Northam. We'll see if he recognizes this voting bloc when he takes office.

Despite the fact that a recent poll indicated that African American women are less enamored with the Democratic Party than ever, we remain a reliable Democratic vote. Hillary Clinton garnered 94 percent of our vote in 2016, while 53 percent of white women voted for a man who boasted about grabbing women

er on military bases. Alabama is a center of aeronautics. NASA built the rocket that took man to the moon in Alabama. Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon have centers there. They couldn't operate behind walls of racial separation.

Thirty-two percent of Alabama voters have a college degree. In the wake of the civil rights movement, women won the right to serve on juries and young people the right to vote. There is an emerging coalition of single women, young people and people of color waiting to be built. Yet in politics the old divides and fears still fester. Republicans, of course, fan racial division for their benefit. Roy Moore, newborn champion of Confederate monuments, is a master of that. Democrats have inherited the black vote but have tended to ignore it, spending little energy or resources on registering and turning out that vote.

Doug Jones can't win without a massive turnout of black votes. As a prosecutor, he showed courage in prosecuting and convicting the knaves that murdered the four little girls in the 1963 Birmingham church bombing. His campaign has erected billboards to remind voters of that, and he has the resources for radio and newspaper ads, targeted mail and mass volunteer door knocking.

But once more the Democratic Party is starting late and doing too little. Of 902,000 voting-age African-Americans in Alabama, analyst Frank Watkins reports, 273,000 are unregistered.

Another 15 percent - 143,900 - are disqualified due to felony convictions. The Democratic Party has spent little energy or resources in registering minority people of voting age. Many college students didn't know that the deadline to register was Nov. 27, when most were away for Thanksgiving.

The savvyest African-American politician in the state, State Sen. Hank Sanders, warns, "Right now, many African-Americans do not know there is an election on Dec. 12." The NAACP has begun calling "sometimes voters" to get out the vote. Jones should be campaigning with Sanders and others, and introducing himself to black congregations. Real re-sources need to go into black newspapers and radio stations.

The appeal to black voters is one that speaks to white voters as well. In Alabama, millions go without health care because the conservative governor won't accept expansion of Medicaid. Working people of all races need better wages and affordable care. Young people need investment in schools, affordable college or advanced training.

Moore's extremism and personal flaws - he was a weak candidate even before the recent exposures - open the door for change. There is a new Alabama that has grown beyond old racial divides. Against the odds, Jones might be able to bring together a new coalition. If he succeeds, it will open the door

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port of much of the Black political establishment, including Congressional Black Caucus Chairman and New Orleansian Cedric Richmond (D). Indeed, Cantrell is only the second person to win the mayor's office without being a native of the Big Easy. Does this suggest that Black women voters are willing to rock the boat? Cantrell won with 60 percent of the vote!

Charlotte has its first woman mayor in African American Vi Lyles. Virginia elected two Latina women and a transgender woman to its House of Delegates. Four Black women serve on the Boston City Council. In Philadelphia, a civil rights lawyer who has represented Black Lives Matter will now serve as District Attorney. Democrats, African Americans, other people of color, and progressives enjoyed many other victories in these off-year elections. Some say these victories are a reaction to the repressive national climate. Others caution against taking one data point and turning it into a trend. In any case, even in resistance, it makes sense to take a moment to savor the victories, and also to appreciate the Black woman's vote.

As we move into 2018, two Black women are running serious campaigns for governor. In Georgia, state legislator Stacy Abrams is gaining national recognition for her race. In Maryland, policy analyst and founder of the think tank, Center for Global Policy

Solutions Maya Rockeymore Cummings has been blunt in her criticism of Governor Larry Hogan, who claims distance from the current president, but travelled to Virginia to campaign for the racist Ed Gillespie. Both women will have to win Democratic primaries in order to face off against Republican opponents, and both must clear high hurdles. In Maryland, Rockeymore has entered a crowded Democratic field that includes former NAACP President Ben Jealous and retiring Prince George's County executive Rushern Baker. In Georgia, Stacy Abrams will face off against fellow legislator Stacey Evans, who is white. Where will the white women's vote go? What kind of support will Abrams get from national Democrats?

Sisters are rising, both with our votes and with our candidates. Still, we need more Black women to run for public office, and we need the national Democratic Party to be far more respectful of the Black woman's vote. DNC Chairman Tom Perez, are you listening? Or are you still chasing the "working class white" vote, while ignoring ours?

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# The blind eye

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The 2016 film, Birth of a Nation, was released in a storm of controversy unrelated to the film itself. Whatever your opinion of the film or its maker, one cannot deny the relevance of the film as a medium of historical instruction and a study of human behavior.

Dr. E. Faye Williams

Although I was aware of the systemic treatment of slaves, I found it interesting to revisit that system which forced slaves to become the instruments of their own oppression. The Nat Turner character was a compelling, charismatic and persuasive speaker. He was perfect as the slave-yard preacher who, through his words, personality and 'approved' biblical message, evoked from other slaves passive compliance to their masters' will and acceptance of their own inferior humanity.

When I was young, I thought that only Black slaves and some of their ancestors

were conditioned by that system of biblical brainwashing. With the enlightenment of maturity and experience, I realized that while not necessarily victims, many whites, whether slaveholder or not, have willingly become captive to that same biblically-based myth of white-male superiority. As with slavery, they vigorously and viciously defend this myth and use biblical interpretations as justification for the situational ethics and intolerance that has become their basis for claiming "rightness" in all matters.

Currently, central to this issue is the Alabama US Senate race and allegations of sexual abuse of juvenile females by GOP candidate Roy Moore. While most believe or won't declare these allegations false, roughly 50% of Alabama voters still support Moore. Some base their support on his Christian values. Others claim partisan loyalty to Republicans/ against Democrats. Under conventional norms, no reasoning could justify elevating an alleged pedophile to one of the most prestigious elected positions in the nation, but these are not conventional times.

If true to their professed Christian beliefs, those sup-

porting Moore would condemn him as a pedophile. If true to principled, ethical governance, those supporting Moore would choose his opponent or coalesce around a more suitable write-in candidate. So we must ask, "WHY? What quality does Moore possess that commands loyalty in the face of such disrepute?"

Some say he's being unjustly persecuted or that his contributions to Alabama supersede any of his "minor" perversions. Others claim him victim to a double-standard of treatment without considering the criminal nature of the "alleged" offense for which he or any other criminal sex offender should/could be punished.

Like my fellow activist and cleric, Reverend Dr. William Barber, I believe that Moore supporters embrace a distorted religiosity which sacrifices, if you will, principled, Christian behavior to the altar of racial superiority. All this for the purpose of perpetuating racial dominance to whatever extent and/or for however long possible.

There is a sense of urgency for those using their "Republican Christianity" as justification for their situational ethics, as well as for those who are simply racist

without the veil of Christianity. They demonstrate a fear of the impending demographic shift that will ultimately eliminate their numerical superiority. Consciously or subconsciously, they recognize that the "White Privilege" they currently enjoy will dwindle into nothingness and their greatest fear - meritorious competition - will become a reality. This has been proven to my satisfaction with the recent news report that, because they must now compete with minorities for jobs, whites think they have become victims of discrimination.

The current political climate is conducive to their interests. #45 recognized and appealed to the fears that shape their concerns. Even he has been given a "pass" to violate established norms and customs of courtesy and decorum for the purpose of slowing the progress of justice and equity.

Their mistake is to believe that we will accept an inferior status and continue to turn a blind eye to injustice!

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## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Hoping we can believe our Civics lessons

While some Americans are trying to ignore the winds of confusion and angst being brought about by the antics, policies and language of the current administration in Washington, DC., some are hoping that the lessons learned in civics classes about the power and safety in a government which has three branches which serve as checks and balances on each other are true.

What is happening before our very eyes is scary. This president and his administration seem to be systematically chipping away at the very foundation of democracy. It is bad enough that the GOP has control of all three branches of government, but what is worse is that the executive branch is trying as hard as it can to have absolute control over everything, every department and every decision made, and the Congress seems unable to do anything about it.

Rev. Susan K. Smith

I must have gotten it wrong; I thought, from what I learned, that if any branch of government was trying to seize too much power, one or the other - or both - the other branches would rein that branch in.

But this Congress seems to be wringing its hands. Thank goodness some of the federal courts have blocked some of the president's antics and attempts to oppress other groups of people, but the Congress has been woefully impotent and incompetent.

In its desire to get some of the most abrasive and oppressive policies passes, the Congress has reneged on its pledge to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, just as the president has. It has confirmed people for cabinet positions whose records show serious issues. Brett Talley, 36-years old, who was nominated by this administration for a federal judgeship, has never tried a case, yet the Senate Judiciary Committee advanced his nomination. (<https://www.npr.org/sections/tetwo-way/2017/11/11/563488356/federal-judicial-nominee-who-has-never-tried-a-case-advanced-by-senate-committee>)

Scott Pruitt, Energy Secretary, has spent much of his life fighting the agency he is leading. (<https://www.npr.org/sections/tetwo-way/2017/11/11/563488356/federal-judicial-nominee-who-has-never-tried-a-case-advanced-by-senate-committee>)

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin's bank allegedly wrongfully sought payments from a federally insured reverse mortgage program. His bank foreclosed on a reported 36,000 homeowners. (<http://www.newsweek.com/steve-mnuchin-us-department-justice-financial-freedom-610559>) But now Mnuchin, again confirmed by the Senate, putting together a budget which works against the masses of people who need some of the very services he wants to eliminate, many of whom are Trump voters. Said Mnuchin, "we can't have the federal government subsidizing the states," and he is gung-ho on a tax plan that will increase the federal budget by \$1.7 trillion.

The president himself has tried his best to constrain journalists, charging "fake news" for every story about him and his administration that he does not like.

In civics class, we were taught that the three branches of government would protect this country from tyranny - and we believed it. Because the framers of the US Constitution had experienced autocracy, and had not liked it, they saw it necessary to make a government that would be foolproof to fall into such a state.

But something has happened and it is as intricate and difficult to understand as it is to analyze it. Our lawmakers are sycophants without backbones; they are so desirous of putting forward a Conservative agenda that they seem willing to let the country they pledged to serve descend into fascism. They have allowed and are allowing themselves to be bullied and threatened by a president who lies at will, and they discard any loyalty they had to America's democracy.

The president cow-tows to a known enemy of the United States - Russia - and the Congress is doing nothing.

The president stokes the embers of racism on almost a daily basis, even as the Department of Justice makes sure it does all it can to undo the gains for justice for people of color made over the past 50 years. The Congress participates in the erosion of civil rights for black people, brown people, women, Muslims and everyone who needs health care.

This is a country in the process of descending to hell. The United States is losing what moral voice in the world that it had, and other countries are stepping up into places that they once would never have broached.

The people voted this man and his administration in. Maybe they too believed the civics lessons. Maybe they believed that this president would be bad but that because of our structure, he would never be able to destroy this country as the model for democracy, flaws and all. Maybe they believed that America could never waltz toward being a fascist state.

They and I were wrong.

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## CASH IN THE APPLE

# TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF

Now that the Thanksgiving leftovers are almost gone, please allow me to offer the following.

Recently I heard someone speak with pride about eating something that was "low-calorie," and how this was "good" for them in their quest to lose weight.

In my mind, given my personal experience, I immediately questioned that, because, and most people I'm sure KNOW this... just because something is "low-calorie" DOES NOT mean it is healthy or good for you!

"Low-calorie" ice cream is NOT healthy if it still has the sugar, butter fat, and whatever else they put in it to make it taste good (usually the more fat they put in ice cream, the better it tastes).

The same with diet soda. Fewer calories DOES NOT mean it's good for you. In fact, it seems like it's almost every month we hear of a new study telling us to drop diet

sodas from our diets...and with good reason. The fake sugar makes us drink more of it, and now studies are suggesting cognitive problems later on in life.

But put all of that on the side for a moment...the reason why I've learned to ABSOLUTELY NOT buy into the diet craze anymore is because, again in my opinion AND personal experience over my 61 years, we, as Americans, have it all wrong.

Most of us (men AND women), seek to lose weight because of vanity. C'mon, you KNOW that's true. We want to look better in our clothes, and feel better while doing it. We spend hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars on everything from tummy-tucks to facelifts....you name it!

No, not you specifically, but you know there are folks who have the means who are vane enough to spend whatever it takes, just to "look" better, hoping that if they do, they'll automatically "feel" better, because then the world will more readily accept them as "normal," and not fat, or sloppy, or even "ugly."

Yeah, I get that this is

human, but that's NOT because GOD wants it that way. We've convinced ourselves that that's the way it should be.

I once worked with a gospel radio announcer who was obese, and understandably hated that fact that he was absurdly overweight! But he was also a very popular gospel radio announcer who hosted a lot of local gospel concerts...where, because of his celebrity, he met a lot of women who loved his voice and personality, but were turned off when they saw him.

That bothered him so much, that he went and got an operation to staple his stomach smaller so that he wouldn't consume so much food, thus ultimately losing a lot of weight, and he did.

He slimmed down, looked much, much better, and all of a sudden, homeboy had this female and that female coming by the radio station almost every day to TAKE HIM out to lunch! The stomach stapling turned homeboy into a playboy!

Oh,...did I mention that he was married with a WIFE...and TWO CHILDREN!

Here's a man, who got on the radio daily, telling folks to obey the Lord, read their Bibles, pray for the "sick and the shut-in," everything good gospel radio announcers do, and he's losing weight for the sole purpose of feeling "better" about himself so he can play around behind his wife and two kids backs!

Now, that is an extreme case that I know personally, and it's not to say that any of you would do the same thing for the same reasons. I hope not, ESPECIALLY if you're married with children! But that doesn't mean that those of us who ARE overweight (and even though I've lost 50 LBS over the past five months, look and feel better, I STILL consider myself at least 25-30 LBS overweight) don't also feel some sense of inadequacy, or even inferiority.

I'll get more into this next week! GOD bless!

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## CHILDWATCH

# A Litany of Thanksgiving

Editor's Note: This column was written after The Wilmington Journal went to press last week. We think it is still timely and relevant.

On this Thanksgiving, I share again the beautiful prayer of great Black theologian Howard Thurman, A Litany of Thanksgiving, which my family reads together each year. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the values we embrace - especially this year as we feel so threatened by the negative forces of division and racial hatred. We must never give up our common vision of all that unites us. I hope we can all share this simple and profound sense of gratitude and the hope that "love and tenderness and all the inner graces of Almighty affection will cover the life of the children of God as the waters cover the sea."

Marian W. Edelman

Today, I make my Sacrament of Thanksgiving. I begin with the simple things of my days:

Fresh air to breathe,  
Cool water to drink,  
The taste of food,  
The protection of houses and clothes,  
The comforts of home.

For all these I make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

I bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that I have known:

My mother's arms,  
The strength of my father,  
The playmates of my childhood,

The wonderful stories brought to me from the lives of many who talked of days gone by when fairies and giants and all kinds of magic held sway;

The tears I have shed, the tears I have seen;

The excitement of laughter and the twinkle in the eye with its reminder that life is good.

For all these I make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

I finger one by one the messages of hope that awaited me at the crossroads:

The smile of approval from those who held in their hands the reins of my security;

The tightening of the grip in a single handshake when I feared the step before me in the darkness;

The whisper in my heart when the temptation was fiercest and the claims of

appetite were not to be denied;

The crucial word said, the simple sentence from an open page when my decision hung in the balance.

For all these I make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

I pass before me the main-springs of my heritage:  
The fruits of the labors of countless generations who lived before me, without whom my own life would have no meaning;

The seers who saw visions and dreamed dreams;

The prophets who sensed a truth greater than the mind could grasp and whose words could only find fulfillment in the years which they would never see;

The workers whose sweat has watered the trees, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations;

The pilgrims who set their sails for lands beyond all horizons, whose courage made paths into new worlds and far-off places;

The saviors whose blood was shed with a recklessness that only a dream could inspire and God could command.

For all this I make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

I linger over the meaning of my own life and the commit-

ment to which I give the loyalty of my heart and mind:

The little purposes in which I have shared with my loves, my desires, my gifts;

The restlessness which bottoms all I do with its stark insistence that I have never done my best, I have never reached for the highest;

The big hope that never quite deserts me, that I and my kind will study war no more, that love and tenderness and all the inner graces of Almighty affection will cover the life of the children of God as the waters cover the sea.

All these and more than mind can think and heart can feel,

I make as my sacrament of Thanksgiving to Thee,

Our Father, in humbleness of mind and simplicity of heart.

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

The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!

"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us."



SAMUEL CORNISH AND JOHN RUSSWORM, FOUNDERS

1827, Front page of Freedom's Journal, the first African-American owned and operated newspaper published in the United States

## New Hanover County

**Free Community Kwanzaa Expo** Empowering Black Entrepreneurs and Black Owners. A recurrent event scheduled December 26 thru January 1, 2018, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm nightly, at Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Drive, Wilmington, NC. Save the date! Ujamma (oo-jah-mah) the fourth Kwanzaa principle, to build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together. For Your Table, Pre-Registration Required By December 15, 2017, Contact spellerish@yahoo.com or call (910) 795-8597.

**The New Hanover NAACP** will hold its Winter Meeting Thursday, December 14, 6 to 8 pm at Mt. Olive AME Church, 1007 Wright Street, Wilmington. The meeting will include a review of 2017 and plans for 2018, followed by a fellowship potluck dinner. Members and friends are invited to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nh-naacp@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

## The winter season is here again

These are words which have been heard over and over again. It's easy for me to remember the winter which I



Verniece Stanley

have seen over the years and the lifestyle of long ago. There have been winters which would be characterized as mild, but there have been many winters which have been hard to survive. Many poor people living in the rural areas have been hit the hardest. Brunswick County has been no different from other areas where this has been true. I can remember the days when the wood heater was the only way many people could stay warm in the cold winter season. In some cases, trees were grown on their land, and they were cut down and cut up for firewood to be burned in wood heaters or fireplaces. Oak wood was

considered one of the best sources of heat as far as fire wood was concerned.

Even with the typical weather of the winter season, there still times of fun and fellowship. It was enjoyable to relax in chairs of all sizes in the living room. Many times, this was when we would plan for, and practice, various social activities, in which, many times, the community would engage.

The ladies of the family and the community would, many times, get together and have quilting days, at which time they would make warm, comfortable quilts. Sometimes, these quilts, when they were completed, would go to families who needed them most, and they came in handy for warmth on cold winter nights. This was one of the best ways to keep good, friendly relations hips among friends and neighbors. This was one way of assuring needy families of warm bed covers during cold nights when, perhaps snow or freezing rain had fallen or when it was just plain cold.

Some were not fortunate enough to have electricity in the house, so it was very common for families to use oil lamps for light and fireplaces, wood heaters, and wood stoves for heat.

As we look at our present day situations, we notice that there are still folks in our society who are not privileged to have many of the conveniences many take for granted. There are still the hungry, hurting, and the homeless. There are still those who have positions of authority who are determined to divide society, rather than unite us and want to hinder the economic progress of, particularly, Blacks and immigrants. Some are even willing to separate families, children and parents, etc., by way of unfair deportation.

It is the winter, the cold weather season, again, and may we reflect upon the fact that there is still much poverty, hunger, and hardship and many needy. Therefore, we must pledge to help somebody as we pass

along. There is always someone who is having a much harder time than we are. With that thought in mind, we wish to thank those who hold any responsibility for the distribution of the turkeys recently given to needy families in Brunswick. This is the type of needed gesture which helps build a stronger community.

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.



In Loving Memory Of Mr. Otis J. 'O.J.' Hames  
June 30, 1929 - November 12, 2016

Gone, dear father, gone forever,  
How we miss your smiling face, But you left us to remember  
None on earth can take your place.  
A happy home we once enjoyed -  
How sweet the memory still -  
Your passing has left a loneliness  
The world can never fill.

Otis J. Hames better known as "O.J." to his family and friends, departed from his earthly home to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Otis was a vibrant man and for those who knew him can attest he lived his life to the fullest. Though we miss his lively spirit, we also know that the fullness of his life is not defined by the number of years he spent on earth but by the quality and manner in which he lived his life. During this season of Thanksgiving, the Hames family commemorates and remembers the life and legacy of our father and family patriarch, Mr. Otis J. Hames. Surviving him are his sons and their family, his extended family and a host of many friends who remain filled with infinite memories of his joy and love.

From his sons,  
Lamont & Glenn

BY ELEANOR WADDELL  
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The Southeastern North Carolina Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee hosted their first King and Queen Pageant on November 18, 2017, at Williston Middle School Auditorium. The two categories were Miss MLK 2018 and Little Miss MLK 2018.

Zoei Smith was crowned Miss MLK 2018 and her little sister, Kailynn Smith was crowned Little Miss MLK 2018. Zoei, 8 years old, is in the 3rd grade at Bellamy Elementary School. Her hobbies include running, math, jump rope, drawing, singing and movies. Her ambition is to become a nurse. Kailynn, 5 years old, is in kindergarten at College Road Early Childhood Center. Her hobbies include math, reading, running, singing and movies. Her ambition is to also become a nurse.

Zoei and Kailynn are the beautiful daughters of Krystal Mack and Michael Smith; the granddaughters of Carolyn Waddell Mack and Sandra Newton and the great-granddaughters of the late Richard and Vivian Waddell, Jr. They attend Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. The families are very proud of Zoei and

## Sisters win crowns



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## ZOEI AND KAILYNN SMITH

Kailynn and thank everyone who made this possible. Zoei and Kailynn are proud

to represent the Southeastern North Carolina Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Committee as their queens. Congratulations Zoei and Kailynn!!

## NCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ON U.S. 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET) FROM CSX RAILROAD TO STATION ROAD IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY

STIP Project Nos. U-4902B and U-4902C

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed access management improvements on U.S. 17 Business (Market Street) between CSX Railroad and Station Road in Wilmington, New Hanover County. Project No. U-4902B will improve Market Street from CSX Railroad to Cinema Drive and from Jackson Street to north of US 117/NC 132 (College Road) and Project U-4902C will improve Market Street from north of US 117/NC 132 (College Road) to Station Road. The purpose of these projects is to improve the connectivity, increase safety and decrease congestion on U.S. 17 Business (Market Street) in Wilmington. The proposed project involves access management improvements to include converting the existing center turn lane to a median. The U-4902C Project includes the multiple options for modification of the Market Street/ Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard intersection.

The meeting will be held on December 7, 2017 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the College Acres Baptist Church, 702 Eastwood Road, Wilmington. Interested individuals may attend this meeting any time during the above hours. Project maps will be on display and NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Written comments can be submitted at the meeting or later, by December 22, 2017. Comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the projects develops. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation.

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

For additional information, contact Krista Kimmel, NCDOT Division 3 Division Design Engineer, 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, by phone at (910) 341-2000 or by e-mail at [khkimmel@ncdot.gov](mailto:khkimmel@ncdot.gov), or NCDOT Project Consultant, Jamie Byrd, PE, Project Engineer (HNTB) by phone at (919) 424-0437 or via email at [jabyrd@hntb.com](mailto:jabyrd@hntb.com).

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**Miss Ja'nice Joane' Goss**

Ja'Nice Joane' Goss, "Little Mama," was born December 30, 2002 in Charlotte, North Carolina to Elliott Lawrence and Justina Goss, went home to be with Jesus on November 21, 2017.

Ja'Nice was born with Hyperleft Heart Syndrome. Doctors declared she would not live past nine days without three open heart surgeries which she ended up having to still have a heart transplant and a pacemaker, but God saw otherwise and allowed her to share 14 beautiful years with us. Upon leaving Charlotte, North Carolina, she received her education at Holly Shelter Middle School as an 8th grade student until her demise.

Ja'Nice had a heart of gold, always loving and caring about others. She wanted to be a mentor for the heart foundation to help children and their families cope with living with heart transplants and pacemakers. Her dream will live on within her family. She also loved to work with her hands making arts and crafts.

Ja'Nice was also a part of the Make A Wish Foundation. She had the opportunity, along with her family, to travel to Disney World, enjoying one of her wishes, which was to dress as Princess Tiana in the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique. One of her favorite pastimes was spending time at the beach. During her last visit there, she said it was the best day of her life.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, James R. Goss, Sr. and Joan Cauty Goss.

In addition to her parents, she leaves precious memories to her brother, JaQuan Goss; grandmother, Mattie Lawrence; several aunts, uncles, and cousins with special friends, Au'Daujor, Essence, Ja'Nasia, Oleisha Murphy, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held at on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Mr. John Henry Greene, III**

John H. Greene, III was born March to John H. Greene, Jr. and Mary Lydia MacRae Greene.

From his perch on the porch of his parents' home at 101 S. 10th Street in Wilmington, John watched the world pass to and fro. And when he left the porch, he explored the world all around him, making friends and having adventures where he went.

He traveled a few blocks south to attend New Hanover County Public Schools. He

graduated from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1967. At Williston, his friends called him "Hiney" and said that he was a "Bottom Boy." He was a child of the Bottom, but he took school seriously and never missed a day. Perfect attendance certificates were piled high at his house: 12 years' worth. He was curious and academically gifted. His teachers said so and his grades proved it. He was a National Honor Society inductee and belonged to the Crown and Scepter Club.

Armed with a Williston degree, he headed to Hampton Institute (now University), and when he left there, he went to work at Diamond Shamrock Corporation as a laboratory technician.

All the while, John was a superb chess player and an avid football fan - the Dallas Cowboys were his team, but in later years, the New England Patriots captured some of his love. He played football at Williston and Hampton.

And he used his mind and hands in equal measure, acquiring and using skills as a house builder; a carpenter; an electrician, a waiter; a cook, a plumber; an auto mechanic and an all-around Mr. Fix It. He would try anything.

For a time, he toiled about in an MG Midget, a car he was most proud of and that gave him major street cred. Friends associated the car with John long after he had traded it for other wheels. He died November 14, 2017 after lingering illness had sapped his strength and will to live.

A graveside service and interment was held at Noon on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 in Pine Forest Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Lee Vander "Bam" Kennedy, III**

Lee Vander "Bam" Kennedy, III 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.

Lee Vander was born September 13, 1964 to Maxine Tyson Kennedy McDuffie and Lee Vander Kennedy, II. He departed this life at the home of his mother surrounded by those who he loved. "Bam" as he was known, was educated in New Hanover County attending Cape Fear Technical Institute. With a passion for music, Bam started his career in the music industry at the young age of 12 years old. During his tenure, he became one of the most influential personalities out of Wilmington,

introducing this city to a whole new style of music. His popularity afforded him the opportunity to work other major markets such as Brooklyn, New York, Chicago, IL and Charlotte, NC. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Family was his life, but music was his heart.

Bam leaves to celebrate his life: daughters, Aurora Tshiona and Mia Kennedy of Charlotte, NC; sons, Antwaun Faulk of Wilmington, NC and Onyx Kennedy of Charlotte, NC; grandson, Siu'e Oron of Charlotte, NC; father, Lee Vander Kennedy, II; mother, Maxine Tyson Kennedy McDuffie of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Calesta Tyson and Jacqueline Kennedy Brinson (Michael) all of Charlotte, NC; brothers, Derrick Kennedy of Kinston, NC and Tyhm Kennedy of Charlotte, NC; aunts, Mary McKay, Laura Powell, Elouise Clayton, Bertha Jones all of Wilmington, NC and Helen Ellerbe of Rockingham, NC; uncles, Billy Clemmons of Leland, NC and Lee Edward Tyson of Columbia, SC; nephews, Rishene Tyson (Maria) of Atlanta, GA and Lamar Mitchell of Charlotte, 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 followed in the Hooper Hill Cemetery, Leland, NC.

Edith Rena Hooper was born May 7, 1960 in Wilmington, NC. She was the daughter of the late Ernest Leroy and Annie Bell Bryant Hooper. She lived in Wilmington, NC for many years. She received her education in the public schools of New Hanover County. Edith was preceded in death by her sister, Nora Alston and her brother, Linsey A. Hooper. She was a loving mother, sister, aunt and a great friend.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three children, Quintell Raynard Hooper, Terrell Lamont Hooper and Ashley Re'nee Hooper all of Wilmington, NC; two grandchildren, Rashaun Wilson and Paris Wilson; five sisters, Mary Ann Tyson, Ella Mae Hooper both of Wilmington, NC, Joyce Ann Gayfield (Earic) of Castle Hayne, NC Minnie F. Prentice (Allen) and Rosa M. Hooper both of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Virginia Stokes Corbett**

Virginia Stokes Corbett died November 15, 2017. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 22, 2017

at Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Virginia was born on March 17, 1920 in Sumter County, SC to the late DeWitt and Della Harvin Stokes. She was united in holy matrimony to Thaddeus Corbett, Sr. in 1935, who preceded her in death. The couple had five children. She was also preceded in death by her granddaughter, Sherry Spicer and all of her siblings, Thelma, Mariam, Annie, Irene, Mary, Essie, Bessie, Samuel, Alan, Joseph and William. Sister Corbett accepted Christ in 1988 and was a faithful member of Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church. At Macedonia she was a member of the Pastor's Aide Order, attended Sunday School every Sunday and always participated in church fundraisers well into her 90's. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother that cherished her family dearly.

Mrs. Corbett leaves to keep her memory alive: her children, Geneva Jordan of Goose Creek, SC, JoAnn Atcherson of Buffalo, NY, Joseph Corbett (Brenda) and Delores Kerrin Hewett all of Wilmington, NC; sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Brooks and Gladys Corbett; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Infant Allie Giana Gaines**

Infant Allie Giana Gaines, daughter of Albert Gaines, Jr. and LaCrystal McClain died November 15, 2017. Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Bernard Johnson**

Bernard Johnson died November 16, 2017. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 22, at St. James AME Church. Bernard, a hard-working man, giving and kind was born August 11, 1949. His many gifts and talents led him down the paths to brick masonry, farmer, restaurateur, grill master and entrepreneur. Whether it was cash, collard greens, or clam fritters, his heart had a way of opening up and spilling onto everyone he met. He genuinely loved helping people, whether they were family, friends, neighbors or strangers. He was preceded in death by his father and mother; James Johnson and Sarah Allen Johnson; three sisters, Candance Lee Johnson, Retha James Johnson Nixon, Bettie

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**In Memory Of**



**Beatrice Joyner Waddell Our Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother "Bea"**

Though your smile Is gone forever, And your hand we cannot touch, we still have many memories of the one we loved so much. Your memory is our Keepsake, with which We will never part. God has you in His keeping We have you in our hearts.

Mike and Waddell Families

**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.

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

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

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"

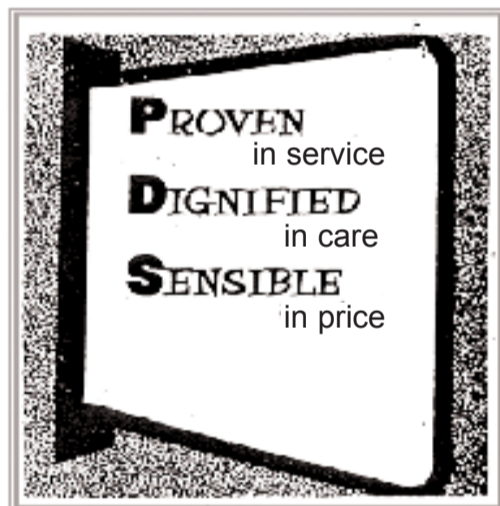
Each time we see your picture you seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm in God's hands, we'll meet again someday!"

Humbly Submitted, Children: Marilyn McClammy, Jacqueline Grady, Teresa Everett, Thomas Hooper, Jr.

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## New Hanover County

**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.



## Brunswick County

**Mt. Carmel AME Church** will hold their 1st Annual Yuletide Extravaganza on Saturday, December 9th, from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. at the Brunswick Senior Center, 1513 N. Howe St. Suite 1, Southport, NC.

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brother, Eugene Johnson.

He leaves to cherish: sons, Nathaniel Genwright (Sharon) of Greensboro, NC and Kevin Jackson (Sheron) of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Monica Johnson of New York; eight grandchildren, Nathaniel Genwright, Sharissee Genwright, Teleza, Genwright, David Genwright, Joshua Genwright, Shazada Gaddy, Keasha Genwright and Teasha Genwright; great-grandchildren, Antonio McCoy, Nakya Genwright, Zyeria Gaddy and Tyja Gaddy; sisters, Ella J. Melvin and Marsha Pelt of Fayetteville, NC; brother, Douglas L. Johnson (Jackie) of Wilmington, NC; a special son, Leslie Grady; special lifetime friend, Alice Williams and two special daughters, Acquanetta and Sharon Williams all of Wilmington, NC; other relatives and friends including special friends who were like family to him, Charles "Champ" Dealon, Fred Berkley, Dennis Hill and Jennifer Gautier. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### Theodora Denise Franklin

Theodora Denise Franklin died November 17, 2017 in Brooklyn, NY. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw, J. memorial chapel. Theodora, the eldest child of the late Robert Franklin, Sr. and Mary Franklin was born on June 22, 1963 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Theodora, affectionately known as "Denise", was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from E. A. Laney High School in the Class of 1981. "Denise" was always willing to help anyone in any capacity. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend who will be greatly missed. Denise leaves to cherish fond memories: sons, Omar Franklin (Sharday), Jullian Franklin (Quinetta) and Desmond Franklin; grandchildren, Emanee Tyson, Jaleim Spearman, Tamara Franklin, Amir Franklin, Carter Franklin, Roman Franklin, Americus Franklin and Asiyah Smith; brothers, Robert Franklin, Jr. (Lisa) and Patrick Hill (Ashia); sister, Dentra Rhodes; nephew, Joseph Byrd; nieces, Joanne Corbett and Alicia Bowden; great-aunts, Bernice McGee and Patsy McGee; godchildren, Latrise Simpson, Kashif Rhodes and Patra Hill; special family friends, Joyce Clark, Cynthia Batson, the Simpson Family, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### Steven "Stanka" Grady

Steven "Stanka" Grady died November 18, 2017. Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at St. James AME Church. Burial followed in the Johns Chapel Cemetery.

Steven was born December 7, 1991 to Shanta Hobbs and Steven Grady. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Leavy Grady, Sr. and his two aunts, Linda Grady and Cherly Grady. "Stanks" was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from E.A. Laney High School in 2010. One of the things he was

most proud of was his family business, Steve Grady and Sons. He worked alongside his father daily. Steve had a passion for his work and his knowledge of the business was unsurpassable. From a young child Stanka was different. He loved everyone and had a heart so big it could not be contained. His love for life and people would spill over to everyone whose path he crossed. Most of all he loved his family. He freely exhibited this love through words and actions. Whenever he would depart from you, he would say, "I love you" over and over so that you would understand and know he meant it.

He leaves to cherish his memory: parents, Shanta Hobbs (Frederick Hooper) and Steven Grady (Natalia Miller); brothers, Shan Hobbs, Kiafia Grady, Zhane Whitted and Myheim Grady; sisters, Zoey Hobbs, Octavia Grady and Carnell Hobbs; grandparents, his Nana, Reba Hobbs, Eva Mae Grady and Carnell Hobbs; aunts, Christie Hobbs, Elizabeth Grady, Shirley Cisco, Pamela Grady and Sandra Mason; niece and nephews, Sony Hobbs, Noah Hobbs, his special buddy, Jonathan "Meetch" Jones; uncles, Eric Hobbs, Leavy Grady, Jr. (Augusta) and Rodney Grady; special cousins, Monterio Grady, Darius Grady, Marcus Grady, Marquel Hand and Shawn Grady; best friend, Bryan Hall; god-parents, Franklin Redd and Wendell and Monica Grady; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### Laura Clemmons Wilson Powell

Laura Clemmons Wilson Powell, age 92, passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2017 in Garner, North Carolina. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 26, 2017 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial followed on Monday, November 27, 2017 in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

A long-time resident of Wilmington, North Carolina, Laura was predeceased by her first husband, Willie Wilson, second husband, Joseph C. Powell, daughter Dr. Sondra K. Wilson, parents Samuel Julius Clemmons and Laura Williams Clemmons Kennedy and five siblings: Carrie Elizabeth Clemmons Pearson, Evangeline Virginia Clemmons Thurman, Samuel Joseph Clemmons, Emma Earl Clemmons, and Winfred Curtwright Clemmons Sr. She was also predeceased by her step-father, Rev. Lee Vander Kennedy.

Laura (family affectionately called her "Tom"), was born in Leland, North Carolina on December 15, 1924. She attended public school in Brunswick County and retired from the Healthcare Industry.

A consummate mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Laura was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her family and friends. Family and friends were Laura's passion and delight. She loved to spend time with her family. She often traveled many miles throughout the country to spend quality time with them. She loved to entertain, and she especially enjoyed the comradery with friends and family in her Pokeno club. Laura joined

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## "Freedom from fear!"

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Since God has not given us the spirit of fear, we don't have to receive it. Through Christ that strengthens us, we have the ability to overcome fear, and not be overcome by fear. Our minds should not be filled with all kinds of fears and phobias, because it is



Sylvia Hooper

not the will of God that his children live in fear. He often tells us in his word, "Fear Not". Yes, we are living in perilous times, but as an act of our will and faith in God, we can decree, "I will not live in fear!"

There are all kinds of fear. Some fears are natural and logical. When your life or general well being is threatened, or the

life and safety of family or loved ones is concerned, fear is a natural instinct. We should be careful as well as prayerful, yet not allow fear to grip our hearts and minds to the point we become prisoners of fear. We should use wisdom, caution, and common sense in carrying out our daily affairs, but still not be subject (and overcome) by the spirit of fear.

Psalms 11:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We are not to fear man, though he may be able to kill the body, because he cannot touch the soul. Matthew 10:28 says, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Luke 1:50, "His mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation." We should teach our children the fear of the Lord as well. They are going to need his mercy to be upon

them, and they should know to ask for it when they need it. Psalm 56:9-11 says, "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." When we walk by faith and not by sight, we trust God to do what he has promised, therefore, we are not afraid of what man can do. Psalm 118:6 Says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

Deuteronomy 10:12 says, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." If you fear the Lord, why not accept his personal invitation he is extending to you in John 3:16?

Prayer: father, deliver your people from the spirit of fear;

that we may serve you freely. In Jesus' Name. Amen. Tell Somebody...Fear Not!!!

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!

Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church in Leland, North Carolina at an early age. After moving to Wilmington, North Carolina, she became an active member of St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Laura is survived by her two daughters, Dianne Clemmons Jackson of Centerville, MD, Patricia Wilson Pleasant, of Williamsburg, VA; four sons, William Wilson, Jr. (Lillie) of Garner, NC, Michael Wilson, Sr. (Janet) of Burke, VA, Craig Wilson, Sr. (Denise) Upper Marlboro, MD, and Dennis Wilson of Wilmington, NC; ten grandchildren: Kelly Pleasant Jones, Stacey Wilson Norman, Wendi Jackson Smith, Melissa Wilson Balknight, Thelma Wilson Jennings, Robert A. Jackson, Jr., Michael T. Wilson, Jr., Craig S. Wilson, Jr., Denise Wilson and Renee Wilson; eleven great-grandchildren; two brothers, George William Clemmons of Leland, NC and Lee Vander Kennedy, Jr. of Delco, NC; one sister, Mary Kennedy McKay and one sister-in-law, Joyce Neal Clemmons both of Wilmington, NC; six nieces, eight nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### Jonathan Rogers

Jonathan Rogers died November 22, 2017. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### Donald Howard

Donald Howard died November 22, 2017. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Bethel Holiness Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### Ella Mack

Ella Mack died November 22, 2017. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### Jean Rogers Brown

Jean Rogers Brown died November 24, 2017. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### Margaret Richardson

Margaret Richardson died Sunday, November 26, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

#### 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 on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Margaret Johnson Jacobs, age 83, of 230 Montgomery Ave, Wilmington, passed away Thursday, November 16, 2017. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Margaret Johnson Jacobs, affectionately known as "Ms. Margaret" was born on August 8, 1934 in Sumter, South Carolina, to the late Gilbert and Janie Johnson. She departed this life on Thursday, November 16, 2017. She was preceded in death by three of her children: Mary "Fritz" Pryor; Jerry Jacobs and Clara Fisher and a very special friend, Mrs. Doris Robbins.

She was married at a young age to Willie Jacobs, Jr. and later married David Hill who also preceded her in death. She joined Union Baptist Church at an early age where she taught her children to love, serve and give unto the Lord. Margaret later joined Warner Temple AME Zion Church where she was a faithful member and willing giver to the ministry. She worked in the environmental industry for many years until she retired.

Ms. Margaret was a devoted mother who was passionate about her family. She always expressed unconditional love for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and also her great-great-grandchildren. Ms. Margaret was a consummate homemaker who welcomed and fed all who entered her door. She was the last remaining mother of the Wilmington Ten.

She leaves to rejoice in her memory: four children, Michael "Blood" Jacobs, Hezekiah "Bug" Johnson (Barbara), Larry "Poo Poo" Jacobs and LaVonda "Cookie" Williams (Clayton) all of Wilmington, NC; a devoted son-in-law, Mr. Wallace Fisher and two daughters-in-law, Daisy Jacobs and Johnnie Mae Jacobs, all of Wilmington, NC; two special grandsons, Terrance and Kentae Fisher; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and also great-great-grandchildren; a special sister-in-law, Ms. Ethel Hill of Wilmington, NC; two special persons considered as a daughter and son, Ms. Stephanie Moore and Mr. Freddie Taylor; two special friends that loved her dearly, Mr. Charlie Wallace and Ms. Mary Toomer; and two special God sent caregivers who were devoted to her until the end, Ms. Kathy Dinkins and Ms. Ariel Carter. *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.*

#### Otis L. Robbins, Sr.

Otis Robbins, of Charleston, SC (formerly of Leland), passed away Saturday, November 18, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at Myrtle Grove AME Church. Interment followed in Grainer Cemetery.

Otis Lee Robbins Sr., son of Glather Robbins and the late Johnny Lee Robbins Sr., was born March 10, 1954, in New Hanover County. He left this mortal life to enter into eternal rest on

Saturday, November 18, 2017, in Charleston, S.C.

Otis, during his early child-

hood, sang on the children's choir at Myrtle Gove A.M.E.Z. Church. He was baptized by Reverend Fred Davis and Mother Louise Burns was his Overseer. He started high school at Lincoln High, before being integrated into Leland High School, where he graduated in 1972.

Otis joined the U.S. Navy upon graduation and served for three years as a mechanic, both at home, and overseas. After being stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, he decided to make this home.

Otis was a self-employed truck driver for over 30 years and had a love for antique and race cars. His mild tempered demeanor and love for his family was constantly on display.

Otis, realizing that this life was only his temporary home, accepted and professed Christ to be his Savior, preparing him for an eternal home in glory. He is now at rest and is missed beyond what words can express!

Otis is survived by his mother, Glather Louise Robbins; daughters, Allis C. Gibson and Tracy D. Harrison; sons, Otis L. Robbins, Jr. and Brandon D. Robbins 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.*

#### Dorothy E. Fullwood

Dorothy Fullwood, age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, November 18, 2017. A celebration of Dorothy's was held on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Dorothy Eloise Fullwood was born July 17, 1948 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Reverend Dewey and Mrs. Edna L. Fullwood.

Dorothy was educated in the New Hanover County Public School system. She was a 1966 graduate of Williston Sr. High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. Dorothy was an excellent student and furthered her education at Camden Community College Camden, N.J. She earned her Associates Degree in Business Administration.

She was a very ambitious person and was employed at New Lisbon Developmental Center, where she rose to the level of Administrative Supervisor. She was employed with this company for more than forty years. Dorothy resided in Browns Mills, NJ where she met and developed a life time relationship with friends; Ethel Peddifo, Brenda Price, Laurena Carter and Joyce Byrd, who was her family away from home.

She relocated to Wilmington in approximately 2010. She truly loved and adored her family. Dorothy's Nieces and Nephews were like the children that she never had. She loved and adored them and they in return loved and adored her; they became her "personal caregivers". She was a very thoughtful and caring person. She never forgot a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. She was one of the most generous people on earth.

She was preceded in death by her Mother and Father Rev. Dewey and Edna Fullwood, four Brothers, William, Rudolph,

John, and Reynold Long.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories two loving Sisters, Betty Robinson (Bennie) and Mary Dixon (Lawrence), Four Nephews, eight Nieces, a host of cousins, great nieces and nephews, her dear friends in Wilmington, Wendell Faulk, Patricia Faulk, Eloise Edwards, and Jackie Powers. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

#### Benjamin F. Foreman

Mr. Benjamin F. Foreman, was born October 13, 1946 in Wilmington, NC to the late James and Laura Foreman. He departed this life Monday, November 20, 2017 at 2:07 a.m., at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

Benjamin attended New Hanover County Schools and graduated from Williston Sr. High School class of 1965. He joined the United States Navy July 28, 1965 and served in the Vietnam War. He married the former Shirley Foreman, in New York in 1969.

Benny was an active member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. He served on the Usher Board and was a member of the Men's Choir. Benny was also part of the Senior Citizen Fellowship Club, New Hanover Hospital Auxiliary Board Member, and President of the Willis Richardson Players, Showtime Production, and Vietnam Veterans of American-Chapter 885. He enjoyed spending time with family; friends and he never met a stranger.

He is survived by his children, Mr. Taylor (Chelsea) Evans of Chicago, IL, Mrs. Keisha (Vincent) Carter of Columbia, SC, and Special Reynolds of Manhattan, NY; grandchildren, Jewel Evans, Durrel (Chantel) Evans, Devyn Collins, Taylor Evans, Darius Evans, Cameron Evans and Keyshona Carter; great-grandchildren, Saliyah and Devanni Evans; brother Fredrick Douglas Foreman; brother in-law, James Earl Spool and a host of nieces and nephews and special friend Willie Rae Hill. He was preceded in death by his sister Alice Spool. *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.*

#### Earnest L. Wearren, Sr.

Earnest L. Wearren, Sr., age 69, of Southport, passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2017. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at First Baptist Church, Southport, NC. A celebration of Mr. Wearren's life will be conducted at 12:00 Noon, Thursday, November 30, 2017 at First Baptist Church, Southport. Interment will follow in Cape Fear 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.*





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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, 2017

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 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, 2017

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 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, 2017

Nancy Simcox, Executor  
905 Brewster Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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VIN: 1G8ZV57797F221882  
Owner: BARBARA BRAMLET BLUE  
Place: Kirby's Garage Inc.  
1513 Castle Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Date: 12-16-17  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Telephone: 910-762-3159

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 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 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 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, 2017

Robert Palmetter AKA James R. Palmetter, 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, 2017

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

**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, 2017  
Ina M. King, Executor  
304 Gatefield Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Oma Russell, III, (17-E-1638)**, 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 **March 1, 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 21st day of November, 2017

Louise Montgomery, Executrix of the Estate of Oma Russell  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 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  
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 23rd day of November, 2017.

Cindy Ann Ward, Executrix of the Estate of William Mark Ungerland  
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM  
720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2017

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 17 JT 303**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
S.R.B. (DOB: 10-12-2017)**

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following November 23, 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 January 8, 2018, 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 23rd day of November, 2017.

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

November 23, 30, December 7, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 7 2017

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November 30, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Ramesh Shah, M.D.**, deceased, of 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 March, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of November, 2017.

Jyotsna Shah, M.D., Executrix of the Estate of Ramesh Shah, M.D.  
69 Semmes Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2017

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Linda Racko, (17-E-1641)**, 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 **March 1, 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 28th day of November, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Linda Racko  
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November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2017

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