



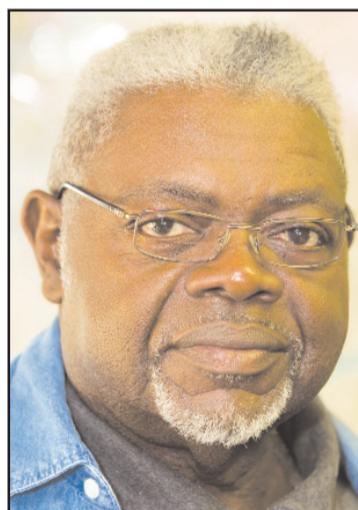
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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Eboney Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Eboney's whereabouts.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

## BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

## A PROBLEM RETURNS

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we have a problem that is returning from the past and is hurting us once again. That is that old problem of racism. It is spearheaded by a group that calls themselves conservatives. When we hear people say that slavery wasn't so bad because Thomas Jefferson had Black children and his slaves were treated well, there is something wrong. Did he marry any one of those Black women?

I was in a conference on race relations and some ways in which they could be improved. One woman said that, when she grew up, she and her people would go down to Black communities and eat and that Blacks had their own stores, including food stores and that they only had to come outside their communities to buy cars and go to the bank. If they had to go to the doctor or the hospital, they would go to the general

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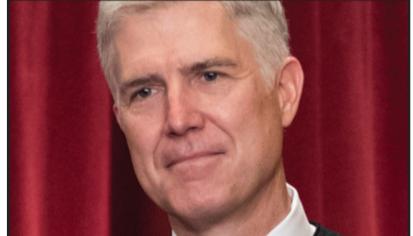
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## PART TWO 2017: A YEAR OF TURMOIL

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was the year of recovering from the 2016 election of Donald Trump when a Democratic governor came into office in North Carolina, bitterly opposed by GOP lawmakers, and a prominent Black leader gained national prominence as he stepped away from the NCNAACP.

Those were just some of the top stories impacting North Carolina's African-American community we covered in 2017. In Part Two of this three part series, we look back at April to July.

**APRIL** - Concerns grow among HBCU leaders when Pres. Trump's proposed budget doesn't reflect promises he made to appropriate more funding to them. In fact, some

funding is cut. Conservative federal Judge Neil Gorsuch, a Trump nominee, is sworn in as an associate justice to the US Supreme Court, returning the high court to a 5-4 conservative majority. The International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro files a complaint against Duke Energy after the utility company cuts off its power.

**MAY** - Winston-Salem Chronicle

founder and publisher, Ernie Pitt, officially steps down. Donny Williams becomes Wilmington's deputy police chief. Rev. William Barber announces that he is "transition-



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THE SAINT MARK'S FAMILY  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

## A child leads them

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

**M**s. Dorcas Fulton and her seven year old son, Jaheim, were talking one day, and he reminded her of how the children affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma no longer have toys with which to play. Jaheim then decided that, instead of getting toys for Christmas, he would rather gather new, unwrapped toys for the children affected by these storms.

With the support of his home church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church here in Wilmington, Jaheim's vision was realized. On Sunday, December 17, Jaheim's church family shared a moment of celebration, recognizing Jaheim's unselfish deed.

Donations were shipped to All Saints Episcopal Church in care of Jennifer Wickham, the Bishop Deputy for Disaster Recovery West Texas.

St. Mark's thanks everyone for supporting Jaheim's community effort and prays that these gifts are a blessing to the children.



JAHEIM FULTON IS VERY PROUD OF HIS EFFORT TO COLLECT TOYS FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY RECENT HURRICANES.

## North Carolinians urged to get REAL ID sooner than later

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Even though 2018 is literally just a few days away, Oct. 1, 2020, still seems to be a long way down the road. And yet, if you to board a commercial airliner or enter a secure federal facility like a courthouse or military base, officials say now is the time to know all about getting what's known as a REAL ID.

Issued by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, the REAL ID is a State government identification card mandated by Congress in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, where airplanes were hijacked and used to attack the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, DC.

If you do not have a REAL ID by Oct. 1, 2020, you will be required to show a passport in order to board a plane or a US Dept. of Defense identification or one of at least a dozen ID's listed at the federal website of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's website at [www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification](http://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification).

Military bases, like Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg, will require REAL ID's as of Jan. 22, 1918. Currently, two forms of valid identification are already required to enter a military facility.

Thus, the need for a REAL ID, which looks very much like your driver's license, except for a gold star in the right-hand corner. An estimated four million North Carolinians are expected to get their REAL ID's by Oct. 1, 2020. So DMV officials are getting the word out now to prevent a crush of long lines at the 113 DMV offices statewide, getting closer to the deadline.

To obtain a REAL ID, three types of documentation are needed.

One should either be your birth certificate, indicating US citizenship or your US passport. If

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## Omarosa's final days at White House full of controversy, accusations *Some say she blocked qualified Black applicants; others say that's not possible;* NNPA president says she may have been fighting for diversity

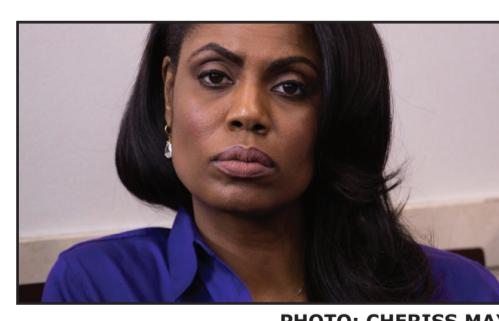


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OMAROSA MANIGAULT NEWMAN

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Omarosa Manigault Newman, who has resigned under duress from her public liaison job at the White House, is leaving true to form - amidst a cloud of controversy and with sparks flying.

The White House has confirmed her resignation effective Jan. 20. The official White House reason was that she is leaving to pursue "other opportunities."

"Thank you Omarosa for your service! I wish you

continued success," says a Dec. 13 tweet from President Donald Trump, who had handpicked Manigault Newman - best known for her first name only. A personal friend of Trump's, they have known each other 14 years since her national television debut on his reality show, "The Apprentice."

But the full circumstances surrounding Omarosa's departure remain cloudy at best amidst numerous reports that she was actually fired or forced to resign amidst cursing and a heated confrontation with Trump's Chief of Staff Gen. John Kelly. She has only

conceded that there was a tense conversation with Kelly in the White House Situation Room. Since his arrival last July, Kelly had limited her access to the Oval Office, where she initially had the freedom to come and go.

On ABC, the only media outlet that has interviewed her since the resignation, the clearly angry Omarosa said reports that she was fired are "a hundred percent false." But, then she added, "But when I

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al hospital or doctor; she didn't see why Blacks would want to change.

I was there to be a Black man with an opinion that was positive and conservative, but I almost lost my train of thought with this type of thinking in a country where freedom is supposed to be for all people. People should not be restricted to going to certain places or only allowed to live in certain places. We are taxed through our wages to support this nation. I want to work and live like I want my children to be lawyers, doctors, airplane pilots, or whatever else they want to be. We should not be persons in a "colored" community, with limits or boundaries that will not let me be free.

People, we are standing in a political system that doesn't believe in civil rights or equality of people, women or men. We should not have to live in a system which believes in power mostly for one or two people. Brunswick County talk to your people!

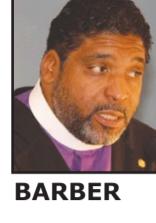
Make your vote count! Get involved when your candidate begins to talk about "colored people!" Find out what color and how you can avoid voting for them! This world and this Nation has all colors and all races! Remember! You can only be one of each!

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

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ing" from the presidency of the NCNAACP in June to co-lead the national Poor People's Campaign. In the meantime, Barber blasts the UNC Board of Governors for threatening to close the UNC Center for Civil Rights, saying that it has no business litigating cases. The US Supreme Court upholds a 2016 ruling by an appellate court, striking North



BARBER



SPEARMAN

Carolina's 2013 voter ID law down because it suppressed the Black vote. Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman announces candidacy for the NCNAACP presidency. Gov. Cooper calls for a special session of the NC legislature to redraw its 2011 redistricting maps after the US Supreme Court agrees that they are unconstitutional.

**JUNE** - There is concern that the Trump Administration budget cuts to federal anti-poverty programs could profoundly hurt

## REAL ID

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your name is currently different from that which is listed because of marriage or divorce, a marriage certificate or divorce decree is

needed.

Then you need a document which displays your social security number, like a pay stub or W-2 form.

Finally, you'll need a document that proves your North Carolina residency, like a current unexpired driver's

license. The full list of documents needed to apply for a REAL ID are found at [www.ncdot.gov/dmv/Driver/realid/requirereddocuments.html](http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/Driver/realid/requirereddocuments.html).

Please note that a REAL ID is separate from your driver's license, which you are

still required to renew. The REAL ID costs \$40.00 and can be gotten at the same time you are renewing your driver's license, as long as you do so before Oct. 1, 2020, or you can get it before Oct. 1, 2020. You can get your REAL ID by appointment.



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president. Freedom Monument project is in limbo after lawmakers fail to fund it in their budget. The NCNAACP blasts Pres. Trump's nomination of Raleigh GOP Attorney Thomas Farr, who has defended the NC Republican Party in the voter ID case and also has worked for the late Sen. Jesse Helms. Hearings begin before a federal three-judge panel about whether the 2011 redistricting lines for North Carolina should be redrawn and special elections scheduled. The judicial panel rules that the maps must be redrawn by Sept. 1.

[In Part Three, August to December 2017]

And no, children below the age of 18 are not required to have REAL IDs, but the adults with whom they're traveling do.

Please go to [www.ncdot.gov/dmv/Driver/realid/requirereddocuments.html](http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/Driver/realid/requirereddocuments.html) for more.

## OMAROSA

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have a chance to tell my story to tell - quite a story - as the only African-American woman in this White House, as a senior staff and assistant to the president, I have seen things that have made me uncomfortable, that have upset me, that have affected me deeply and emotionally, that has affected my community and my people and when I can tell my story, it is a profound story that I know the world will want to hear," she said, leaving an obvious cliffhanger.

Omarosa was reached to obtain responses on issues raised in this article, but she declined comment due to the fact that she is still a White House employee until Jan. 20. She was only allowed the interviews with ABC News.

Black Republicans say Omarosa blocked them from jobs.

Meanwhile, Black Republicans claim Omarosa blocked them from jobs in order to maintain her status as the "only African-American woman... senior staff and assistant to the president" as she described herself on ABC. Her actual White House title has been assistant to the president and director of communications in the White House Office of Public Liaison.

But her actual job description appears not to have been clearly defined. In interviews with the Trice Edney News Wire Black Republicans blame her for blocking Black job applicants from the Trump administration - including Republican stalwart Kay Coles James, who was appointed Dec. 19 as the first African-American and first woman president of the conservative Heritage Foundation.

"I was blocked personally. Essentially, my file was pulled and I wasn't deemed pro-Trump enough," says Eugene Craig. "The official excuse was that I wasn't pro-Trump enough although I was the sitting chair of the Maryland Republican Party."

Sources said because of President Trump's need for loyalty, that attribute - loyalty - was among the top considerations for key White House positions.

Craig admits that he was a "never Trumper all the way", but that was during the campaign. Craig says he noticed that when the time came for consideration for jobs and the broad banner of Republicanism, White never-Trumpers were given consideration where African-Americans were not.

The flood gates were opened, but Omarosa held all of us to a different standard. She had say over a lot of the Black resumes. I know for a fact from promises that she made us directly."

Craig says a January conference call with the Republican National Committee and Trump transition team was held "specifically for African-American activists and party loyalists." He said, "During the middle of the call, she jumped on and bogarted on. And she came in and she made us these promises that this would be the most diverse administration in history. And she'll help us with whatever we need and wherever we wanted to go into government and to shoot our resumes

over to her and she gave us her official transition email. She said this administration has a goal of having 25 percent minority hiring. They wanted 25 percent of the work force to be Black and Hispanic... So she positioned herself as the end all be all for Black things; for Black people in the administration," Craig said.

Ayshia Connors, a former deputy director of African-American engagement at the Republican National Committee, now a senior advisor to Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), agrees. She describes an initiative by The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and Insight America, an organization headed by former Republican Congressman J.C. Watts:

"There were hundreds, probably thousands of resumes of qualified individuals in the Black community that were ready and prepared to go into any administration no matter who won the election. And when President Trump got elected, all of those names were submitted and Omarosa literally trashed those names. Nobody got a call back. Nobody got an interview. Nobody was ever heard about again. People tried to go in. People were eager and willing to serve the President, willing to serve our country. But Omarosa, she didn't want other Black Republicans there. She wanted to be the big shot. She wanted to be the only one. And so, everybody kind of just decided it wasn't worth our times to keep dealing with it. And so, by February, people had just moved on from Omarosa and dealing with the White House and decided to start working with Congress and dealing some other policy matters."

Connors added that Kay Coles James, former Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources under Virginia Republican Gov. George Allen and director for the United States Office of Personnel Management under President George W. Bush, received the same treatment.

"She was willing and prepared to go back into the government and to help the admin-

istration. But Omarosa was such a distraction and created so much drama and confusion that Ms. James just decided not to engage it anymore. So that's what ended up happening. That's why you only saw Omarosa as a senior Black Republican in the White House."

In a brief interview with James upon her appointment as president of the Heritage Foundation, James was clear about why she did not go to work in the Trump White House.

"When Donald Trump said that he wanted to improve the urban areas and that he wanted to make the lives of minorities in this country better, I said, wow, if he wants to do that, I genuinely want to be a part of that and I was excited and hopeful the opportunity to come in," she said. "But that opportunity never really afforded itself. I am told that I was blocked... I don't have specifics about how that happened, but I was extremely disappointed that I didn't have the opportunity to serve there."

Connors said the clearest evidence that Omarosa was not going to work with other Black Republicans came in February when Omarosa was in charge of pulling together the Black

History Month program for President Trump.

"During Black History Month, these credible Republicans such as Kay Coles James and J. C. Watts and Elroy Sailor, they tried to engage Omarosa." Instead, Omarosa put an event together that included her personal picks of African-Americans, including Black Democrats, Connors said.

"She didn't invite any of the prominent Black Republicans. In fact, we had folks calling us from the White House calling and saying, 'Why aren't your names on the list for this event?' It was very evident from the beginning that she wasn't going to work with us and that she was just going to do her own thing."

Connors cited another event for Vice President Pence that was planned by Black Republicans to be held at West Point. "That was another example of Omarosa using her position in the White House to block that event as well. And that was actually the turning point for Black Republicans. We decided she was just too distracting too disruptive and we decided to focus our efforts elsewhere."

On the record sources willing to speak in defense of

Omarosa were difficult to find. But, high placed Republican sources say it is not possible that Omarosa could have made such powerful decisions without oversight in the White House - most likely the President himself. Other high Republican sources said James was offered positions, but Omarosa fought against any Black staff appointment that would be above her own.

Yet another rationale for why some Black Republicans seeking employment were rejected may have been because they had left the Republican National Committee Headquarters in protest against treatment by then RNC Chairman Reince Priebus nearing the end of the presidential campaign. Priebus then became President Trump's first chief of staff and was likely adverse to hiring the same staffers who had left the RNC, one source said.

Christopher Metzler, an active member of the Black GOP Coalition, who has long worked Republican policy and strategy, had one answer when asked why there were no long time Black Republicans hired

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Omarosa (fifth from left) among this media delegation in Haiti, was a celebrity ambassador for IBW's Haiti Support Project in 2010. IBW President Ron Daniels, in cap behind her, says she has since rejected his advice to her about President Trump.

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Elroy Sailor of Insight America and Spencer Overton of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies listen to now HUD Secretary Ben Carson on a panel. Insight America and the Joint Center worked together to attempt to get bi-partisan resumes of African-Americans to the Trump Administration.

as White House staff. "It's very simple. Omarosa," he said.

"Somebody like Kay [Coles James] who could serve as a whisperer in the President's ear like a Condoleezza Rice; like a Valerie Jarrett, was never given that opportunity. There was a lot of back and forth pertaining to that. And Kay said, "Well, it is not going to serve the President well for me to try to cut through this thicket. And as a result of that, she did not push it any further."

Metzler concluded, "All of these things were blocked by Omarosa. At the end of the day, Omarosa is first and foremost a Democrat. She is not a conservative. She is not a Republican. She never has been. She is simply an opportunist. And that's where we ended up."

Black Republicans do not necessarily mean Black representation; nor justice.

Ron Daniels, president of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century (IBW) and a long-time associate of Omarosa's Youngstown, Ohio family, has had a unique view of Omarosa in the White House. He worked directly with her when she was a Democrat. He even named her a celebrity ambassador for IBW's Haiti Support Project after she traveled with a group of journalists to document the level of disaster following the 2010 earthquake. His view in the midst of her departure from the White House is two-fold.

First, as it pertains to those Black Republicans who felt that they earned a position due to their loyalty to Black Republicans, "diversity does not equal representation of the Black community," he said. "That's one of the fallacies...Trump's agenda is a negative agenda. Fact number one is the way he dogged President Obama, the way he talked badly about Mexicans, etc. Why would anybody want to associate with that administration in the first place?"

Citing pioneering Black Republicans such as Nixon's Art Fletcher, known as "the father of affirmative action," Daniels says modern day Black Republicans can hardly hold a candle to some of the Black Republicans who - instead of following the party line - stood for justice when it was needed most. "The brand of Republicanism that we have now is extremely out of step with the vast majority of Black people and the mainstream of

Black aspirations and Black policy and the concepts of Black policy prescriptions."

Because of his working with Omarosa and his affinity for projects that she led for Haiti and for children in the U. S., Daniels now sees what he believes to have been her true agenda based on her most recent situation.

"I think Omarosa, for whatever reason, is somebody who had been on the liberal side. She had supported Hillary Clinton...She had been in Democratic politics and all that. I think Omarosa saw an opportunity to advance her own interests and that is why she was blocking everybody else in terms of the Republicans who wanted to get close. She wanted to be the Queen bee," Daniels said. "She wanted to be able to fire folks, metaphorically speaking, or block people. That's not a good thing. But the idea that if she had opened the flood gates of somehow having more Ben Carsons or more Clarence Thomases or people like that, [that would not have been a good thing either]. But I don't think Omarosa was there advocating. It was really stunning to see her make that transformation."

Black Republicans are not the only ones who say they were rejected by Omarosa.

American Urban Radio Network reporter April Ryan, a White House correspondent who has covered four presidents, confirmed that now former Trump press secretary, Sean Spicer, told her that Omarosa had asked him to "stop calling on me" during press briefings. Had he adhered to that request, it could have blocked important information and coverage on behalf of millions of African-American listeners to AURN radio stations across the nation. Ryan says Omarosa also tried to get her fired by calling her boss at AURN.

Many of Omarosa's previous friends and associates, who rejected Trumpism, say they were also rejected. Daniels says he was one of them.

"Omarosa is my home girl. My roots are in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and most of my adult life was spent in Youngstown, Ohio," her hometown, he recalls. "I had my own television show in Youngstown, Ohio for 18 years. She said she grew up watching me and was inspired by that. I



Omarosa and Ben Chavis during an NNPA Black Press Week breakfast in March. She ended up walking out of the meeting after this reporter, Hazel Trice Edney, pressed her on the promised NNPA "first" interview with Trump.

know what I'm doing. And somebody needs to be able to talk to him. And that was it. I just said bye because I did not want to see her become what she has now become in the Black community - a pariah in the Black community."

There are many such stories told by former friends. But the truth about Omarosa's tenure and final days at the White House is yet to be made clear.

NNPA interviewed Omarosa last fall, but is still awaiting Trump interview that she promised.

Ben Chavis, president/CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, said he

interviewed Omarosa last fall in her White House office, located in the Old Executive Office Building. At that time, shortly after the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Weekend, there was no indication that she would be leaving, Chavis said.

However, he speculated that, based on the content of the interview - which he said has not been published - she may have been pressing for diversity too much.

"She indicated broadly her determination to press diversity and inclusivity issues. She's always maintained that posture," Chavis said. "I think

that's probably one of the things that probably got her in trouble in the White House is that she probably was pressing for more diversity," Chavis said.

In an off-the-record meeting with several hundred Black leaders, including Chavis, during the Trump transition last January, Omarosa said NNPA would get the first interview with President Trump, a promise she later denied despite multiple sources that confirmed the conversation. In the recent interview, she indicated that the Trump/NNPA interview was still possible, Chavis said. He said NNPA will continue to request the interview with Trump.

What happened in the final days of Omarosa's tenure and the detailed reasons for her departure from the Trump administration are far from clear.

"There are two sides of the story - Omarosa's story and those being told by other sources are two completely different stories," said Ayshia Connors. "But based on her patterns of erratic behavior and disruptive behavior, it wouldn't surprise me at all if she was confrontational with General Kelly and things were played out the way they were reported to have played out - outside of her story."

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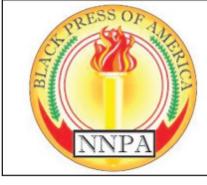


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(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Liberating the South is the key to liberating the nation. The key to liberating the South is the black vote. Recent black turnout in elections in Virginia and Alabama demonstrate this point.

There are 4 million unregistered black voters in the 11 former Confederate states. Florida has more than 555,000 unregistered blacks (and some 200,000 Puerto Ricans moving to the mainland around Orlando after the recent devastating hurricane). Georgia has 618,000 unregistered blacks and North Carolina 463,000. Massive voter registration efforts must be the priority in those three states, with other Southern states to follow. If African-Americans and Latinos register and vote in large numbers in the South, there will be a new politics in America.

In the most recent Alabama Senate race, voters were offered a stark choice: The Republican nominee, Roy Moore, had praised slavery and vilified immigrants, and had been twice removed from judicial posts for elevating his religious beliefs over the laws and the Constitution. His opponent was Democrat Doug Jones, a lawyer famed for prosecuting the Klansmen who murdered the four little girls in the infamous 1963 Birmingham church bombing. Jones prevailed, but Moore might well have won if he were not been credibly charged with preying on teenage girls when he was in his 30s.

Although it was close, the race represents a turning point. African-Americans - particularly women - turned out in record large numbers. Jones won the Iron Bowl vote, winning in the hometowns of Auburn and the University of Alabama. He fared best among the young. That vote represents the potential future of politics in Alabama, in the South and in the country.

The race-bait politics that have defined the Republican Party since Nixon's "Southern strategy" in 1968 may well be reaching its end date. Trump renewed the strategy with his posturing on immigrants, his blustery nativism against Muslims and his divisive stance on the haters in Charlottesville, Va. But in the governor's race in Virginia and the Senate race in Alabama, Republicans trying to recycle Trumpism were defeated - in large part because African-Americans turned out in record numbers.

Trump's vilifications clearly mobilize the vote of people of color, of the young and increasingly of women. Their vote cannot be inherited; it must be earned. If Democrats want to succeed, they have to put political energy and resources into opening up our elections, making it easier for working people to register and vote, and putting new energy on the ground to persuade and organize people of color to vote.

They will also have to stand up for an agenda that will speak to the pressing needs of the African-American community. At the core of that agenda are policies needed by working and poor people of every race - affordable health care, decent paying jobs, quality schools, affordable college or technical training, clean water and air, retirement security and more. Equal opportunity and equal justice - particularly an end to mass incarceration for non-violent crimes - are claims not for special treatment but for basic citizenship.

Democratic Party Chair Tom Perez says that African-American women are the "base of the Democratic Party." Yet neither African-American women nor men have been the center of the party's efforts or the focus of its resources. What Alabama showed is that there is a new energy outside of the party structures - in organizations such as Black Votes Matter, Woke Vote and more - that can make a difference. Democrats need to walk the talk, to wake up and catch up.

African-Americans are clear about who their foe is; what is yet to be proven is who is for them, who stands on their side. What Alabama and Virginia suggest is that candidates who make that clear may well be able to transform the South - and in doing so, transform the country.

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

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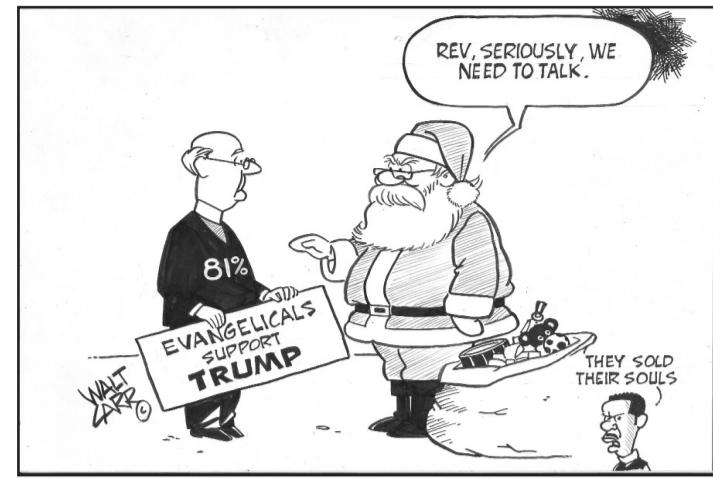
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### "WISE MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN STILL SEEK HIM"

Jimmy II, Faye and James, the Hankins family, are proud to announce that our oldest and most altruistic relative has a birthday this December. He was born in an old cold smelly animal stable located in an obscure village to Mary, a poor teenage girl, but grew up in another village. He worked with his father, Joseph, in a carpentry shop until he was thirty. He never owned a house, wrote a book, worked in an office, attended college or married and had children. He never visited a big city, traveled more than two hundred miles from his home or did one of the things that we usually see in people we call "big shots". He had no credentials but himself. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. Eleven of his friends turned their backs and ran away. Judas Iscariot,

a snitch, turned him in to the police for 30 pieces of silver and his best friend, Peter, denied knowing him three times. He was turned over to the authorities, then went through a mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners rolled dice for his coat. When he was dead, he was laid out in a borrowed grave donated by a true friend. Over nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today he

is an example of all things good. I can proudly say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the governments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as his one solitary life. His name is JESUS. Are you related to him also???

James Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### REALITY CHECK

#### Carmen de Lavallade, the magnificent dancer, choreographer, actress

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When hearing that master dancer, choreographer, and actress, Carmen de Lavallade, 86, would be one of the 2017 Kennedy Honors recipients, my first reaction was,

"Y'all finally got the message. It's about time. She should have gotten that honor at least 20 years ago."

I became aware of the depth of Carmen's talent while

assisting the master choreographer Alvin Ailey in writing his book, *Revelations*, the Autobiography of Alvin Ailey, in the late 1980s. His deep respect, admiration and love for her is reflected when he said, "Dance, for me, would have been impossible without Carmen

de Lavallade...Whatever you want her to dance, she will find a way to do it. Choreographers also love her because she has solid technique and a brilliant, unsurpassable talent for interpreting a ballet." Other great

artists who have marveled at and utilized Carmen's encompassing talent include Duke Ellington, Geoffrey Holder (her husband), Agnes DeMille, Josephine Baker and Benny Goodman.

For over 60 years she has exhibited her brilliance on stages throughout the country and the world. To Carmen, dance is about storytelling. She is no fan of the overwhelming focus on technique that has engulfed much of modern dance. Says Carmen, "I am strong in many things. But the perfect feet? No. Perfect legs? No. Perfect turnout? No. I am not the greatest technician. I tended toward dramatic work."

Her storytelling ability in dance has left dance enthusiasts with precious memories.



CARMEN de LAVALLADE

Master dance, Judith Jamison marvels that "That body is so amazing. It can do anything...Her hand-moving on stage is enough to take your breath away, just a flick of the wrist or moving it slowly. Her nuance is beautiful."

About her hands, Carmen says, "They gotta talk. Your hands gotta talk. Those are your words." I last saw Carmen dance three or four years ago and was spellbound watching her move on stage. Her head, her legs, her arms, her hips fully communicated her story to us. One of my regrets is never having seen her dance with Alvin. Those who saw the two together regard it as a lasting precious memory. Alvin noted that when Lester Horton, their dance teacher, "put us together on stage together, the combination was electric. The minute we hit the stage together it was there-the lyricism, the emotion, the beauty and the passion Carmen could express in her dancing. She was like a great actress."

Carmen remembers one of their duets thusly, "When we performed it at the Boston Common, we thought, 'Oh dear, people aren't going to like this...' It was a real old blues song sung by Bother John

Sellers...Well, we tore Boston Common up, absolutely tore it up."

Carmen absolutely tore up other places through the years. That's why Kennedy Center chairman David M. Rubenstein praised her as a "national treasure whose elegance and talent as a dancer led to a career touching many other art forms."

It's also why Meryl Streep, who introduced Carmen and who, 45 year ago, was one of her students in the Yale School of Drama, said, "Carmen, among other things, taught us how to replenish our souls."

Carmen is currently teaching the same important lesson to dance students at several institutions, including the Dance Theater of Harlem and the Richmond Ballet.

As much as she is a brilliant dancer, she is also a principled and socially conscious woman of the 21st Century. Upon receiving the Kennedy Center Honor, she also released a statement declining a visit to the Trump White House: "I am truly honored to receive the

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## Kwanzaa - An antidote to insanity

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The sickening sight of smug sycophantic Republicans celebrating the passage of their tax bill on the White House lawn was the Scrooge-like move to drop a lump of coal into the stockings of the 13 million Americans

likely to lose health insurance coverage thanks to the move. Of course, corporations are so ecstatic that some - AT&T and Comcast among them - are offering employee bonuses because they will benefit so much from the tax plan.

As disgusted as I am, there is, to quote the Bible, a "balm in Gilead", or an opportunity to heal the many wounds inflicted by 45 and his callow and kleptomaniacal administration. Yes, kleptomaniac, stooping so low as to propose regulations that will give restaurants control of employee tips.

Still, there is balm in Gilead, good things, good news that has happened this year despite the utter depravity that has shaped this administration.

My balm comes at the end of the year when we celebrate Kwanzaa, the African principled-holiday invented by Maulana Karenga, the celebration of seven unifying principles for African descendants around the world, a time to be unapologetically Black. And it is important to be unapologetically Black in a nation that has decided that we can be prosecuted for our very Blackness, broadly defined as "Black identity extremists" because we fail to humbly embrace the possibility of assimilation, because we dare believe that Black Lives Matter.

Kwanzaa - the celebration of the Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles), Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith), is a time for renewal and repurposing. It makes the end of the year something to look forward to, and this year all the more so. Everybody doesn't celebrate Kwanzaa, but this is a year when balm is especially needed. We have seen a civil rights hero (Congressman John Lewis) disparaged by a "President" unfit to empty his garbage. We have seen courageous football players who

took a knee for their beliefs being cursed by a "leader" who called them "sons of b-tches" insulting both them and their mothers. To list every verbal assault (not to mention legislative assaults) that 45 has unleashed against Black people, women, Latinos, disabled people, and others, is to write a series of columns. It is sufficient to point out that after this barrage of assaults, there is balm in Gilead, healing for the wounds. For me, that balm is Kwanzaa.

There are also moments and memories that provide some balm. The activist year began, for me, with the Women's March. The young women leader who drew a million or more women to the nation's capital deserve high praise, and while relations between Black and white women are not smooth, the moment of unity was powerful. And it was exhilarating to celebrate the moment with new Democratic women Senators like Kamala Harris (CA), and Catherine Cortez Masto (NV), who have offered pointed and principled leadership during this tumultuous year.

Moments, memories, and victories include the stunning rebuke to Republicans delivered by Democrats in Virginia, New Jersey and most recently Alabama. They include some

local races, and also the anticipatory smiles that come from those who have stepped up to run for office, despite the odds, like Stacey Abrams (Georgia) and Maya Rockeymore (Maryland). These candidates are balm because their focused candidacies and furious optimism provides hope for all of us. Notably, both Rockeymore and Abrams have received the support of the progressive women's PAC, EMILY's List, which suggest this organization has come a long way from 1992 when they were very late to the table in former Senator Carol Mosley Braun's primary race for the Illinois Senate (they supported her earlier and more enthusiastically in the general election race).

As 2017 comes to an end, I am among those who will lay my weapons down for a few moments, to refresh and renew for the battles ahead, especially around the upcoming 2018 elections. Kwanzaa is balm in the middle of this madness, an antidote to 45 and his insanity!

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Kennedy Center Honors Award and look forward to attending the ceremony at the Kennedy Center. In light of the socially divisive and morally caustic narrative that our existing leadership is choosing to engage in, and

in keeping with the principles that I and so many others have fought for, I will be declining the invitation to attend the reception at the White House."

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**O**ne of my favorite Christmas past-times is looking through my television content guide, finding a scheduled airing of A Christmas Carol and tuning in to watch. I don't know how many iterations of this movie classic have been made, but I've viewed multi-

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sage is, in fact, a social commentary by the author, Charles Dickens, that provides a critical analysis of the social order of Victorian England. In it, I find the parallels with contemporary United States to be uncanny.

Written in 1843, approximately six-years into the reign of Queen Victoria, the author, Dickens, was extremely critical of the established social order of Great Britain. Observers suggest that during that period, people were either financially secure or poor - with little room in between. Describing conditions with the use of the contemporary term "Income Inequality" would not be incorrect. Poor families suffered and, as is always the case with the vulnerable, the children of poor families suffered most.

Like modern public housing, workhouses were established to house those who couldn't independently afford living space. Men and women were physically separated to prevent "breeding." The physical separation of children from their parents contributed to the dissolution of the nuclear family unit. Debtors prisons were common to the

times and required inmates to work off the cost of their debt AND the expense of their imprisonment.

Dickens was greatly disturbed that those least capable of correcting these social ills - the poor and uneducated - were given that task. Scrooge symbolized the greed, avarice and indifference of the wealthy class to the masses. He famously offered these solutions to the problems of the times, "Are there no prisons?" and "If they would rather die, they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population."

That same Scrooge-like indifference seems to be baked into the Republican psyche. They have illustrated this with their unsuccessful, hysterical efforts to "repeal Obamacare," remove millions of Americans from the only healthcare insurance they've ever known, and throw the remaining masses back into a commercialized, profit-driven system run by insurance companies.

Approved by only 29% of Americans, their recently passed "Tax Scam" offers questionable temporary tax relief to the masses of earners while giving major corporations per-

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## Scrooged!!!

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manent relief. Under this plan, the top tax rate for corporate income will be lower than the top tax rate for labor income. Although the standard taxpayer deductions are increased, deduction for state, local and property taxes have been capped at \$10,000.

Time will reveal the full implications of this "Tax Scam," but, from where I stand, I now see Ebenezer Scrooge incarnate!

This article will probably be my last that you will read in 2017. I'm always mindful of this as a period of renewal and of a coming-together of humanity. I urge all who read this to remember that the differences that divide us are far fewer than the commonalities that could unite us, if we give them a chance.

The birth of our New Year serves as a starting point from which to work that we all can use to work for the betterment of our nation and our world. I pray for your prosperity and health throughout the coming year.

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## Add civil rights voices to housing policy reform discussions

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**W**herever you live, or household size, home is a special place where children are raised and memories are made. Owning a home is also the largest, single investment that most families make in a lifetime.

Since the nationwide housing

 **C**harity outcomes have varied. While some households have witnessed full recovery, others - often people of color - wonder when or how they too can turn the proverbial financial corner.

Now, nine national civil rights organizations are demanding to know why related deliberations of a key policy issue now underway with both the U.S. Senate Banking Committee and its counterpart, the House Financial Services Committee are being conducted in private: the future of affordable homeownership.

"Our constituents represent

the majority of future homebuyers, and any system that is not structured so as to ensure that they have fair access to safe and sustainable mortgages will not serve the country well," wrote the coalition to leadership of both committees on December 15.

Signing the letter were: The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the National Coalition for Asian Pacific Community Development, the Center for Responsible Lending, National Fair Housing Alliance, NAACP, UNIDOSUS (formerly known as the National Conference of La Raza), National Urban League, National Community Reinvestment Coalition and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

"At a time when the national homeownership rate is declining, and local rents are skyrocketing, every effort should be made to increase sustainable homeownership opportunity and make rental housing more affordable," the coalition continued. "Alternative facts and false math should not be used to undo the access and affordability provisions that have helped secure opportunity for hard-working families for more than 25 years."

Central to these discussions is the future of two Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs) - Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. During the housing crisis, the Federal Home Loan Corporation, more commonly known as Freddie Mac, and the Federal National Mortgage Corporation - Fannie Mae - went into federal conservatorship. As a result, the entities created decades ago by Congress to reduce the cost of credit for low and moderate-income households has remained in government control.

Now, as much of the housing market has recovered, questions are being posed as to when or how the two GSEs will return to private operations. Secondly, as housing costs continue to soar for renters and homeowners alike, affordable housing is a growing concern nationwide. Without an affirmative policy in place, many low-and-moderate-income consumers, as well as consumers of color could easily question whether fair access to mortgage credit will be possible for them.

For their part, the civil rights organizations' letter gave committee chairs a list of 10 items that if left unaddressed will trigger organized

opposition:

Align with and support long-standing federal anti-discrimination laws and enforcement;

1. Provide adequate capital to protect taxpayers and housing system;

2. Serve all credit-worthy borrowers;

3. Eliminate and ban excessive risk-based pricing;

4. Serve all markets across the country throughout the business cycle;

5. Require utility regulation and expand restrictions that prevent risky behaviors;

6. Ensure equal treatment for small lenders;

7. Promote cost-effective loan modifications;

8. Strengthen FHA and preserve low down payment mortgage loans; and

9. Address the federal government's history in fostering racially discriminatory mortgage lending policies.

Historically, Blacks and other consumers of color have experienced difficulties accessing private, conventional mortgage loans. According to the most recent data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure

## TO BE EQUAL

## “Tis the season to remain woke”

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**M**aya Angelou once said, "You see, we may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated. It may even be necessary to encounter the defeat, so that we can know who we are." Dr. Maya Angelou, American Author & Civil Rights Activist, Psychology Today Interview, February 17, 2009

**W**ithout any fear of exaggeration, it can be said, and has been repeatedly that the final result of the 2016 presidential election came as a devastating blow to many Americans. The numbers bear out this truth. Hillary Clinton won

the popular vote by nearly 3 million votes, but in the end, failed to secure the win. So as the reality of an American future under Trump began to sink in, many anticipated the worst and lost hope. But as this year comes to a close and many of us are preoccupied with giving or getting gifts, it occurred to me that the election outcome

has awakened and energized millions of Americans.

Each unprecedented challenge to everything from immigration policy to the freedom and relevancy of the press, has nurtured a common sense of purpose among Americans from all walks of life. From sea to shining sea, those committed to building and sustaining a better and more equitable America, conclusively demonstrate an often-repeated truth: democracy is no spectator sport.

To be clear, there was never and never will be a right time to sit and watch from the comfort of the sidelines. A democracy deprived of the active, vocal and voting engagement of its citizens is a democracy in name only. Rather than stand by complacently as the current administration volleys direct assaults on our nation's most vulnerable and attempts to wipe out the incremental civil and economic and social gains we have made with the casual stroke of a heartlessly wielded pen or the decrees of uninstructed policies, we have traded hopelessness for the engagement, despair for activism, and defeat for victory.

The results speak for themselves. Doug Jones's win in deep-red Alabama will send to Congress the state's first sena-

tors around the country to protest the ban's obvious unfairness, and courts of law continue to legally challenge the ban. Today, the third iteration of the ban has been allowed to go into effect by the Supreme Court, but the legal challenges remain alive and well.

We cannot and must not lose our momentum.

The National Urban League will remain at the forefront of the battle to protect our hard-fought-for rights and progress. Especially now, when the all-out assault on American ideals and values is the norm, you can become a key part of our mission-driven work by getting involved, volunteering, or supporting our movement. You have a critical role to play in the resistance and should never doubt or become complacent about the power of your call, your vote, your signature, or your voice. Give yourself and our nation the gift that keeps giving pass the next critical election, past the next protest, and past the current administration: your indispensable engagement.

Merry Christmas and stay woke.

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

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## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

## Why do we celebrate Christmas?

**I** watch with interest and some annoyance the religious chatter about Christmas. The more I read the Gospels, (and I have been reading them deeply for years), the more I am convinced that if Jesus were walking amongst us now, we would reject him and his lessons.

Jesus taught us to love "our neighbors," to love and forgive our enemies, to take care of "the least of these," which would include the poor, widows, children, the disabled, the elderly ... and so much more. His lessons were not hard to understand and were clearly presented, if the Bible is to be believed.

But we who call ourselves Christian push Jesus' teachings aside all of the time. In the new tax bill which was passed this week, "religious" Republicans approved and passed a bill which promises to make life difficult for "the least of these," including all of those groups of people mentioned above, and more. We have a president, whom Evangelical Christians love and support, who is taking away every single measure put in place not only by the Obama administration but by earlier administrations to help the marginalized while further helping the wealthiest.

It is incomprehensible to me how a group of Christians can pass laws that so clearly further disenfranchise and dehumanize people who are already suffering because of racism, sexism, economic disparity and hatred of people who are not white, male, Protestant and wealthy. None of what they are doing seem to be in alignment with what Jesus taught us to do.

David P. Gushee, who wrote the book, *Still Christian: Following Jesus Out of American Evangelicalism* writes "Jesus isn't the problem. Christians are." He says that evangelical Christian conservatives geared up to "take back America for God primarily by taking control of the Republican Party and getting people into power who would advance their agenda."

Their agenda, not the agenda of God or of Jesus the Christ.

Gushee writes that "we are experiencing a moment in American life in which our cultural divides have hardened into mutual incomprehension and demonization." But that's not new. Our cultural divides have always been at the very center of Christianity, causing people to take the same words supposedly uttered by Jesus and interpreting them in radically different ways.

Instead of adhering to Jesus' words, we adopted dogma and lessons of "correct Christian behavior" which we then used as justification to call ourselves Christian. Much less attention has been paid - for decades - to the difficult lessons Jesus taught than to these external, Pharisaic behaviors attributed to Jesus. Christians have been taught not to wear makeup, not to swear; not to have sex outside of marriage, not to be angry (which is why some Christians are always smiling), not to drink, not to wear the color red or (for women) not to wear pants, and to make sure skirts are not too far above the knee.

Roy Moore, the alleged child predator, made opposition to his candidacy for Alabama senator about people rejecting Jesus. What is more troubling is that people who embraced Jesus were willing to ignore the accusations against him and propel him into a position where he would have had a voice in making laws that too often disadvantage "the least of these." I kept wondering whose Jesus he was talking about.

The list of "thou shalt nots" for many Christians is long and so often against even the laws of nature. We humans were made to move, yet one person shared with me that in his house, they were not allowed to play basketball or participate in any kind of sports. They were taught that doing so was against the will of God.

Christians have been taught not to listen to certain kinds of music, some are taught not to marry non-Christians.

There's a problem with all that has just been described as the way "good Christians" must live. Jesus didn't say any of that.

Jesus taught us to share; Jesus taught us to relate to and to serve those who were and are different from us (the Good Samaritan.) Jesus taught that women were and are human beings. (the woman at the well.) Jesus taught that the way to tell if someone loved Jesus was if that person was doing "the will of his Father, who sent him."

And there's more...

Too many of us do not do much at all of what Jesus said to do. We are comfortable in our sexism, our racism, our Islamophobia, our xenophobia and our discrimination against members of the LGBTQ community. We are taught - and have been taught, again, for generations - not only that it is OK to discriminate against others but that it is the will of God that we do it.

world do we celebrate the birth of this man? We are not interested in his theology, his belief system or in his demonstrations of what we are to do and how we are to do it.

I will be annoyed again this weekend as the Christmas carols are played and churches have candlelit services to celebrate the birth of the man who had the prescription for creating a "beloved community."

We are not interested in any such thing.

We will acknowledge that Jesus was born.

And then we go on going against the very way of life Jesus taught.

So, why do we celebrate Christmas as a symbol of our devotion and belief in Jesus? It doesn't make much sense to me.

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Act, Blacks and Latinos together received only 9 percent of 2016's 2,123,000 conventional mortgage purchase loans in 2016. The data additionally shows that Blacks alone received just 3.1 percent or 65,451 of these loans, the ones that come with fewer fees and are the most cost-efficient over time. By contrast, Black mortgage borrowers received 142,329 out of 866,000 Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans during the same year.

Should housing finance reform fail to preserve access and affordability in mortgage lending, these data points could worsen and become even more disproportionate.

For Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending, a firm commitment to affordable housing goals are essential to any housing policy discussion.

"The GSEs' affordable housing goals have made a tremendous impact on helping credit worthy borrowers

purchase homes," noted Bailey. "They are also a metric for accountability to important and often excluded market segments, including people of color, low and moderate-income families, and rural communities. The goals must be strengthened and fully enforced, not rolled back."

Similarly, the nation's oldest minority professional real estate organization echoed Bailey's concerns in a report released earlier this year.

"We must remain vigilant," said Ron Cooper, president of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers in the foreword of the organization's report, 2017 State of Black Housing in America. "We must continue to advocate that the GSEs stay true to their intended mission to promote homeownership and adhere to the housing goals and *Duty to Serve Clause*."

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## 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 spellerislah@yahoo.com or call (910) 795-8597.

**The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEA-HEC 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.

**What's Brewing in the Cape Fear?** January 8, 2017 @ 6:30pm Northeast Branch, David Paynter Room. Chance Hellman, of the Onslow County Museum, will talk about the history of beer brewing in the Lower Cape Fear area. \*Co-sponsored by the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society and the New Hanover County Library.

## Brunswick County

The Belville Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018, in observance of New year's Day. Will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

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Mrs. Juanita  
Royals Roberts  
May 13, 1909-  
January 30, 1998



Mrs. Margaret  
Roberts Royals  
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January 30, 1927-  
June 7, 2008



Mrs. Gwendolyn  
Page Tunstall  
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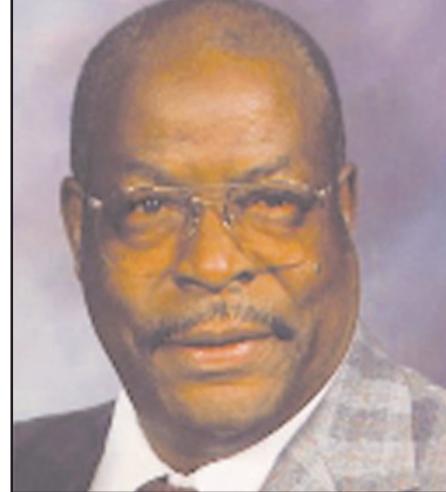


Mrs. Cynthia  
Andrews Deloatch  
July 26, 1948-  
November 25, 2012

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## My First Christmas In Heaven



Richard Waddell, Jr.  
April 29, 1929 - December 31, 2016

To: Patricia, Eleanor, Richard, III, Carolyn, Gwendolyn (Gary), Reggie, Rodney (Latasha), Richard IV, Samuel, Michelle, Jillian, Krystal, Jordan (Meagan), Gordan, Sherease, Rodja, Ja'Mez, J'Quiron, Zое, Ja'Tori, Kailynn and Mackenzie

I saw the countless Christmas trees at the house below  
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting like I used to do, you know.  
You did good, the sight was so spectacular, so please wipe away the tears  
For I was okay, spending Christmas with Jesus this year.  
I heard the many Christmas songs I used to play so dear  
But the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.  
I have no words to tell you of the joys their voices did bring  
For it's beyond description to hear the angels sing.  
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart.  
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.  
So be happy for me dear ones you know I hold you dear  
And be glad I spent Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.  
I sent you each a special gift from my heavenly home above,  
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.  
After all love is a gift more precious than pure gold.  
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.  
Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do  
For I can't count the blessings of love He has for each of you.  
So I hope you had a Merry Christmas, enjoy the upcoming year, but please wipe away the tears, Remember, I'm happy... Vivian and I spent Christmas together with Jesus Christ this year.

Love you all.  
Daddy,  
Richard Waddell, Jr.

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Holidays and friendly people

**I**t is the holiday season, and we are greeted, for the most part by friendly people. It is a good feeling to see so many people at their friendliest at this most cheerful time of the year. Many people are still out shopping for gifts for family and loved ones. The weather is beginning to feel more like the winter season when we enjoy Christmas and New Year's festivities. It's getting colder outside, and as we leave the house, whether it is to board the school bus or by other means, we are reminded that that time of year is again here with us. When school

reopens and children are again boarding and exiting the buses, we pray for safety for them and the bus driver.

We trust that all of us will seek to continue to keep up with what's going on in the community. We will not agree with everything that goes on, with all the changes made, etc., but we hope all will be for the advancement of us all, particularly our youth. While we are about the happy times and friendly people, there are still scars which we'd rather do without. For example, gang warfare, illegal drugs, theft, including porch pirating (theft of peoples' packages from their porches), home break-ins, etc. are still much too prevalent in our society. The behaviors of children and adults reflect what is acceptable and, at other times, unacceptable in our

society.

The cheerful, friendly, and giving spirit of people is greatly appreciated. The gifts we buy for one another are accepted in gratitude, but we must remember that there are some things we cannot buy. One such example is kindness.

These are the holidays, and, though people are often friendly, but be mindful that we still have to be alert about what goes on about us and make every effort to protect ourselves, our families, and our loved ones. We senior citizens, especially, have to be mindful that, though this is that cheerful season of the year, we still must be mindful that it is still a time to constantly watch and pray for ourselves and others. America is a great nation, and we must develop close

relationships with one another so that we can "watch out" for one another! happy holidays to all!

*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.*

## 2018 Children's Champions nominations sought

*Time to recognize New Hanover County's Children's Champions*

Smart Start of New Hanover County is seeking nominations for Children's Champions. We are soliciting nominations for individuals who have provided exceptional service to young children, birth through age 5,

and/or their families in New Hanover County.

At Smart Start of New Hanover County, it is important to us to encourage action in our community that supports families of young children and high quality early care and education. Each year we host the annual Breakfast for Children's Champions as an opportunity to recognize New Hanover County citizens, nominated by their peers, for their outstanding efforts on behalf of

young children. This year's champions will be announced and all nominees will be honored at our 16th Annual Breakfast for Children's Champions on March 28, 2017 at the Wilmington Hilton.

Deadline for nominations is 5:00pm, Friday, January 20, 2017. You may nominate by phone at (910) 815-3731 or visit our website at [www.newhanoverkids.org](http://www.newhanoverkids.org) and click on Breakfast for

Children's Champions on the home page for a nomination form and submission instructions.

Smart Start of New Hanover County is part of Smart Start, North Carolina's Early Childhood Initiative. Smart Start of New Hanover County acts as a local leader in development a comprehensive, collaborative approach to serve the needs of all children, birth to 5, in New Hanover County.

## NC Department of Insurance accepting public comments on proposed rate increase

Bolivia, NC - Citizens have until Friday, Dec. 29 to submit public comments to the N.C. Department of Insurance regarding a notice from the N.C. Rate Bureau asking for an increase in homeowners insurance rates.

While the average statewide requested increase

is 18.7 percent, for Brunswick County homeowners, the requested increase is between 23.7 and 25 percent.

Citizens who would like to submit comments, concerns or other feedback about the proposed rate increase can do so until Dec. 29. Comments can be submitted by email or

mail:

•Email: [2017HomeInsurance@ncdoi.gov](mailto:2017HomeInsurance@ncdoi.gov) by Dec. 29

•Mail: Tricia Ford, 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1201. Mail must be received by Dec. 29. For more information, visit <http://www.ncdoi.com/media/news2/year/2017/112017a.asp>



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**Patricia Scott McKoy**

Patricia Ann Scott McKoy, age 70, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, December 11, 2017. A celebration of Patricia's life was conducted on Monday, December 18, 2017 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Courage came naturally to Patricia Scott McKoy, "Pat". During her seventy years, she taught us how to walk tall, and stand firm. But it was during her monumental challenge with sickness that she displayed a towering figure of courage and strength, a portrait of God's grace under fire.

Born on February 21, 1947 in Wilmington, North Carolina, Pat grew up on the "south-side" and was the oldest daughter of the late Bessie Scott Jones and the late Lee Scott. At a young age, her mother married the late William Washington Jones, Sr. who became a very loving father to Pat and her siblings in every sense of the word.

She was educated in the New Hanover County School system and attended Williston Senior High before William and Bessie moved their family to Brooklyn, New York, where Pat graduated from Clara Barton High School in 1965. While living in New York, Pat worked at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica, Queens, and Bell Telephone Company in New York City. After returning to Wilmington in 1969, she worked at Frances Neck wear in 1970, and in May 1972 became employed at E. I. DuPont in Leland, NC where she worked until she retired in 1993. In 1996, Pat met and married her loving husband Robert Austin McKoy who brought much happiness in her life and they both cherished each other until his death.

During her young adult years, she attended St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop James E. Randolph. She worked as church secretary, choir member, and pastor's aide and was crowned as mother of the year in May 2001. In 2002 Pat joined fellowship with New Covenant Holiness Church under the leadership of Bishop Linward Nesbitt. In 2012, she joined Divine Restoration Holiness Church, under the leadership of Lady Nikki Bramlett Stevenson and became the first mother on roll. When she was feeling good, she attended church regularly and would participate in services; praising God, singing and lifting her hands toward heaven.

Pat was dependable, diligent, knowledgeable, sociable but highly opinionated and outspoken on matters of the heart. The warmth of her radiant smile and charming personality won her many friends from young to old. She loved her family and friends and would do

anything to help anyone.

Pat was a very supportive mother to her two children; "Boobie and Missy." She was a single parent who did not "spare the rod" when necessary. She encouraged them to never give up on their dreams as she cheered them on their way. Pat was also mother to two of her grandchildren who she adopted into her life and her heart, and whom she loved, supported and cared for as

her very own, Simone Carty at 3 years old and Destiny Carty only 1 day old and who was truly her baby girl and still living at home with Pat during her time of death.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Lee Scott, Bessie and William Washington Jones, Sr., husband Robert Austin McKoy, and one sister, Shirley Marshburn.

Patricia Ann Scott McKoy will be missed by her family and friends as the years linger on and even though the flowers may fade, the love for her will last forever. 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.

**Floyd A. Johnson**

Floyd Andrew Johnson, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2017. A celebration of Floyd's life was conducted on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Floyd, son of Lela and Willie Johnson, was born on November 30, 1934 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Floyd joined the United States Army on October 14, 1952.

Floyd was employed as a machine operator for over twenty years with Time Corporation. He also loved fishing and crabbing. Floyd was a faithful member of First Baptist Missionary Church. His favorite hobbies were writing poetry and picking pecans. Floyd received several awards for his poetry and writings. He received an outstanding service award for the State of North Carolina from Governor Pat McCrory. Floyd was also a die-hard Washington Redskins Fan.

In 1937, the first facility for African American boys, the Community Boys Club, Inc. was established at Tenth and Church Streets in Wilmington, North Carolina. On February 20, 2010, The City of Wilmington recognized the club by placing a historical plaque at Tenth and Church. Floyd, along with Adolph Richard, the first two members of the club witnessed the event.

He met and married Pearline and they were united until God called him home on December 14, 2017.

He leaves to cherish fond

memories: his beloved wife Pearline Johnson; one daughter, Janniffer (Aldrien) Bailey; six step-children, Jewellyne (Fred) Tinsley, Marshall Carmichael, Michael Jones, Sharon (Joseph) Dowe, Freddie Jones, and Dillard (Netta) Jones; three grandchildren, A-Vel McLamb, Aldresha Bailey and Aldrich Bailey, Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Ava and Brydon McLamb; sister-in-law, Ruth Johnson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including two devoted and special friends, Chuck and Skip. 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.

**Norma Elaine Campbell Sansbury**

Norma Elaine Sansbury, age 67, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017. A celebration of Elaine's life was held on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at St. Luke AME Zion. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Elaine was a graduate of Williston Senior High School's Class of 1968 and retired from Corning after working there for 38 years.

She leaves to cherish her memory: son, Larry Darnell Miller, Jr.; grandson, Montez Donta White; mother, Cornelia Haggins Campbell (Elmer Edward Campbell-deceased); Elmer Edward Campbell, II-brother (California); Cornelina Christina Campbell-Murrill and Inez Charleen Campbell-Eason, sisters; Karole Patrice Waddell, niece, Deonte Brooks and Mardezia Brooks-grandnephew/niece (Riegelwood); Dwayne Strothers, nephew and Yashua Naem Strothers, Ariana Rajasi Strothers-grandnephew/niece (Atlanta); Dawn McClammy, niece and Kendall McClammy-grandniece; Tyrion Wallace Eason, II-nephew (California); Katori Jarad Eason, nephew (Atlanta), Ra'shad Lamar Murrill, nephew (Ohio), Mary Elizabeth Haggins, aunt; Dr. Linda Croskey, 1st cousin (Wisconsin), Lillian Quick-Smith, 2nd cousin; Robert D. Moore, III - 2nd cousin and Monita Ozmet, Azad Karimi cousins, a Special Cousin, Elaine Campbell, Antoinette Smith, cousin, Arthur "Punchie" Hayes, Kevin Hayes (Atlanta), Shawna Hayes Williams (Greensboro), cousins, a Goddaughter, Tanasha "Moo-Moo" Davis, Special Thank You to Dorothy Stewart (niece's mom), Christine Stokes McGuire, Linda White (mother of grandson) & family along with a host of other beloved family and friends.

Elaine has gone to that Big Bingo Game in the sky; and she is winning with God's love and grace everlasting!! 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.

**Rayfield W. Robinson, Sr.**

Rayfield W. Robinson, Sr., age 64, of New Haven, CT (formerly of Leland) passed away Saturday, December 16, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Christian Hope Cemetery.

I was born Raeford Winfield Jenkins on July 17, 1953 in Brunswick County, North Carolina to my parents Betty Louise Jenkins and Floyd Robinson. My name was later changed to Rayfield Winfield Robinson.

I was the proud product of the Brunswick County School System, where I attended Leland High School in Leland, NC.

I have always been a free spirit and I loved hanging out with people and having a few laughs. However, while I was sleeping in New Haven, Connecticut on December 16, 2017, I got an offer I could not refuse... God called me back home. So, I said good bye to this earthly realm and stepped into eternity.

I love it up here...I'm fishing every day, and you know how I love to fish!

I am far from lonely because I am here with my brother Floyd Robinson, Jr., as well as my parents and many other friends and family members who made it to eternity before I did.

Since I am so unforgettable, I

know my spirit will live forever in the hearts of my wife, Janie Laurine Robinson, my son Rayfield Robinson (Marion) of Wilmington, NC, my five daughters Sharon Robinson, Lisa Robinson, and Stephanie Robinson of Wilmington, NC, Tamelia Hemingway of Loris, SC and Dominic Lennon of Atlanta, GA; stepmother, Gail Robinson of Leland, NC; sisters, Hazelene Jenkins of Alpharetta, GA, Dr. Dawn Robinson of Riverdale, GA and Barbara Bellamy of Supply, NC, Laurie Annette Towns of Suffolk, VA; brothers, Derrek Conner, Alton Robinson, Tyree

Robinson, and Aaron Robinson of New Haven, CT, and Brent Garner; sister-in-laws Edith

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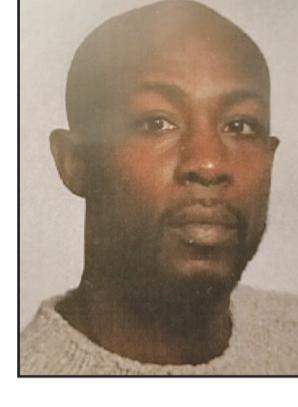
**In Loving Memory Of**

**Gracie Ann Bryant**  
Sunrise: December 8, 1935  
Sunset: December 30, 2016

**Come To Me**

God saw you were 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,  
And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.

In loving Memory  
We love you and we miss you  
The Family and friends

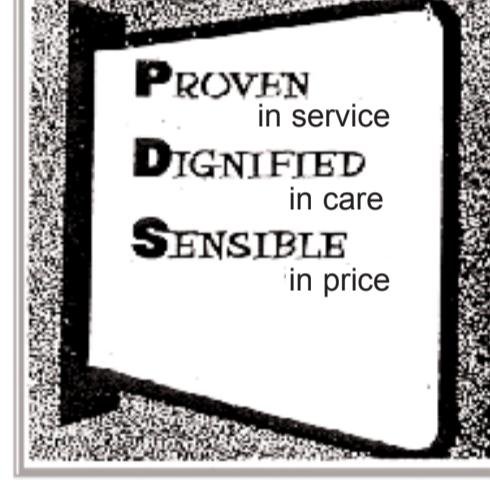
**Card Of Thanks**

**Randy "Reggie" Peterson**  
passed away December 1, 2017

The family of the late Reggie Peterson, wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindesses and for the condolences and support that we have received. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to the staff of Lower Cape Fear Hospice for the wonderful care and friendship during Reggie's time with you.

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## New Hanover County

Gregory Congregational UCC, 609 Nun Street, will hold their New Year's Eve Morning Message by Minister Barbara A. McCray. Message entitled "Standing On His Word/His Promises For 2018" on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be served immediately following worship service.



## Religious Briefs

## Brunswick County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church family will present their 2017 Gospel Extravaganza December 31, 2017 at 10:00 p.m. Those involved are celebrities "look-alikes" such as BeBe & CeCe Winans, Kiera Sheard, Byron Cage, Shawn Jones & The Believers, Tremaine Hawkins, and many more. Pastor Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin will provide the message. Baldwin Branch is bringing in the new year with praise, laughter and expectation. The church is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

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*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## Sharing your cell phone number

My Fellow Citizens:

Please pass this message along just as far as you can. If you are no longer using your house phone, please give out the number of your cell phone.

I have to say the same thing about him that I said about "Jake" when my husband passed. "Skip" is the only White man on the block and the best neighbor anywhere. After we arrived at the hospital, he went back to take care of the house, then he went back to the hospital and stayed until the end.

When you read this, the services will be over. Floyd has gone home to be with his brother, Rufus. He is the last of five children. There were Alma, Willie John, Rufus and Floyd. Now they have all gone to be with their parents, William and Lela Johnson, who were lifetime members of First Baptist Missionary Church.

Once again, if you seldom use your house phone, please remember to share your cell phone number so that you can be reached in case of an emergency.

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

the emergency room and stayed with him until the family arrived.

He was despised and he was rejected, and yet he was determined to do what God His Father called him to do. When he faced opposition, he took the opportunity to give God glory, honor, and praise! Never the victim, always the Victor!!!! He set the example for his disciples then and

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Williams Stokes of Wilmington, NC, Mittie Burns (Jimmy) of Durham, NC and brother-in-law Joseph Fennell of Wilmington, NC; one aunt, Zelma Jenkins Thomas of Meriden, CT; two uncles, Calvin Robinson of Leland, NC and Cleveland Jenkins of Baltimore, MD; sixteen grandchildren; seven great grandchildren, and a host of nieces nephews, and other relatives and friends.

You know, I love and miss all of my family and friends. I especially miss Rico, Gertha and the Garage Brothers... William, Tim, Ronnie, Ivory, Butch, Ballard and Ray and also the Three Amigos...Anthony and Shannon, minus one. Services

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4

## "The Assignment"

now, to glory in adversity and look for opportunities to honor his Father..... rather than to murmur, complain, and charge God foolishly by asking him Why Me?"

He took personal responsibility for his assignment, and went about doing his Father's business. Jesus literally and spiritually worked the works of God, knowing he had an appointed time to begin and an appointed time to finish. He worked while it was day, for he knew night was coming, when no man could work. Jesus set the example for all to see as he completed his assignment. His obedience to God laid the foundation for his success in everything he set his hand to.

In Luke 4:18,19, he stated, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Jesus had so much passion for his purpose, that the

gates of hell could not prevail against him!!! "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 4:34. "For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. In Luke 19:10, he stated, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

And that is exactly what he did everywhere he went ... Mission Accomplished. Assignment completed. He healed the sick and he saved the lost. He worked countless miracles, signs, and wonders, beginning with the wedding in Canaan where he changed water into wine. He unstopped deaf ears, and he opened blinded eyes. He cast out devils, and he raised the dead. He fed 5,000 souls with 2 fish and five barley loaves of bread. He walked on water, and spoke to the wind and waves. They obeyed his command and submitted to his authority.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, how much more could we accomplish if we walk as Jesus walked in submission and obedience to the

will of God the Father?

Every member of The Body of Christ has an assignment. May each of us, like Jesus Christ, be fully focused and totally committed to completing our individual assignment, for the glory, honor, and praise of God. If so, be encouraged, and Tell Somebody!!!

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

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

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## William H. Miller

Deacon William H. Miller was born on September 29, 1927 in the community of Northwest Brunswick County to the late William Louis and Thressia Radford Miller. He was ushered peacefully into the presence of the Lord, Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 9:16 a.m. at home with his son and daughter praying at his bedside. Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 24, 2017 at Salvation & Delivery Family Worship Center. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

Haywood as he was so fondly known grew up in the Northwest Community and attended Brunswick County schools and Armour High School in Columbus County.

He and the love of his life, Doretha met at an early age and later married; to this union two children were born, Haywood Jr. and Faye. They endured life's storms and God blessed them with 67 years of marriage; they truly complemented each other in fulfilling their roles as man and wife.

Haywood held various jobs to provide for his family; during his earlier years he worked at Peterson's Lumber

Yard and would always share stories with his friends and family about the years spent there.

He even moved to Washington DC with his cousins to find employment and we would be so excited when he came home to visit.

His last employment was with Belk's; there he was admired by many in management and by his coworkers. He loved to share the stories of his times at Belk's and his eyes would always glow when he shared the times that he flew with Mr. Belk and other managers to the other Belk stores in North Carolina.

He retired from Belk's after 31 years of service with lots of memories. He also farmed part-time and loved nurturing and feeding the chickens, cows and goats. The cows and goats never had a more compassionate friend.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Bethel AME Church; at Bethel he held various positions and worked diligently until he moved his membership to Salvation and Deliverance Family Worship Center.

He was an original member and one of the first deacons; he worked tirelessly to help provide a suitable and comfortable place of worship. He sang on the church choir and the men's choir; he traveled with Pastor Richburg to minister in New York and Canada on several occasions.

Since he lived so close to the church, he was always watching day and night and did whatever he could to help

around the church. He faithfully served until his health failed.

In addition to his parents, his wife, Doretha, his siblings, Sidney Louis, Ernest Edward, George Eugene and Mabel Vivian Grainger, preceded him in death.

He is survived by those who truly loved him and will always cherish his memories, his son and primary caregiver; Haywood Miller, Jr. of the home; daughter, Fayerence M. Richburg and husband Apostle Anthony Richburg; six grandchildren, Tammie M. Miller, Haywood L. Miller, Rico Brown, Attorney Santana S. Miller, LaTanya C. Richburg and Anthony "TJ" Richburg; eight great grandchildren, one sister; Alice Lucille Morris of Southport, NC; sisters-in-law, Dosher W. Miller, Jessie Mae, Doris Small (Thaddus), Laura Harrison (Franklin), Rebecca Paschal and Myrtle S. Davis; brothers-in-law, Rufus Grainger, Linwood Ballard (Margaret Pearl) and Isaac Ballard (Carolyn); two dedicated caregivers, Monique Bowens and Alveta "Net" Windham; a very special and protective canine grandson, "Brody"; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

Deacon William H. Miller was born on September 29, 1927 in the community of Northwest Brunswick County to the late William Louis and Thressia Radford Miller. He was ushered peacefully into the presence of the Lord, Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 9:16 a.m. at home with his son and daughter praying at his bedside. Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 24, 2017 at Salvation & Delivery Family Worship Center. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

He and the love of his life, Doretha met at an early age and later married; to this union two children were born, Haywood Jr. and Faye.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Heather Wall**, 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 **21st 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 21st day of December, 2017.

James Wall, Administrator of the Estate of Heather Wall  
5100 Masonboro Loop Rd  
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16 North Fifth Avenue  
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December 21, 28, 2017 and January 4, 11, 2018

**Complaint to Enforce  
Possessory Lien on Motor  
Vehicle**

The name and address of the lienor:  
Kirby's Garage, Inc.  
1513 Castle Street  
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The name of the person having legal title to the property:  
James Louis Brown  
411 Cutthru Rd.  
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Description of the property:  
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Amount due for which the lien is claimed:  
\$4905.00

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JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NOS. 17 JA 305-307  
16 JA 342****IN THE MATTER OF:  
A.R.M. (DOB: 06/27/2006)  
H.M.R. (DOB: 11/17/2004)  
T.J.E. (DOB: 11/21/2002)  
A.J.E. (DOB: 07/22/2000)****TO: RESPONDENT-MOTHER:  
LORMA SHEETS**

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 November 9, 2017, alleging that the above-referenced Juveniles are neglected Juveniles.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 21, 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.

You have been provisionally assigned Attorney Kristen Kelley. Attorney Kelley may be contacted at (910) 763-6545, 319 North Fourth Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATION/ DISPOSITION HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8, 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 21st day of December, 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)

December 21, 28, 2017, January 4, 2018

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Rose M. Harris**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of 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 the 7th day of December, 2017.

Howard E. Harris, Administrator  
5311 Dandelion Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28405

December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Ethel A. Taylor**, 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 **21st 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 21st day of December, 2017.

Katherine Taylor Cammack, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel A. Taylor  
115 Old Camp Rd  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Walker Taylor, IV, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel A. Taylor  
313 South Lumina  
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December 21, 28, 2017 and January 4, 11, 2018

## LEGAL NOTICES

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Robert R. Ledbetter**, 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 **7th 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 7th day of December, 2017.

Edythe B. Ledbetter, Executrix of the Estate of Robert R. Ledbetter  
5006 Carleton Drive Unit 19  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
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16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.**, 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 **7th 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 7th day of December, 2017.

Jeffrey L. Dunlea, Co-Executor of the Estate of Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.  
PO Box 4748  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Richard A. Dunlea, III, Co-Executor of the Estate of Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.  
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December 21, 28, 2017 and January 4, 11, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on the **23rd day of January, 2018**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at **110 Nun Street and 614 Queen Street** and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

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

December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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Having qualified on the 6th day of December, 2017, as Administrator of the Estate of **HOWARD EUGENE BAREFOOT, JR.**, deceased, late of South St. Paul, Dakota County, Minnesota, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Administrator, Robert Brian Frenger, at 820 Park Lane, South St. Paul, MN 55075, on or before the **14th day of March, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 8th day of December, 2017.

/s/  
ROBERT BRIAN FRENGER,  
ADMINISTRATOR  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

December 14, 21, 28, 2017 and January 4, 2018

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Carolyn Reel**, 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 **31st day of March, 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 28th day of December, 2017.

Evelyn Rowe, Administrator  
5818 Michelle Dr  
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 18, 2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Maggie Bryant**, 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 **31st day of March, 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 28th day of December, 2017.

Agatha W. Lowe, Administratrix  
6829 Plott Rd.  
Charlotte, NC 28215

December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 18, 2018

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 16 JT 319**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
H.M.A.B.(dob: 09 November 2016)**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER**

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 H.M.A.B.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **Thursday, December 28, 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.

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 December 28, 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 MONDAY, **FEBRUARY 19, 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 21st day of December, 2017.

Jennifer G. Cooke  
Attorney - New Hanover Co.  
Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carl Marshburn (17-E-1720)**, 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 31, 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 22nd day of December, 2017.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Marshburn  
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701 Market Street  
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