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

IN OUR COMMUNITY

MORAL MARCH TO THE POLLS

On Thursday, April 19, 2018 the New Hanover County NAACP will march to the polls to emphasize the need for citizens to vote and vote early. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen AME Church and will continue to Cape Fear Community College Science Building at Second and Red Cross streets which is an Early Voting site for New Hanover County. "Voting especially Early Voting is a right that people need to exercise. This march will remind citizens to Early Vote." -- Deborah Dicks Maxwell President, New Hanover County NAACP If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Deborah Maxwell at 910-508-9414 or email at nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

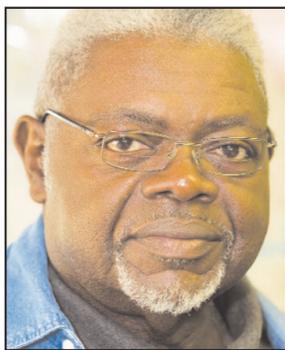
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BERNEST HEWETT

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HBCU COLLECTIVE PREPARES FOR APRIL 17, 2ND "DAY OF ACTION"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On Tuesday, April 17, they're coming back to Washington.

An estimated 200 students from historically Black colleges and universities (HBCU's) across the nation, are coming to lobby members of Congress to increase financial support for students, increase funding for federal research grants, and increase funding for campus facility upgrades.

The event is called "The Second Day of Action," and will be modeled

after the first, which took place a year ago, sponsored by the HBCU Collective. Two of its designated leaders are from North Carolina HBCU's.

Founder Robert Stephens, 32, is a 2008 alumnus of Winston-Salem State University, while one of his co-leaders, Shambulia Gadsden Sams, is an alumna hailing from Shaw University in Raleigh.

According to Stephens, who lives and works in Washington, D.C., he got the idea for the HBCU "Day of Action" last year after seeing Pres. Trump invite various presidents

and chancellors from HBCU's to the White House, under the guise of wanting to help their schools more than the previous Obama Administration.

Stephens said he was "very concerned," especially after the President moved the HBCU Initiative from the Education Dept. to the White House.

"I thought it was a dangerous position to be in," Stephens said. Indeed, some members of the

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ROBERT STEPHENS

AN HBCU FIRST



BETTYLENAH NJARAMBA

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NCCU student elected first African-American woman president of UNC System Association of Student Governments

DURHAM, N.C. SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

North Carolina Central University (NCCU) junior elementary education major Bettylenah Njaramba was elected president of the University of North Carolina (UNC) Association of Student Governments (ASG). She will be the first African-American woman to hold this position for the organization.

The ASG is a student organization designated to represent the interests of students in the deliberations of the UNC Board of Governors.

In this role for the 2018-2019 academic year, Njaramba will serve as the chief executive officer of the organization and act as the official representative and spokesperson. She will also serve as an ex officio member of the UNC Board of Governors and the Council of Student Body Presidents.

She also serves as president of NCCU's Association of Students for a Better Africa and is a member of the university's student government association.

Njaramba credits her mentor, former senior class president Brianne Gill, for her passion in student government. In 2015, Njaramba served as freshman class

president. Also during her freshman year, she served as a delegate for NCCU at ASG's formal meeting. She has served in this role for subsequent years in addition to serving as speaker pro-temp for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Njaramba, a Raleigh, N.C., native by way of Kenya, tributes her African culture as a significant influence on her life and success.

"My culture is very important to who I am as a student-leader," said Njaramba. "In order to be great servant leader you must be true to yourself."

Immediately after graduation she plans to join the Peace Corps with aspirations to pursue a doctoral degree to teach.

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NAACP PRESIDENT AND CEO DERRICK JOHNSON

NAACP condemns Facebook's data collection breach

FROM NNPA NEWSWIRE SERVICE

BALTIMORE, Md., Following the recent congressional testimony given by Mark Zuckerberg, founder and CEO of Facebook, NAACP remains concerned about the data breaches and numerous privacy mishaps that the tech giant has encountered in recent years, and is especially critical about those, which occurred during the 2016 presidential election campaign.

In October of 2017, NAACP issued a statement reprimanding the Russian sponsored advertisements that appeared on Facebook ads that were used as propaganda in the 2016 presidential campaign, and promoted disingenuous portrayals of the African American community. In March 2018, press reports revealed that Cambridge Analytica, a British big data firm, gained access to the personal information of 87 million Facebook users without the users' consent.

"The breach and misuse of data of 87 million users was negligent at best and exploitative at worst," said Derrick Johnson, president and CEO

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Citizenship question fuels confrontations over 2020 Census Marc Morial warns African-Americans: Don't forget your children

BY KHALIL ABDULLAH SPECIAL TO TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM ETHNIC MEDIA SERVICES

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "We will not allow our community to cower in fear," exclaimed Arturo Vargas, executive director of the

NALEO Education Fund, voicing his opposition to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross's decision ask respondents to the 2020 Census if they are American citizens.

In a conversation with Ross on March 13, Vargas said he shared "what he knew" from speaking with Latino community leaders who reported their con-

stituents being wary of participating in the census even before the addition of the citizenship question was proposed.

Vargas's stance, echoed by other panelists on a media telebriefing organized by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and Ethnic Media Services, is that the administration's ini-

tiatives to aggressively deter immigration will not only yield a lower census response rate, but, as an inevitable consequence, a reduction in the allocation of federal dollars to the very communities most in need.

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ARTURO VARGAS



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Rev. Al Sharpton, center, and attorney Benjamin Crump, left, address the media and call for justice following the funeral of Stephon Clark who was killed by Sacramento police officers March 18.



Stephon Clark, 22, was laid to rest Thursday in Sacramento as hundreds of people attended his memorial service. Clark's body is surrounded by members of the Islamic community as they perform a special ceremony in his honor.

Stephon Clark remembered by loved ones as activists call for justice

BY GENOA BARROW OF THE SACRAMENTO OBSERVER SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - (TriceEdneyWire.com) - Having come together to mourn Stephon Clark, the 22-year-old Black father killed by Sacramento police officers on March 18, many funeral goers voiced the common refrain, "that could have been my son."

"This brother could be any one of us," Rev. Sharpton said.

The civil rights champion says he stands with Clark's family as they take on local law enforcement.

"That's what we're here for," Rev. Sharpton said. "We're here for the family to get justice and to get answers."

Clark was fatally shot in his Meadowview area backyard Sunday, after two Sacramento Police Department (SPD) officers shot at him more than 20 times. Officers say they believed Clark, a graduate of Sacramento High School, was pointing a gun at them, and "fearing for their safety," they fired their duty weapons.

Clark's death has sparked protests in Sacramento and beyond. After his funeral, protesters again took to the streets of downtown Sacramento, stopping at the Federal Courthouse and the District Attorney's Office.

"Stephon Clark woke up the nation," Rev. Sharpton said.

Stephon Clark's brother Ste'Vante Clark interrupted the funeral proceedings as he had done earlier in the week at a Community Dialogue session with the Sacramento City Council. Like on Tuesday, Ste'Vante Clark again led people in a call and response chant of "I am ... Stephon Clark."

Sharpton said you can't kill someone's loved one and

then tell them "how" to grieve.

Ste'Vante Clark also kissed his brother's casket and invited other family members to come to the microphone and share positive memories. One friend recalled asking Stephon Clark what he wanted to be

in life and him answering that he simply wanted to be a good father.

Clark's two young sons, Aiden, 3 and Cairo, 1, attended the services, lovingly held in the arms of relatives.

"We will make sure that his kids grow up knowing there is an entire communi-

ty that stood behind them," shared speaker Imam Omar Suleiman. Ste'Vante Clark spoke of naming a library or community center in his brother's honor, a place where young people can go to learn and be safe.

"Stephon is going to live for generations and genera-

tions," he said. The funeral also included moving performances by the Boss Church Praise Dancers, a group of youth that included Stephon Clark's little sister, CaiLyn Clark; and a poem, "I, Too, Have a Dream," written by his cousin, Se'Quette Clark.

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STATE BRIEFS

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ETHICS COMMISSION PROBES COUNCILMAN FOR ALLEGED BRIBE

[FAYETTEVILLE] An ethics commission for the Fayetteville City Council is

investigating allegations that Councilman Tyrone Williams asked a developer for money to support an upcoming project. Williams is refusing to resign his seat, despite the fact that the FBI is reportedly investigating as well, and the alleged transaction was captured on audio tape. Mayor Mitch Colvin and eight other council people gave Williams a letter Monday asking him to step down, but he refused.

All he would say was, "Sorry for my mistakes."

CHARLESTON CHURCH SHOOTING SURVIVORS SPEAK AT NC HISTORY MUSEUM

[RALEIGH] Two survivors of the 2015 Emmanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, S.C., where a young white supremacist fatally shot nine people during a Bible study, spoke at the NC Museum of

History Tuesday, reflecting on the event that forever changed their lives. Polly Sheppard and Felicia Sanders told how they lost family members who were in that prayer meeting when Dylan Roof pulled out his gun and opened fire. Ms. Sanders lost her son and aunt that day. She says she still asks herself is she "did enough." The pair spoke in honor of Crime Victims' Week.

NC TO RECEIVE ANOTHER \$189 MILLION IN HURRICANE MATTHEW AID

[WASH., D.C.] Expect another \$189 million in recovery aid coming from the federal disaster relief for victims of Hurricane Matthew. Matthew struck the eastern parts of North Carolina in October 2016, causing hundreds of

millions of property damage to homes and businesses. Thus far, North Carolina has received 1.4 billion in congressional appropriations for Hurricane Matthew relief. \$168 million is being provided by HUD for housing redevelopment and rebuilding, business assistance and economic revitalization, and \$21 million is going toward disaster assistance from the US Dept. of Transportation.

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HBCU contingency "felt (going to the White House) was just a photo opt."

Stephens called student body presidents at various HBCU's, and all agreed that they didn't trust the Trump Administration to be genuine in its promises. So they decided to mount the first

"Day of Action" on Capitol Hill and invited Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12), a retired Bennett College professor, among others, to speak at their press conference, and the rest is history.

The students, alumni, and other HBCU supporters walked the halls of Congress, lobbying on behalf of their cause.

When Pres. Trump released his budget proposal

last year, Stephens said one look convinced him that HBCU's were not a priority for the President. In fact, a lot of Title III funding that HBCU's traditionally got under Pres. Obama, were cut by Trump.

It wasn't until Congress put forth its own Omnibus Budget Funding Proposal, which indeed prioritized Pell Grant funding; increased funding for the

HBCU Capital Financing Program; and also increased funding for the TRIO and GEAR Up programs.

Not withstanding a \$35 million increase in HBCU funding, which Stephens calls "significant," he adds that HBCU students shouldn't have to twist arms every year, and that their schools should receive the same funding and consideration that predominately-white colleges and universi-

ties receive.

"The oldest HBCU has been around for 200 years," Stephens says. "We produce the most science, technology, engineering and math scholars; the most Black doctors, Black lawyers, and black engineers. We're saying that HBCU's make a huge contribution to society, and we just want to make sure that our schools are sustainable."

Busen to attend the

"Second Annual Day of Action" will leave from HBCU's across North Carolina early Tuesday morning, joining other buses from across the country headed towards Washington.

Stephens added that he's very supportive of a voter registration drive for HBCU students, so that they can vote during the upcoming 2018 midterm elections.

FACEBOOK

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of NAACP. "Sixty-seven percent of African Americans who use the Internet are on Facebook, and a significant amount of them may have been affected by the breach. Privacy, whether offline or online, is an unquestionable

civil right, and Facebook has a duty to protect its users from any malicious attacks, and inform them on any failures in protecting them from such attacks. On both accounts Facebook has failed its users, particularly the people of color who were adversely affected by the propaganda promoted during the 2016 presidential election."

"Facebook's commitment to the Honest Ads Act-an act that would mandate that political ads be clearly labeled as such-is an admirable first step towards reconciliation of their gross negligence-however much more needs to be done to ensure that African Americans will not unfairly bear the brunt of Facebook's business model. A CNN report

revealed that the largest Black Lives Matter page on the platform is in fact a fake page linked to a White man in Australia. Such revelations call into question Facebook's integrity and how much the company values its overwhelming amount of Black users."

"With the issue of Net Neutrality already posing a

challenge to African American Internet users, NAACP cannot stay silent on any further exploitation of our core constituency on the web. Both the Russian sponsored ads and the hack by Cambridge Analytica, a firm that worked on the Trump campaign, were methods that may have influenced the 2016 presidential campaign by sup-

pressing the Black vote. In a democracy where our vote is our currency, NAACP is calling on Facebook to take a stance against any methods of voter suppression on its platforms, and make significant changes to its operations which would ensure a stronger safeguard on the data of its African American users."

2020 CENSUS

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As the panelists emphasized, the constitutionally mandated census objective is to accurately count the number of people residing in America, not the number of its citizens.

Vanita Gupta, president and CEO of the Leadership Conference, explained that "data collected through the census determines how House [of Representatives] seats are set and informs decisions about the allocation of funding to support state and local community resources like schools, hospitals, education, and transportation."

Gupta also took aim at other factors, she argued, which could negatively impact the census, including current underfunding of the 2020 Census itself and delays in implementing census partnership and communications outreach programs tailored to reach communities with his-

torically undercounted persons.

Latinos are more apt to be undercounted at a rate three times that of Anglo Americans and, as Vargas explained, of the one million children uncouncted in the 2010 census, 400,000 were Latino. Asian Americans, Native Americans, and low-income communities generally suffer from less than fully funded federal monetary allocations to their communities due to inaccurate data.

Typically, counting Americans in sometimes remote rural areas often brings unique challenges to data collection efforts as well. And, as panelist Marc Morial observed, African Americans also, despite their centuries of citizenship status, historically have been disenfranchised politically and economically by census undercounts. African Americans are more likely to be undercounted than Anglo Americans who were overcounted in 2000 and 2010.

Morial, president and CEO

of the National Urban League, is calling on African Americans to up their participation in the 2020 Census and to "not forget their children"-who were undercounted by 6.5 percent in the 2010 census -when complying with data collection efforts.

Morial especially decried what he termed "prison-based gerrymandering" which occurs when prisoners are counted as residents of the jails and prisons where incarcerated rather than in the homes where they reside otherwise.

For example, if Louisiana were a country, it would rank number two as the world's leader in the rate of incarcerating its own residents, only recently edged out of the number one spot by the District of Columbia, the nation's capital. A former Louisiana state legislator and a past mayor of New Orleans, Morial said he is keenly aware of how some of Louisiana's predominantly Anglo parishes reap the benefit of tax dollars derived from their African-American prisoners. "These are dollars that should be flowing back to towns and communities

where African Americans live," Morial said.

An investigative report by The Times-Picayune shows how, through monetary profit-sharing arrangements for local sheriffs, the private prison industry has incentivized longer sentences and higher rates of incarceration in Louisiana.

Morial, a past chair of a presidentially appointed advisory committee on the census, said the issue of prison-based gerrymandering had received more comments than on any other census question issue during his tenure. He had high expectations that the Census Bureau would have considered steps to end that practice, especially if the decision had been left to the Census Bureau's professional staff. He said his hopes have been dashed under the Trump administration. "The census has been politicized," Morial contended.

"The census undercount began with [enslaved] African Americans relegated to being considered only three-fifths of a person in the first census," Morial said, "and now the practice of prison-based ger-

rymandering has become one that is largely an African-American issue, regardless of our political affiliation. We have to begin look at some other remedies to force the issue."

Morial did not specify whether litigation would be an option to address prison-based gerrymandering, but he wholly supported the panelists who said they are intent on pursuing litigation against Ross and the Census Bureau on the citizenship question. Those actions would augment lawsuits already initiated by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, among others, including The U.S. Conference of Mayors which includes prominent Republican members.

At the heart of the disputed census citizenship question is the issue of trust between the U.S. government and America's residents. One reporter asked whether census data could again be used to assist U.S. government agencies in detaining immigrants as occurred with Japanese Americans at the onset of World War II.

John Yang, president and

executive director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, said, "The confidentiality and privacy provisions have been strengthened greatly since that time in direct response to what happened - that travesty that happened during World War II."

The Census Bureau is prohibited from sharing census data, a ban that extends to the IRS, Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Yang asserted. He said American residents have an obligation to assure the best census, an outcome that would accrue to the benefit of all, including to Asian Americans who have the highest growth rate of ethnic communities in the United States.

From Arturo Vargas's perspective, the damage to the trust between the U.S. government and its peoples has already been done by even raising the citizenship question - even if the parties litigating against Commerce Secretary Ross and the Census Bureau are successful.

"I see it every day," Vargas, said, "that people are afraid of their own government."

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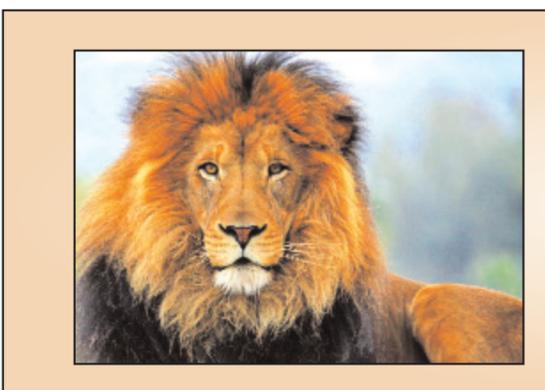
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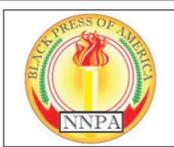
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CHILDWATCH

Remembering Dr. King

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I first heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak in person on April 19, 1960 at Spelman College's Sisters Chapel during my senior year in college. Dr. King was just 31 but he had already gained a national reputation during the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott five years earlier. The profound impact on me of hearing Dr. King that first time is evident in my diary where I repeated long portions of his speech that had vibrated the chords of my freedom- and justice-hungry soul. It is not often that great leaders and great turning points in history converge and sweep us up in a movement.



Marian W. Edelman

Dr. King became a mentor and friend. Many children today have come to see him as a history book hero - a larger-than-life, mythical figure. But it's crucial for them to understand Dr. King wasn't a superhuman with magical powers, but a real person - just like all the other ministers, parents, teachers, neighbors, and other familiar adults in their lives today. Although I do remember him as a great leader and a hero, I also remember him as someone able to admit how often he was afraid and unsure about his next step. But faith prevailed over fear, uncertainty, fatigue, and sometimes depression. It was his human vulnerability and ability to rise above it that I most remember. "If I Can Help Somebody Along the Way" was his favorite song.

Dr. King's greatness lay in his willingness to struggle to hear and see the truth; to not give into fear, uncertainty and despair; to continue to grow and to never lose hope, despite every discouragement from his government and even his closest friends and advisers. He would say: "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." That first morning I heard him at Spelman he told us to always keep moving forward: "If you cannot fly, drive; if you cannot drive, run; if you cannot run, walk; if you cannot walk, crawl. But keep moving. Keep moving forward."

Ten years ago I wrote a letter to Dr. King in my book *The Sea Is So Wide and My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation*. I rewrite just a small part of it here:

Although you have been gone fifty years, you are with me every day. We have made much but far from enough progress in overcoming the tenacious national demons of racism, poverty, materialism, and militarism you repeatedly warned could destroy America and all of God's creation. So I wanted to write you a letter on what we have done and still have to do to realize your and America's dream. What a privilege it was to know, work with, and learn from you in the struggle to end racial segregation, discrimination, and poverty in our land.

Just as many Old and New Testament prophets in the Bible were rejected, scorned, and dishonored in their own land in their times, so were you by many when you walked among us. Now that you are dead, many Americans remember you warmly but have sanitized and trivialized your message and life. They remember Dr. King the great orator but not Dr. King the disturber of unjust peace. They applaud the Dr. King who opposed violence but not the Dr. King who called for massive nonviolent demonstrations to end war and poverty in our national and world house.

They applaud your great 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech but ignore the promissory note still bouncing at America's bank of justice, waiting to be cashed by millions who are poor and non-White. And they forget your repeated nightmares: the deaths of the four little girls in the Birmingham church and of three young civil rights workers in Mississippi's Freedom Summer and others across the South; the cries for Black Power begun during James Meredith's March Against Fear that you and others completed after he was shot; the growing violence in urban ghettos in southern and northern cities; the horrible, relentless violations of your human rights by FBI director J. Edgar Hoover; the storm of criticism that greeted your opposition to the Vietnam War, which you saw was stealing the hopes and lives of the poor at home and in that poor country; the outbreak of violence in a Memphis march you led in support of garbage workers; and the resistance to your call for a Poor People's Campaign to end the poverty then afflicting 25.4 million Americans, including 11 million children. We now have more than 40 million people who are poor in America including more than 13.2 million children although our gross domestic product (GDP) is more than three times larger than in 1968. And the income gap between rich and poor in the United States continues at historically high levels and higher than in every other wealthy industrialized nation.

But you struggled on as the civil rights leadership splintered, as White Americans tired of Black demands, and as the country became preoccupied with Vietnam. I marveled every night during the long Meredith March from Memphis to Jackson at your patient discussions with Stokely Carmichael and Willie Ricks and other SNCC leaders who wanted to exclude Whites from the movement and push you to endorse all necessary means for change, including violence. You listened as they vented their justified frustrations about the slow pace of racial progress and you tried to reason with them, repudiating their proposed "Black Power" slogan and strategies without repudiating them. You taught me and others of your followers how to parse out the good from the not so good, and to always seek common ground. And when you had no immediate solution you gave others the courtesy of a respectful hearing.

In the years between Montgomery and Memphis, you listened, learned, grew, and spoke the truth about what you discerned, and resisted those who sought to ghettoize your concern for social justice and peace. After your opposition to the Vietnam War provoked a firestorm of criticism by Whites, Blacks, friends, and

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Visual Voice



MATTERS OF OPINION

REALITY CHECK

Positive Black folks in action

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Sometimes, when witnessing the basic apathy of too many Black folks in this country, it is tempting to throw one's hands in the air and say, "Forget it."

Fortunately, there are numerous Black folks who are involved with and contributing to our economic, cultural and political interests. They are most definitely positive Black folks in action.

They are the kind of people the great journalist/historian, Lerone Bennett Jr., was referring to when he wrote, "Given the way we were forced to live in this society, the miracle is not that so many families are broken, but that so many are



A. Peter Bailey

still together. That so many Black fathers are still at home. That so many Black mothers are still raising good children. It is the incredible toughness and resilience in Black people that gives me hope."

Those tough and resilient positive Black folks in action include the following:

I. James Clingman and Bill Reid whose writings about economic affairs regularly warn us that we are not making maximum or even minimum use of our individual and collective economic resources. The basis of their positions is that until we do so, we will not empower ourselves in any real way.

II. Joomay Odongo, who is a pivotal figure with the emerging, visionary Pan African Federalist Movement. It is based on the proposition that only the continent of Africa, assisted by Africans in the diaspora, can effectively negotiate with the continent of

North America (aka USA) or the sub-continent of China. Anything else is basically just blowing smoke.

III. The Brothers and Sisters who founded and support the Ujamaa School in Northwest Washington, D.C. Some of their students recently participated in a tribute to Carter G. Woodson. Their drumming was both very moving and very inspirational. The response to the young drummers and the other students in attendance clearly showed the value of an Afrocentric education.

IV. Haile Geroma, who produced and directed the masterpiece film, "Sankofa." What made Haile's film so important and unique was its focus on the enslavers' attacks on the minds of African people as well as the physical attacks. His Sankofa Café is an absolute cultural haven for serious people of African descent from throughout the world.

V. Shirikiana Aina who produced and directed the engrossing and invaluable film, "Footprints of Pan Africanism." The film shows Pan Africanism in action by featuring black folks from the continent of North America who actually moved to Africa in the late 1950s and 1960s to actually participate in its emergence from European colonialism.

VI. Dr. Indira Etwaroo who is executive director of the Billie Holiday Theatre in Brooklyn, New York. She has made that space into a compelling center where one can receive a total Black cultural experience. In January, she provided that experience for over 30 black theatre and dance students from a dozen colleges and universities.

BAILEY

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Will the HUD secretary enforce the Fair Housing Act?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The Fair Housing Act was passed a week after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. President Lyndon Johnson encouraged Congress to pass the legislation as a tribute to the slain civil rights leader, who, along with several civil rights organizations (including the N A A C P), strongly supported the act.

African-American veteran's organizations (including the American GI Forum) were especially passionate about the legislation, especially since Vietnam veterans were among those experiencing severe housing discrimination. Senator Ed Brooke (R-MA), the only African-American in the Senate at the time, along with his Massachusetts colleague, Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) was especially focused on the legislation.

The Fair Housing Act is also known as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (which was later amended in 1988) prevents discrimination in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of housing because of race, color, religion, disability, family status, and national origin. But with the severe wealth inequality in our nation, there

are still major gaps between homeownership by race, and African American households were more heavily impacted by the Great Recession than any other race group. Between 2004 and 2016, every group experienced a decline in homeownership, but while whites experienced a 4.1 percent decline, African American households experienced a 7 percent decline, dropping from nearly half (49 percent) of Black households owning homes to just 41.9 percent. Meanwhile, white homeownership remained over 70 percent. As much as a third of African American wealth was wiped out by the Great Recession, and this is partly due to discrimination in banking, including the ways that some banks aggressively pushed subprime loans on African Americans, even those who qualified for traditional loans.

HUD is the federal agency that is responsible for enforcing the Fair Housing Act, as well as providing rental assistance, public housing, and housing vouchers for those who cannot afford housing on their incomes. Our 45th President had proposed deep cuts in the HUD budget, but the budget that was passed on March 23, 2018, just hours before the government was scheduled to shut down, actually adds money to the HUD budget, especially in the rental assistance and public housing capital funds program (http://nlhc.org/sites/default/files/NLHC_HUD-USDA_Budget-Chart.pdf). Still, cuts are scheduled for the next fiscal year, and the issue of non-discriminatory and affordable housing remains pressing.

But will HUD Secretary Ben Carson enforce the Fair Housing Act and effectively administer an agency that can make a difference in the quality of life for low-income people? One has to raise the question, especially as Dr. Carson seems to want to spend more time looking for a \$30,000 dining table than administering his agency. 45's pick of Carson to administer the agency was a strange one, given that Carson's only qualification for running one of the government's largest agencies seems to be that his mom avoided public housing because of its "dangers". 45 does not seem to be high on finding qualified people to run HUD. The New York HUD administrator, Lynn Patton, was Eric Trump's wedding planner!

It may seem snarky to point out things that some would call "minor", and both Patton and Carson will, perhaps, grow into their roles. But the work to do (or not do) make a difference in the quality of life, and the quality of housing, for millions of Americans. And, there is no evidence that Carson has spearheaded innovative programs (wait - did I write Carson and "innovative programs" in the same sentence?) to close the homeownership gap or to help African American families recover from the ravages of the Great

Recession. Furthermore, while this has little to do with Carson, the effort to roll back Dodd-Frank reforms and the evisceration of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau disempowers consumers, especially those of low and moderate incomes. By making it more difficult to file class action lawsuits, individuals who experience banking discrimination are handicapped in their ability to fight back. Carson, singing from the 45 playbook, when he opens up his mouth at all, is not likely to be an effective advocate for the people he has frequently disdained.

Indeed, though he has thrown his wife, Candy, under the bus on the matter of the dining table, he is no different from other Cabinet officials who have a "let them eat cake" attitude toward those they serve. First class travel, high-end furniture, and chicanery are the name of the 45 Cabinet game. Fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act as a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is not clear that the current HUD Secretary will be a warrior in the fight against housing discrimination.

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foes, you correctly asserted that "nothing in the commandments you believed in set any national boundaries around the neighbors you were called to love." Black people told you to be quiet, not anger President Johnson and jeopardize his support for civil rights and antipoverty efforts. White people told you to be quiet because you were not an expert on foreign policy, as if Black leaders

and citizens had no stake in a war tearing our nation apart and taking disproportionate numbers of Black children's lives, forgetting it was the "experts" that got us into this ill-fated war in the first place. Some contributors deserted you as you called not only for an end to the Vietnam War but for a fairer distribution of our country's vast resources between the rich and the poor. Why, they asked, were you pushing the nation to do more on the tail of the greatest civil rights strides ever and chal-

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for massive nonviolent action in the service of justice and peace. And you gave us your life. Thank you. We will carry on. Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose *Leave No Child Behind* mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

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VII. Thomas Muhammad, whose documentary, "Malcolm X: Impact on the Black Power Movement," provides an opportunity to learn more about Brother Malcolm from primary sources such as Earl Grant, one of his top aides who knew him better than anyone else still around; Calvin and Eleanor Sinnett, whom Brother Malcolm called the

night before he was assassinated and Joanne Bland, who as an 11-year old marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on Bloody Sunday and who heard Brother Malcolm speak in Brown's Chapel, the headquarters for the civil rights cause in Selma.

VIII. The Rev. Howard-John Wesley, the pastor of historic Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. His is noted for delivering modern-day Bible-based sermons with an old school style. The com-

pellung young pastor is, in every sense of the word, a communicator par excellence.

IX. The Howard University Students who, instead of heading to a beach or other hot spots during spring break, participated in the Alternative Spring Break Project. They travelled to numerous cities and towns in the United States, Haiti and Puerto Rico to assist people in need. That was a righteous move.

A quote attributed to Nelson Mandela says "A good head

and a good heart are a formidable combination." The tough and resilient positive black folks in action cited above have that formidable combination.

My plan is to do one such column in each quarter in 2018. If a reader wants to submit a candidate, please send me the name and accomplishment.

A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is *Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher*; can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
Sexism matters

The festivities for the commemoration of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have ended; the masses of people who flooded Memphis and Washington DC have gone home, but the question lingers overhead like a storm cloud: "Now what?"

There has been some progress in the work to dilute or at least neutralize racism, but, of course, everyone who has one iota of social awareness recognizes that in this country, racism is still the bullying and arrogant presence it has always been. White supremacy is part of the core of America; it is the reason that the Founding Fathers had to argue over whether or not African Americans were human, number one, and number two, humans worthy of the rights afforded to all American citizens. The inbred racism of the Founding Fathers indicated that they did not believe either.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

But racism is not the only sore that plagues this nation. Sexism is still a major component of the American belief system and, just as women, too, were not thought to be worthy of full American citizenship by the Founding Fathers, neither has that implicit (and too many times, explicit) bias been eliminated from our culture.

Nowhere was this starker than this week in Memphis at the historic Bishop Mason Temple, Church of God in Christ, where Dr. King delivered his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" sermon. Early in the day, a conference was held in the church, where icons of the Civil Rights movement, including Rev. Dr. James Lawson and Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. and men who had been a part of the original sanitation workers' strike, gave moving messages.

At the beginning of the conference, it was a woman's voice that announced the panel discussion was about to begin. It was her voice that brought actor Danny Glover to the podium to begin introductions of the panelists.

Only her voice. In the evening, it was a woman's voice, again, which told us to take our seats, and which introduced the speakers and singers for the evening. She was not at the podium and was not, in fact, anywhere visible. The pulpit area was flooded with men - primarily, it seemed, African American clergy. There were a few "church mothers" allowed in that space. Rev. Dr. Bernice King was the only woman to grace that pulpit. Women were given their role, which was to entertain the crowd, and while their voices were phenomenal, something did not seem right.

Where were the voices and the bodies of the women who helped make the movement what it was? Yes, it was wonderful to hear from Ambassador Andrew Young and Rev. Jackson and Rev. Lawson and others, but the event would have been more balanced had women been included - not just over a sound system but in body at the podium, telling the story of how this man was a willing servant in a movement which included the hard work, love and sacrifice of many - especially and including women.

Toward the end of his life, Dr. King seemed to pivot from concentrating primarily on the attainment of civil rights for black people to the attainment of human rights for all people. Because of the time period in which he lived, he most probably was sexist, but he certainly knew the extreme value women played in getting the goals of the movement accomplished. In turning his attention to the plight of the poor, he stated unequivocally that the poor included all people of all races, and none of them deserved the suffering poverty caused them.

Our culture still struggles with some of the "isms" that have always plagued us. Too many black churches still will not allow women into the pulpit; too many revivals or Seven Last Words services are still closed to female preachers. Sexism within the culture is pervasive, and sexism within the black religious world seems to be even more so. Our actions as a culture seem to indicate that the "dream" of equality does not include women.

It was right to remember Dr. King's work; it was right to point out how he understood the value and the need for religion and labor to work together for the human rights of all people. It was right to reward the surviving sanitation workers who endured the horrific treatment they received just because they were black, but who refused to back away from their demand for dignity.

All of that was right. But it was wrong to minimize and ignore the important role of women in getting America to where it is today. The contributions of women were ignored and it was painfully noticeable.

The sound of the voice of a woman over the sound system, a message that said that women were to be heard and not seen, seemed to indicate that maybe we do not understand the concept of "beloved community" after all.

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TO BE EQUAL

10,000 small businesses have potential to close the racial wealth gap

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Investing to support the launch and growth of Black-owned businesses could build wealth for individuals and their families, assist with closing the wealth gap, revitalize communities, and contribute to an overall healthier economy, which benefits us all. To do so, thoughtful and innovative approaches are required to overcome the exponential effects of the interplay among the wealth gap, the credit gap, and the trust gap. While challenging, this is worth striving for so that we can move one step closer to an inclusive economy." - Association of Enterprise Opportunity, "The Tapestry of Black Business Ownership In America"

If every Black-owned business with employees added two Black workers and 15 percent of those with no employees hired just one Black worker, the racial unemployment gap in the United States would be virtually eliminated.



Marc Morial

A recent study on Black entrepreneurship concluded that Black-owned businesses could be a key to closing the racial wealth gap. While white adults have 13 times the wealth of Black adults, the gap between white

and Black business owners is only three to one. The median net worth for Black business owners is 12 times higher than Black nonbusiness owners.

That's why supporting and nurturing small business growth is one of the National Urban League's top priorities, and Goldman-Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is one of our most important partnerships. Through greater access to education, capital and business support services, 10,000 Small Businesses graduates are able to grow their revenues and create jobs at rates that outperform the economy in general.

In 2016, 47 percent of businesses grew their revenues. But 30 months after graduation, nearly 78 percent of 10,000 Small Businesses alumni

increased revenues. About 25 percent of businesses added jobs. But, at 30 months, more than 56 percent of 10,000 Small Businesses alumni created jobs.

In this 50th anniversary year of examining racial progress since the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the enormous role of Black-owned businesses in the Civil Rights Movement cannot be overstated. As Boston University historian Louis Ferleger notes, the success of the Montgomery bus boycott depended upon Montgomery's 18 black-owned taxi companies, operating more than 200 cabs.

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Are you getting your money's worth?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Recently, Chris Rock made a good point when he said that, for the past 30 years, Senator Mitch McConnell has represented the State of Kentucky, and he's one of the nation's most powerful and richest senators. It's great to be rich, but Chris and I question how this power and wealth translate into actions which benefit his constituents. Theoretically, he could give some assistance with a portion of his personal wealth and provide even greater assistance with his legislative sway. Yet, a majority of Kentuckians live below the poverty level.

When I tried to learn what McConnell does to help the poor and marginalized, a more surprising fact emerged. Prior to 2008, in terms of wealth, Senator

McConnell was well below the average of U.S. Senators in wealth. My current research tells me that he now has accumulated at least 22.8 million of personal wealth. Inquiring minds want to know, "How did he become the wealthiest less than 10 years later?" This is a question that not only Kentuckians, but all voters need to ask legislators supposedly elected to represent their interests. I think that few voters have a problem with wealth so long as it is earned honestly and without compromising voter wellbeing.

With so many speakers, during the past week, speaking about the challenges of keeping Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's dream alive, I thought it a good idea to suggest that we examine the backgrounds and voting records of all of our representatives who, while in office, mysteriously gain unusual wealth - even as they vote against the best interests of the poor and marginalized people they have sworn to represent. One does not have to be wealthy to stand against such malfeasance or make her/his vote count.

Let us ponder a bit:

What if we joined with other marginalized people to vote for legislators who truly represent our interests or to vote out those who don't? The groundwork has been laid. Significant numbers of voters are already working on gun control, joblessness and poverty, a clean and healthy environment, DACA students who deserve to have a pathway to citizenship, and others who want their reasonable efforts to mean something that would make life in this nation better for all of us. All we now need is the will to coalesce.

What if more white women voted in their best interest instead of their biases, as they did in the 2016 election? That means supporting the Equal Rights Amendment. It means voting for social justice, fair housing and fair voting rights. What if, between now and the 2018 elections and 2020, we opened honest discourse about the interests we have in common and realistic measures to achieve them?

In a nation as prosperous as ours, instead of the Dow

Jones, shouldn't our concern be directed toward three meals a day and a warm place to sleep for all of our citizens? After we have met the basic survival needs of the masses, we can begin to tackle the issues that we accuse of dividing us. Only together can we solve challenges like racism, inequality, sexism and social injustice. We must learn that progress and positive change is not an all-or-nothing, win-or-lose proposition. My guess is that with a full stomach, a little money in the bank, and with the door of opportunity swinging open, many of our more pressing conflicts will seem less important.

The real challenge we must overcome is the disease of poverty and lack. Our nation is bleeding for a leader to step forward to say, "Send me, Lord; I'll go." Maybe the "Poor People's Campaign" led by Bishop William Barber is the right vehicle. Let's give it a try.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Winnie Mandela bore the scars of battle, helped heal a nation

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

This week, Winnie Madikizela Mandela will be laid to rest and honored at a state funeral in South Africa. To many, she was loved as the "mother of the nation" even in her final days.

When the roll is called of freedom fighters who changed the world and made it better, the name Winnie Mandela will rank near the top of the list.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

She was the fourth of eight children born to two teachers in what is now Eastern Cape Province in South Africa. Her Xhosa name was Nomzamo (She who tries). Despite all the obstacles of apartheid, she graduated from college and moved to Johannesburg as the city's first black social worker. Her research on the high infant mortality rate in a black township was central to her politicization.

At the age of 22, she met and married a young lawyer and anti-apartheid activist, Nelson Mandela. They had two daughters together before he was sentenced to Robben Island, where he was kept for the next 27 years.

Even before Mandela was

locked away, she was active in the anti-apartheid movement, jailed while pregnant for two weeks for participating in a women's protest against apartheid.

With Mandela in jail and other leaders exiled or jailed, Winnie Mandela became the public face and voice of the anti-apartheid movement. She had children to raise and a nation to help emancipate.

Few outside of South Africa knew much about the ANC or Nelson Mandela or Robben Island where he was locked away out of sight. This is before cell phones, social media or cable networks. For 27 years, she was his voice, his social media, his Facebook, spreading the word, keeping the faith.

She faced death threats, house arrest, torture, internal exile, banishment, isolation and government slander. She took the hits within and without. But she never bowed. She never surrendered.

Upon her death, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa paid public tribute to her sacrifice and leadership: "For many years, she bore the brunt of the senseless brutality of the apartheid state with stoicism and fortitude. Despite the hardship, she faced she never doubted that the struggle for freedom and democracy would triumph and succeed."

I will never forget the Sunday morning when she left

Robben Island with Nelson Mandela, even as he forgave the prison guards that had kept them apart.

"The wife of a freedom fighter is often like a widow, even when her husband is not in prison," Mandela wrote. And he added: "Winnie gave me cause for hope. I felt as though I had a new and second chance at life. My love for her gave me the added strength for the struggles that lay ahead."

Winnie Mandela was always admired and loved by the people she helped to free. She served in parliament from 1994 to 2003, on the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress and was the head of its Women's League.

Winnie and I talked for many hours about liberation and life, hopes and dreams in South Africa, Europe and the United States. One of the last times I saw her was in Selma, Ala. She had traveled to that small, historic city to join in honoring the struggle against apartheid in America.

The punishment she suffered took a brutal toll physically and psychologically. She and Mandela divorced a few years after his release, and as she later regretted, in the midst of the struggle, "things went terribly wrong." In 2003, after being convicted for her misdeeds, she resigned from the parliament and the ANC Executive Committee. Her political

career seemed finished.

But she internalized her pain, paid for her mistakes and kept moving forward. She was knocked down, but she always got up. She knew the ground is no place for a champion. The love and respect of her people never left her.

In 2009, the ANC, which had condemned her earlier misdeeds, listed her near the top of their election list, a true testament to her enduring popularity.

South African apartheid was a remorseless system of repression, as a small white minority brutalized an African majority. Standing up to that system took immense courage and required great sacrifice.

By her stripes, many are healed and apartheid is behind us. She lived the first 50 years of her life under a violent racial apartheid system and now she goes on to live in eternal peace.

Now she stands with the righteous judge of all nations and all people. For years, Nelson Mandela and the ANC were labeled terrorists by a U.S. government that saw the apartheid government as its ally. Against those odds, Winnie Mandela stood tall. She fought for freedom and demanded respect.

I am proud to join with millions across the world in paying her that respect.

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

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"Histories of the civil rights movement that emphasize the glory and successes of charismatic leaders only tell part of the story," Ferleger writes. "Small Black-owned businesses were critical because they were empowered to engage in civic participation. These businesses were uniquely situated to support the civil rights movement and also parted the waters."

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THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St. Information on local get out the vote efforts for the May primary and other vital community and state issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

Community Briefs

Williston Senior High Class of '61 will hold its 2018 second quarter class meeting on Sunday, April 22nd at Mt. Olive AME Church Fellowship hall, 1001 S. 7th Street at 4:00 p.m. All graduates and those that were on track and out of town classmates that will be in Wilmington, NC on the 22nd are invited.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS! CO-SIGNING...

What lenders really look for....

Dear Reader: "DON'T DO IT!"

Definition of cosigner: A person who signs an official document (such as a loan, contract, or law) with another person that guarantees the person for whom they are cosigning will repay the debt on-time and in-full. They are contractually obligated to repay the debt if the person they cosigned for fails to pay. As a cosigner, you are as responsible for the debt as the person for whom you cosigned. In other words: "IF THEY DON'T PAY, YOU HAVE TO." IF neither pays, when their credit goes bad due to non-payment, SO DOES YOUR CREDIT.

Keep in mind the reason most need a co-signer is no credit but mainly POOR credit. Their history shows a habit of not paying their obligations so chances are that pattern will continue and the lender will want someone else to hold responsible. There was a time I use to say the only exception that it's okay to co-sign is if a Parent co-signs for their child. I no longer believe that and heres why. Even if the person you co-signed for pays the debt on time, it still can hurt you if you are trying to purchase a home. Last week I told you about Debt/Ratio and how the amount of bills you have dictates how much house you can buy. I have seen parents wishing to purchase a home and their debt/ratio is so off due to

having an extra loan, usually a car payment they co-signed. That extra \$250-\$400 car payment is the difference between continuing to rent or purchasing a home less desirable. It is better to help your child build their own credit up by adding their name to your existing credit cards. No access to the card is required. You could assist them in getting a secured credit card of their own, a rent to own account, small jewel account, etc. There are many ways to help them build credit so you won't have to co-sign and delay your ability to use your credit for what's most important, GETTING THAT DEED and building wealth/inheritance for the entire family. Now let me talk to the Ladies for a minute, "Sis I encourage you to use extreme caution and wisdom and do not co-sign for BOO to get ANYTHING." TRUE STORY: I saw a young lady with good credit with a loan approval in hand to buy a home up to \$150,000 drop to a \$90,000 approval once she co-signed for BOO's new car and had a new debt on her credit. Then I saw that \$90,000 approval go to NO approval when BOO stopped paying. When she and BOO broke up, BOO rolled out with the car. She was mad and would not pay either and now her credit is jacked up and now she's singing "I'll bust the windows out your car" and oh my goodness!... So let me just end this week with the way I started... "Dear Reader...DON'T DO IT!". Until next week...

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

A garden is a lot of enjoyment

Spring has arrived at last, and we usually enjoy spending more time outdoors during this season. Gardening is one of the things many of us enjoy most, and it is time for making special arrangements for gardening. A garden is an area set aside where we might grow various kinds of herbs, fruit, vegetables and even flowers are grown and cultivated. It is good to get up early in the morning and go out and get a good cool start working in the garden. This is an activity enjoyed by not only older adults, but also by young adults and small children. Children usually need the assistance of more experi-



Verniece Stanley

enced adults who have already had success with the gardening process. Today, particularly in rural areas, more and more folks are doing a good bit of gardening. Usually the gardens are located near the houses. It is interesting to view different gardens to see what is being grown and how successful different gardeners are with the cultivation of various garden plants. There are all kinds of fertilizers and weed killers, including certain organic materials which enhance healthy and hardy growth and that kill weeds. It goes without saying that our plants need plenty of sunshine and water for their best growth.

In our flower gardens there may be a vast array of various kinds of flower. For example, we may have several varieties of daisies, roses, geranium, tulips, etc. There are various arrangements we put together

with different flowers, hanging baskets, cut stem bouquets, etc. There are so many things we can do with flowers to uplift other people. We can take them to the aged or the ill, the heartbroken or the bereaved, etc. They have a way of bringing happiness to so many different people in so many different ways.

We can reach out to others with our fruit and vegetables from our gardens by taking them fresh fruit and vegetables in an effort to build and sustain goodwill and promote healthful living in the community. Some people even take their produce from their gardens to the farmers' market for sale on weekends, primarily during the summer months. Foods from our gardens can be frozen or "canned" to eat at a later time, most normally during the winter months.

Gardening can bring much good encouragement to keep

us in good health, whether or not we realize it. Also, the fruit of our labors can give us pride in our work, healthful living, and another way in which to help others toward healthful living.

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Twins proudly serving



AARON G. HAUGABROOK



AMIR G. HAUGABROOK

Aaron G. Haugabrook and Amir G. Haugabrook are 2017 graduates of Cary High School in Cary, North Carolina.

After graduation they realized they needed to make some decisions regarding their

future. After much consideration they decided to take a close look at the possibility of serving in the United States Marines.

After completing the interview process, passing the required aptitude exams, physical exams and background investigations, they were accepted into the Marines and assigned to the Paris Island Marine Corps Base in South

Carolina.

After eight weeks of rigorous mental, physical, psychological and marksmanship training, they graduated honorably and on schedule. Having completed basic training they were assigned to Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina for specialized training.

Aaron is presently in Hawaii for advance training and Amir

is at Camp Lejeune and soon will be deployed to Norway for advance training.

Aaron and Amir are the sons of proud parents, Cathy Thomas and Gerrard Haugabrook. They are the grandsons of William (Sugar Bear) Allen and Carol Thomas.

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Plays Vital Role in U.S. Security

No one understands the connection between energy security and national security better than the military, and veterans like me strongly support expanding oil and natural gas production, both onshore and offshore. It is a rather easy choice when the options are (1) safely produce oil and natural gas here at home, or (2) defer to hostile and despotic regimes outside the U.S.

There's no question that U.S. oil and natural gas production plays a vital role in enhancing the national security interests of our nation and our allies around the world. The rise of the U.S. as the world's leading producer of oil and natural gas has effectively curtailed the power of countries like Russia and Iran, who heavily rely upon energy as a geopolitical tool. And offshore energy resources are a big part of our success. Providing more than 1 million barrels of oil per day for the past 20 years, offshore energy is the backbone of a domestic energy revolution that has shaken up global energy markets and helped to drive down prices for homes and businesses.

While we've been producing oil and natural gas in the western and central Gulf of Mexico for decades, 94 percent of federally controlled offshore acreage remains off limits to production. It is vital to our military and national interests that we expand opportunities for exploration and production.

That's just what a proposal from the Interior Department would do. The department's draft proposed leasing program for 2019-2024 opens the door to responsible energy exploration in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic. Government estimates indicate 90 billion barrels of oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of natural gas could be awaiting discovery on the U.S. outer continental shelf (OCS). Opening additional areas to development could generate hundreds of thousands of jobs and lead to production gains of more than a million barrels of oil equivalent per day – further reducing dependence on overseas energy.

State officials from Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas – where offshore energy exploration actually is allowed – are onboard. These policymakers and their constituents have experienced firsthand the economic growth that energy development brings to communities, and they know that energy operations safely coexist with other industries – and with military activity. As more than 20 members of Congress wrote to the Interior Department, "(The) experience in the Gulf of Mexico over decades clearly demonstrates the compatibility between oil and gas activities and other ocean uses, including military training, tourism, and commercial and recreational fishing – all of which thrive cooperatively in the Gulf."



By Lieutenant Colonel Dennis O. Freytes
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The key word when it comes to military compatibility is "cooperatively." Under longstanding practice, military leaders control the location and conditions of energy development near its bases, and a long history of coordination with the Department of the Interior ensures that energy activities follow any necessary stipulations. In the central Gulf of Mexico, in close proximity to Texas and Louisiana ports and military bases, 36 percent of leases are located in military use areas, and military activities have been carried out successfully and without conflict.

In a recent letter, Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick M Shanahan recognized that an expanded offshore energy strategy "is intent on increasing domestic energy production to fortify national security objectives and reduce our dependency on imported energy" adding that the Defense Department "supports the development of national domestic energy resources in concert with enabling military operations, training and testing."

Not only is offshore development compatible with other critical industries and military activity, it is safer than ever. Through joint efforts from industry experts and government regulators, more than 100 industry safety and environmental standards have been created or strengthened since 2010, and the industry launched the Center for Offshore Safety to ensure continual safety improvements.

Our nation has come a long way in advancing our national security interests through the development of U.S. oil and natural gas resources, especially our offshore energy resources. Given the long lead time necessary in offshore development, decisions we make today will determine our energy security 15 years into the future, and beyond. It makes sense to keep as many options on the table as possible. Let's focus on the facts and move forward with policies that enable our energy and military sectors to thrive as the greatest in the world.



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Smithfield Foods donation helps fund the development of life-saving technology

RICHMOND, Va., The Smithfield Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Smithfield Foods, Inc., is pleased to announce a \$75,000 challenge grant to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) to fund a proof of concept phase for UNOS' Timely Donor Referrals technology pilot. Smithfield will match dollar-for-dollar all donations made to UNOS for the program, up to \$75,000.

UNOS serves as the nation's organ transplant system, matching donated organs with the more than 100,000 men, women, and children awaiting lifesaving organ transplants. UNOS members encompass every transplant hospital, tissue-matching laboratory, and organ procurement organization in the United States, as well as voluntary health and professional societies, ethicists, transplant patients, and organ donor advocates.

The Timely Donor Referrals technology project's goal is to change the inefficient manual processes utilized by hospital staff in the nation's 5,500 donor hos-

pitals when notifying of a potential organ donor. Automated technology will more quickly, securely, and reliably exchange highly time-sensitive information between the donor hospital and one of the nation's 58 Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs). The dynamic outcome of this project could exponentially increase the number of life-saving organs available for transplantation.

"We're tremendously grateful to Smithfield and all of our Timely Donor Referrals project donors for helping us to realize our goal of easing access to critical transplant information," said Brian Shepard, chief executive officer of UNOS. "Once developed, this technology will mean more organs recovered and transplanted, higher data quality and information security, and time and dollars saved. Ultimately, it will mean more lives saved."

The Timely Donor Referrals pilot project will build technology to integrate with the varied electronic medical record (EMR) systems used by the nation's

health systems. Over the next several months, UNOS will form a collaborative team of OPOs, hospitals, and EMR vendors. During the proof of concept phase they will identify, develop, and test solutions, as well as analyze the cost benefits and expense for a national implementation of this solution.

"Smithfield is proud to support UNOS and believes its mission to advance organ availability and transplantation is incredibly important to the improvement of public health," said Keira Lombardo, senior vice president of corporate affairs for Smithfield Foods and president of the Smithfield Foundation. "We look forward to seeing the life-saving benefits of this platform and commend UNOS on its innovative approach to advancing technology in health care."

Smithfield's contribution to UNOS is just one way the company is investing in healthcare innovations and advancements. Last month, Smithfield announced a research partnership with the University of Virginia (UVA) School of Engineering

& Applied Science to explore and advance regenerative medicine technologies leveraging porcine bioproducts. The research is part of a collaborative project between UVA and Smithfield Bioscience, the company's new strategic business platform focused on supporting a range of biotechnology solutions in areas of human therapeutics, tissue fabrication, and regenerative medicine.

The Smithfield Foundation's challenge grant provides an exciting opportunity for UNOS to obtain the needed funding to develop this technology. Individuals, corporations, and foundations interested in making a philanthropic investment in this project can contact the Department of Philanthropy or make a gift online. These gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Smithfield Foundation, up to \$75,000.

For more information about UNOS, please visit UNOS.org.

For more information about Smithfield Bioscience, please visit smithfieldbioscience.com.

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About UNOS

UNOS serves as the nation's organ transplant system, providing vital services to meet the needs of men, women and children awaiting lifesaving organ transplants. Based in Richmond, Va., UNOS is a private, nonprofit IRS-designated 501(c)(3) organization. UNOS members encompass every transplant hospital, tissue-matching laboratory and organ procurement organization in the United States, as well as voluntary health and professional societies, ethicists, transplant patients and organ donor advocates. For more information, visit UNOS.org.

White Sox rehire wrongfully convicted former employee who spent nearly 21 years in prison

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE
(TriceEdneyWire.com)

When the umpire yells, "Play ball!" at the next Chicago White Sox game, Nevest Coleman will be safe at home with the team that rehired him after he spent nearly 21 years in prison for crimes he didn't commit.

Coleman was released from prison on November 20, 2017, when the Cook County State's Attorney vacated his conviction after DNA evidence cleared him of murder, kidnapping and rape charges. He was sentenced to prison when he was 25; he is now 49.

In March, he rejoined the White Sox grounds crew at Guaranteed Rate Field, assuming a job he held when the stadium was Comiskey Park. His job involves power washing, working with the

tarp and other odd jobs.

Coleman said he's happy to be back. "They did not have to hire me back," he told MLB.com. "I appreciate the White Sox giving me the opportunity." The White Sox also are happy he's back. Several photos of a smiling Coleman appear on the team's website.

He last worked for the team in 1994 when he was sentenced to life plus 30 years for the April 28, 1994 murder of Antwinica Bridgeman, whose body was found the basement of an apartment building on Chicago's South Side, according to the Exoneration Project at the University of Chicago Law School.

Although Coleman denied any knowledge of the crime, and there wasn't any physical evidence linking him to

Bridgeman's horrible murder, a court convicted him of all charges based on the testimony of unscrupulous Chicago detectives who had a history of destroying the lives of innocent men by sending them to prison. Before his conviction, Coleman, a father and now a grandfather, never had been arrested.

Nearly 20 years after his conviction, the Cook County State's Attorney's conviction integrity unit began re-investigating his case. In August 2017, Russell Ainsworth, an Exoneration Project attorney, filed a post-conviction petition on behalf of Coleman based on DNA evidence that cleared him of the crimes.

Coleman's petition also cited evidence that four detectives investigating his case had been involved in

several other wrongful convictions by wringing, beating or writing false confessions and having terrified suspects sign the documents under duress.

In 1992, Detectives Kenneth Boudreau and William Halloran, forced Peter Williams to confess to the murder of a woman, but evidence showed he was in jail at the time the crime was committed.

On the first day Coleman arrived for work after being released from prison, he was greeted by Jerry Powe, an old friend who is now his supervisor. Powe was a character witness for Coleman.

The White Sox will open their homestand on Thursday against the Detroit Tigers, but Coleman hopes it rains so he can run on the field and roll out the tarp.



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Mr. Dennis Earl Wilson

Dennis Earl Wilson, age 61, passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Dennis was predeceased by his parents, Laura Clemmons Wilson Powell and William Wilson, Sr. and his sister, Dr. Sondra K. Wilson.

Dennis was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on March 20, 1957. As an infant Dennis was diagnosed with Down syndrome. When Dennis was six years old, he entered a program for children with Down syndrome in Goldsboro, North Carolina. As Dennis grew older he relocated to Shallotte, North Carolina where he was fortunate to have a professional staff that enabled him to thrive independently in his group home setting. He was also blessed to live in a community surrounded by loving and amazing friends. Dennis had a wonderful personality and with an angelic smile. He was easy to love.

He is survived by two sisters, Dianne Clemmons Jackson of Centreville, MD; Patricia Wilson Pleasant, of Williamsburg, VA; three brothers, William Wilson, Jr. (Lillie) of Garner, NC; Michael Wilson, Sr. (Janet) of Burke, VA; Craig Wilson, Sr. (Denise) of Upper Marlboro, MD; ten nieces and nephews: Kelly Pleasant Jones, Stacey Wilson Norman, Wendi Jackson Smith, Melissa Wilson Balknight, Thelma Wilson Jennings, Denise Wilson, Renee Wilson, Robert A. Jackson, Jr., Michael T. Wilson, Jr., Craig S. Wilson, Jr.; eleven grand nieces and nephews, two uncles, George William Clemmons of Leland, NC and Reverend Lee Vander Kennedy, Jr. of Delco, NC; two aunts, Mary Kennedy McKay and Joyce Neal Clemmons both of Wilmington, NC, and a host of other relatives and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Hazel Yvonne Thames

Hazel Yvonne Thames died April 4, 2018 at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Hazel, daughter of the late Clementine Scott and Asa Ray Scott was born on August 27, 1949. Hazel, 68, went on to be with our Lord on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at her residence surrounded by her loving husband and her eldest child. Hazel dedicated her life to the education of children with special needs. She also served as a true missionary and humanitarian to all people. She loved caring for and sharing everything that she had with everyone. Hazel and

Izell were bonded in Holy matrimony on June 25, 1983. Together they travelled near and far helping family, friends and those in need as well as spending time with those closest to their hearts. In addition to her parents, Hazel was preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Ray Scott and sister, Angela Mishoe.

She is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Izell "Ike" Thames of the home; her children: eldest daughter, Cassandra Holmes of Wilmington, NC; son, James Holmes of Tampa FL; daughter, Kathy Holmes of Paterson NJ and youngest daughter, Rosilyn (Sheldon) Larry of Tampa FL; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Brenda Jackson and Linda Daise; 3 brothers, Terry Beckett, David Brunson and James Humpfrey; a loving godmother, Ms. Gloria Rollinson; a special cousin, Ms. Mattie E. Ray; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close family friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mr. Joe Louis Hill, Sr.

Mr. Joe Louis Hill, Sr., died April 3, 2018 at North Chase Nursing and Rehab. Funeral services were held Monday, April 9, 2018 at St. James AME Church. Burial followed in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

Joe was born on January 15, 1936 to the late Arthur and Rossie Hill of Wilmington, North Carolina. Joe grew up in the Rock Hill Community, where he resided throughout his life. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and joined St. James AME Church. At St. James, he was a loyal member and a faithful servant of the Lord, serving in numerous capacities. Joe was employed at the Research Station in Castle Hayne, North Carolina, from which he retired. Joe was a wonderful son, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. He enjoyed his sword, (his Bible). That's where you could find him, reading the word and telling you the good things about the Lord. He loved flowers, gardening and cutting grass. Joe was a humble person who will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his son, Joe Hill, Jr.; his brothers, Arthur Hill, Jr., James Henry Hill and Selma Hill; his sisters, Etta Mae Wrisbon, Mary Elizabeth Tate and Cora L. Allen, and his aunt, Erie Watkins.

Joe leaves to cherish his memories: the mother of his children, Carolyn Hill of Wilmington, NC; one daughter, Wanda Hill-Wells of Wilmington, NC; one son, Harold Hill of Wilmington, NC; five grandchildren, Keyana Brown, Demetrius Hill, Renatae Brown, Katana Jones and Alisha Jacobs, all of Wilmington, NC; several great-grandchildren; his sis-

ter, Beatrice Kellum of Wilmington, NC; sister-in-law, Odessa Hill of Castle Hayne, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and his caregiver, Janae Carson of the North Chase Nursing Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Thaddeus Sidberry

Thaddeus Sidberry died April 4, 2018 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services will be held 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Leroy McAllister

Leroy McAllister died April 8, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at St. Phillip AME Zion Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Velma Morris

Velma Morris died April 8, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Pamela Jones

Pamela Jones died April 9, 2018. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Kenneth R. Griffin

Mr. Kenneth "Kenny" R. Griffin, born February 16, 1952 of Jacksonville, NC, went home to be with the Lord March 29, 2018. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 6, 2018 at The Pentecostals of Wilmington. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Kenny moved to Wilmington to pursue employment where he worked for Goldbond. He married the former Jannie Wilson, was later divorced but remained friends until the day of his death. Kenny was a member of The Pentecostals of Wilmington for approximately 35 years. Kenny served as bible study teacher and choir member, to name a few. He loved cooking, baking and fishing. Most of all Kenny loved talking and laughing with family and friends. He will be sorely missed.

Kenny was preceded in death by his sister, Melva Griffin and brother, Ivor "Bubba" E. Griffin, Jr.

Kenny is survived by his mother, Ms. Melva L. Griffin; father, Sgt. Ivor E. Griffin (Zelma); sisters, Brenda

Jenkins, Benita A. Armour, Ester E. Fairrow (Brian); brother, Tony Williams (Jacqueline); former wife and friend, Jannie Griffin and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

William J. Harris

William James Harris, age 55, of Dunn, passed away Thursday, March 29, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Harris' life was held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

William, the son of the late Arnex Harris and James Scarborough was born in Wilmington, NC on October 23, 1962. Affectionately known as "Chubb", William spend his childhood and teenage years with his aunt Louella Scarborough and grandparents, James and Elnora Bess Scarborough.

William was educated through the New Hanover County School System and graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in 1980. Upon graduating, William moved to New York, where he spent the majority of his adult years. William had a great love for the musical artist Tupac and a strong love for the game of basketball. In his free time William loved coaching youth and recreational basketball teams.

He was preceded in death by two children, Dawn and Inez Harris and a sister, Bell Harris.

William is survived by his son, William Harris; daughters, Nicole Harris, Shanea Harris, Monica Bland and Ayana McLeod and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

Thomas C. Pigford

Thomas C. "Pop T" Pigford, Sr., age 80, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Pigford's life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Saturday, April 14, 2018 at First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, 2600 General Howe Road, Riegelwood, NC 28456. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. *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*

Edward "Ed" Cooper

Edward "Ed" Reid Cooper, Jr., of Wilmington, passed away, Sunday, April 8, 2017. Services are pending and will be announced. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

Happy 60th Birthday

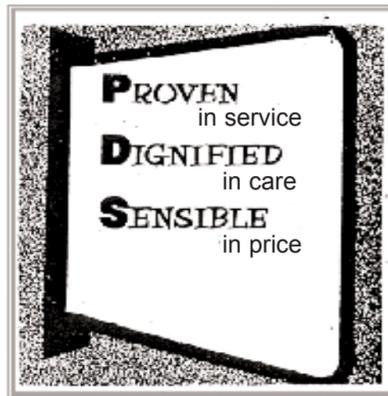


**Vickie Sunrise: April 15, 1958
Sunset: February 9, 2017**

I see the tears you are crying
And the pain, that's in your eyes
But please don't be sad
Because love never dies
And though you cannot feel me hold you
Or give you a quick little kiss
The sound of my voice and the touch of my hand
Are the simple things you miss
So please celebrate my birthday
filled with memories and love
Just close your eyes and realize
I am celebrating in Heaven above
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New Hanover County

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 No. 5th Avenue will hold their Pastor's Appreciation Program, "Showin some Mount Zion Type Love" on Sunday April 15th at 3:00 p.m. The featured speaker Rev. Gaylin Barbour of Mt. Calvary AME Church. For more information contact Brother William Baker 910-232-1811 or Sister Carol Phillips at 910-769-0355.



Religious Briefs

Price Cathedral AMEZ Church, 1201 Orange St., will hold present their Annual 7-Up program, "The Bible and Nursery Rhyme" on Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 p.m. Also the church will hold Refresh, Renew, and Rejoice" Spring Revival from April 23rd - April 25th. The guest evangelist is Apostle Shelley Graham of, Righteous Remnant Ministries International in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and North Carolina. For more information call 910-231-0669.

St. Andrew AME Zion Church, 1201 South 9th St., will sponsoring Hands-On CPR class on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. The class will be taught by NHRMC EMT. The class is free.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

In South Africa, pain and shock at passing of Winnie Madikizela Mandela

(TriceEdneyWire.com/GIN)

Tributes to anti-apartheid icon Winnie Madikizela Mandela filled the South African radio air waves this week as news of her untimely passing reached the far corners of the nation and the continent.

Heart-rending classics from the American songbook - from The Song for Mama by Boyz to Men to Donny Hathaway's A Song for You - expressed the somber mood in the nation while social media filled with remembrances by those whose lives she touched - sometimes with a single word, sometimes with a long eulogy.

"The big tree has fallen the #MotherOfTheNation, a nation builder ulale kahle mama you have fought a good fight, you'll remain in our hearts," wrote AndileKaMajola on Twitter. "How I wish to have met you," wrote Sego Bae we EFF from South Africa's city of Randburg. "You are a woman of steel and no one will ever take away that from you mama Winnie Nonzamo Mandela. May your lovely soul rest in peace."

The former wife of Robbin Island prisoner later president Nelson Mandela, Winnie had been in and out of Netcare Milpark Hospital battling a kidney infection, according to her spokesman, Victor Dlamini. A message from the family read: "Altho we are gutted by her passing, we are grateful for the gift of her life."

Recently, she was an observer during the ANC's struggle over corruption allegations that enveloped past president Jacob Zuma. She expressed confidence in the new leadership of the ANC under Cyril Ramaphosa. "We're going to surprise the country. I've told them they must watch this space. I'm back," she declared.

Nomzamo Winifred Zanyiwe Madikizela was one of nine children - six of them daughters - of two teachers and devout Methodists, Columbus Madikizela and his wife, Gertrude.

When Madikizela-Mandela moved to Johannesburg, she studied social work. There she met lawyer and anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela in 1957 and they married a year later and had



WINNIE MADIKIZELA MANDELA

two children.

The marriage was short-lived as he was arrested in 1963 and sentenced to life imprisonment for treason. Mandela was eventually released in 1990.

Winnie was a strong single parent who raised two children while her "larger than life" husband was in prison. This was a time that the ANC and the country overall was "gendered", spurring her struggle for women's rights.

In May 1969, Winnie was jailed supposedly for political agitation, but more likely for simply being the wife of Nelson Mandela. Held for 17 months, she spent most of the time in solitary confinement, and was interrogated and kept awake for up to five days at a time.

The picture of her hand-in-hand with Mandela as he walked free from prison after 27 years became one of the most recognizable symbols of the anti-apartheid struggle.

The Mandela family says it will release details of the memorial and funeral services once these have been finalized.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Power of Prayer: 100 Blackmen

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The sun was above the clouds today and it was cool but that didn't stop the Senior Citizen Fellowship from meeting and greeting once again. It is a blessing to be able to meet. Our meeting was called to order by Mr. George Hill. The choir opened with, "So Glad I'm Here." A fervent prayer by Mrs. Opal Midgett was given. Next we sang, "This Little Light Of Mine." Minister Doris McQuillan said it great to be here, nobody brought us here today but God. Mrs. Janice Gordon spoke on the power of prayer. She told us about the prayer of Samuel.

God answered Samuel's prayer. The Israelites conquered the Philistines. We need to trust God, He is always on time. We need to pray that we are good examples for our children. Whenever our prayers are answered we need to thank God. We should be thankful for another day. She closed with a thanksgiving prayer.

Mrs. Patricia Nixon introduced another speaker, Mr. George Beatty, Jr. He represented 100 Black Men organization. He said Mr. James F. Clemmons was responsible for his education. The 100 Black Men organization was founded in 1963 by David Dinkins and Jackie Robinson. The purpose is to help the

Black community. The organization is now a national organization. Almost one million children are mentored yearly. Women are also a part of the organization. There are five chapters in North Carolina. The Wilmington chapter was formed in 2009. Children are chosen based on their need, desire to learn and need for a positive role model. Many of the children are from single parent homes. Health style is important to children. Manners are also taught. High expectations are expected from the students. He spoke on the benefits of the organization, which there are many. He also told us how we can help. You can visit the website www.100blackmen.org for

more information. Mr. Beatty was thanked for such great information.

Mrs. Mildred Ellerby read the minutes. Roll call, trip money and sick report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. There was one visitor, Mrs. Patty Durand. It was announced that Mrs. Rosella Bellamy is in the hospital. Mary Martin was the winner for the callers. Mrs. Julia Bibbs read a poem on getting old. Mrs. Mary Martin made us laugh with her smiles. Everyone was thanked for their participation in meeting. Our circle was formed. We sang, "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan.

There were 53 present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Be faithful"

"His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. "Matthew 25:21 "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." I Thess. 5:24

Faithful - Reliable, Loyal, Firmly and devotedly supportive
Fear - Alarm or agitation caused by expectation or realization of danger
Doubt - Disbelief, Distrust; Lack of conviction

There have been several high profile cases of unfaithfulness in the media in the area of marriage. Each and every case and circumstance was different, but they all had one thing in common...unfaithfulness. Where there was neglect of duty, devotion, and loyalty, there was a result of unfaithfulness. It brought about disappointment, reproach, embarrassment, and pain. If only they would have kept their resolution. "Be Faithful."

In giving answer to the Christian calling upon our lives, we are all admonished to, "Be Faithful". If and when we neglect the gift of God in our lives, and fail to maintain devotion and loyal-

ty to the One who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light, without a doubt, we will find ourselves tempted to give in to unfaithfulness.

Our spirit, soul, and body belong to the Lord, and we must present it all back to him as our reasonable service. He is able to keep us from falling, but we've got to have the desire to be kept.

We cannot allow people to influence our faithfulness to God. We must deal with discouragement and disappointment just as Christ did. Remember, that one day we will be held accountable for the deeds that we do or don't do. We must remember to "Be Faithful". When our faith in God is being challenged, quitting will look easy and more desirable, the harder the

trial, but that is where grace and mercy will give us the victory, if we hold on to our faith!

Why do we need to be faithful? Faithful means, being full of faith! When you are full of anything, there is no room for anything else! When we are full of faith, there is no room for doubt. Doubt is the lack of certainty or conviction. When we are full of faith, there is no room for the spirit of fear. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and a sound mind." II Peter 1:7 Fear is alarm or agitation caused by expectation or realization of danger. I John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." Even when we are faced with a broken heart or a wounded spirit, we can be healed much quicker when we realize it is our faith that makes us whole. So let us be reminded there is a reward for faithfulness. "Therefore, my beloved

brethren, Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58 "Be Faithful!" 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 P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

SENIOR MOMENTS

The teacher

Back on the farm, where I grew up, the only professional people we knew were our school teachers. There may have been a few lawyers and doctors, but they had no impact on the community. They never spoke to the masses. The teacher had the children all day long for several years. So the future was in her hands.

Of course, we always had preachers. They taught us prayers and Bible verses. Their mission was to save our souls and to make sure we had a home in the promised land. However, the teacher was concerned with the present and the near future. She told us what to expect from the world outside, and she taught us how to navigate on a swelling tide.

The classroom gave us our first opportunity to assemble together with a group of our own peers. The teacher encouraged us to speak only about our concerns. We could speak more freely in the classroom than we would at home. She also taught us the meaning of brotherhood.

The teacher said if anyone of us got into any kind of trouble, it would look bad for the school and for the community. Later, she said that, if anyone of us were able to find a job, he or she must do his or her best, so that other Black people would

be given a chance. The Bible asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The teacher accepted that challenge and took it higher.

In those days, we were so far behind White kids that it would have been unfair to have sent us to the same school. They were more advanced on every level. The clothes we wore left much to be desired, and we did not speak English properly. However, the main reason we were so far behind was that our parents never had time to read stories to us. It seemed like all they could manage was food and shelter.

However, most White people read bedtime stories to their children. This helped develop their minds at an early age. We could tell they were more advanced just by seeing them downtown with their parents. They held their heads up, made eye contact, and talked much more than any Black child would have. They had so much confidence. Just watching them led us to believe they were superior beings.

The teacher tried to lift us out of that valley and, at the same time, keep us grounded.

She let us know we were equal under God, but we had to be careful about asserting ourselves. For instance, there was an unwritten law that said, "You don't fight with White kids!" We couldn't question our parents about this. So we took it to the teacher.

The day that question was asked, she put away the English book and started talking about life. She said, "The tenant farmer has all his eggs in one basket. The landlord owns the farm, the house you live in, and everything around it. In other words, he owns the ground you walk on. Your parents never argue with the landlord, and you don't fight with White kids! You don't do anything to create racial tension because it would spread to other areas." So the teacher kept us firmly grounded, but she also showed us a way out. She was constantly talking about people who had done well under impossible circumstances. Sometimes they had to laugh at insulting jokes. Sometimes they had to smile they wanted to scream, but they kept pressing on, and we were expected to do the same. We were working on a building with a strong foundation.

No one talked about integration in those days. We needed time to prepare ourselves. If we had had integrated schools at the turn of the

century, as some wanted to do, we would have had some bad experiences which would have led to segregation anyway. However, by having separate schools from the start, we missed those experiences. Because we had strong teachers who were willing to step outside the box, we were able to strengthen the brotherhood.

When public schools were finally integrated in the early sixties, we felt that it was good. Our children would be able to get better jobs if they had the same education as White kids. However, there was a price to pay. The intimacy we had in the classroom was gone forever, and Black culture itself seemed to be declining.

The teacher has a "mixed" class now, and she must teach all children the same, using the textbooks provided. She cannot have a "heart to heart" talk with Black students nor a special meeting with their parents. Today's young parents cannot compensate for that which was lost in transition because they don't know what it was.

But thanks be to God we have the Black church. It is the foundation and the core of our lives, and, in every church, there is a teacher.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

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The undersigned, William L. Bennett, Jr., having qualified on the 8th day of March, 2018, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **William L. Bennett, Sr. (18-E-304)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at Graves May PLLC, c/o Attorney Rick Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, on or before the **21st day of June, 2018**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This the 9th day of March, 2018

William L., Bennett, Jr., Personal Representative
Estate of William Bennett, Sr.
Rick Graves
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 22, 29 April 5, 12, 2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF GLADYS W. THOMPSON**

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Gladys W. Thompson**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **18th day of July, 2018** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 4th day of April, 2018

Gerald Michael Washington, Executor
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No.: 910-762-4176

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 16 JT 338**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
M.M.A.M. (DOB: 12/02/2016)
TO: RESPONDENT
FATHER: JAMES DESHEA
SHEFTALL**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor female child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, March 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Respondent- Father, James DeShea Sheftall, has been assigned Attorney Shawn Evans. Attorney Evans may be contacted at (910) 251-6088, 611 Princess St, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 14, 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 29th day of March, 2018.

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)

March 29, April 5, 12, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Joyce Stout (18-E-363)**, 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 **June 30, 2018** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of March, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox, Executrix of the Estate of Joyce Stout
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Elizabeth Hengeveld Bradshaw**, 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 **4th day of July, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of April, 2018

Thomas Scott Bradshaw, Executor
1919 E. Krista Way
Tempe, AZ 85284

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Conway H. Ficklen**, 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 **11th day of July, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of April, 2018

John T. Talbert, III, Executor
1409 Country Club Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 15 JT 41**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
P.M.B. (DOB: 02/16/2015)
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 the above-captioned minor male child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, April 5, 2018, 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 for the relief sought. You have the right to attend the hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter.

This the 5th day of April, 2018.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.
of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
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(910) 798-3615 (phone)
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

April 5, 12, 19, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Stan Johnson, Jr. (18-E-400)**, 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 **July 4, 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 2nd day of April, 2018

Stan Johnson, III
Executor of the Estate of Stan Johnson, Jr.
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
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April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Arlene Y. Waddell (18-E-451)**, 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 **July 11, 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 6th day of April, 2018

Don Zimmerman
Administrator of the Estate of Arlene Y. Waddell
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 295**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
FILE NO. 17 JT 295 (DOB:
10/19/2017)
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 the above-captioned minor male child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, April 5, 2018, 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 for the relief sought. You have the right to attend the hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter.

This the 5th day of April, 2018.

April 5, 12, 19, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Barbara Deans Lane (18-E-423)**, 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 **July 11, 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 6th day of April, 2018

Frances Goodman
Executrix of the Estate of Barbara Deans Lane
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2018

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April 12, 19, 2018

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to 57c-6-08 of the North Carolina General Statutes, EBE GODWIN, L.L.C., a North Carolina limited liability company (the "Company") has elected to dissolve and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the North Carolina Secretary of State.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED THAT if you have a claim against the Company, you present it to the Company in accordance with the terms of this notice as follows:

1. Notify the Company in writing of your claim setting forth the name and address of the claimant (or agent) and a detailed statement of the nature and amount of the claim (a "Claim").

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Wilmington, NC 28403

3. UNLESS A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THE CLAIM IS COMMENCED WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR CLAIM WILL BE BARRED BY LAW.

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April 12, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

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April 12, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 CVS 4351**

April 12, 2018

**JOSPEH NORMAN
DOSTER, Plaintiff
v.
MICHAEL BRANDON
YWASKEVIC, Defendant**

**TO: MICHAEL BRANDON
YWASKEVIC, Defendant**

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:
Damages arising from motor vehicular negligence.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days from the first running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was Thursday, April 12, 2018, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 11th day of April, 2018.

David F. Turlington
Attorney for the plaintiff
1516 Dawson Street
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