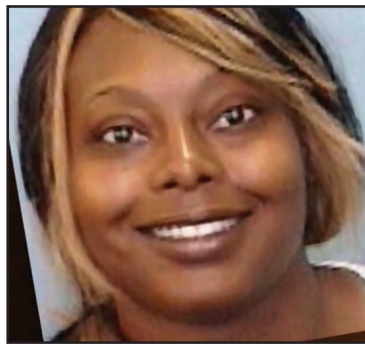


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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EARLY VOTING FOR MAY 8 PRIMARY BEGINS TODAY

In-person early voting for the May 8 primary election begins Today (April 19) in North Carolina.

The 17-day early voting period - which ends Saturday, May 5 - allows any registered voter to cast an absentee ballot in person at any early voting site in their county. Early voting also offers "same-day registration," which allows eligible individuals who aren't yet registered in their county to register and vote at the same time.

Voters are encouraged to check their voter registrations through the State Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement's Voter Lookup tool. Voters may also view their sample primary ballots there.

Persons who wish to use same-day registration must complete a voter registration application and show an election official proof of their address in the county. "Proof of address" documents include a North Carolina driver license or other govern-

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OUR VOICE



JEFFREY BONEY

GUEST EDITORIAL "Go vote! Somebody paid the price!"

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

An outstanding citizen

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, I was contacted about an award that's given to one of the outstanding citizens in Brunswick County. This award is given to a citizen who works in his or her county to promote justice,

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NC BLACK PRESS, NNPA MOBILIZING FOR MIDTERMS

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

DURHAM, NC-----Ten member newspapers of the North Carolina Black Publishers Association and NNPA Pres. Rev. Benjamin Chavis have agreed to mount a statewide campaign to maximize the African-American vote for the 2018 midterm elections.

Reaching eligible young people through an aggressive voter registration/issue education and mobilization effort is seen as key.

North Carolina, Texas and

Florida are considered to be important states that could change the makeup of Congress if the African-American vote flexes its muscles. The Black Press is considered essential in those states to mobilize that electoral strength.

Primaries in North Carolina are scheduled for May 8, with early voting starting on today, April 19.

"With billions," Rev. Chavis said, "not millions, of dollars are

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REV. DR. BENJAMIN CHAVIS



MARY ALICE JERVAY THATCH

A TRUE AMERICAN HERO



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILLIE ROWE

Raleigh City Councilman Corey Branch and his wife, Chanda, speak with Congressman John Lewis during his visit to North Carolina Saturday.

Congressman Lewis, Rev. Chavis urge strong Black vote

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With the May 8 primaries commencing in three weeks, and early voting April 19 through May 5, veterans of the 60's and 70's civil rights movement came to North Carolina recently to encourage Black voters to study the issues, register to vote, and cast their ballots in both the primaries and Nov. 6 midterm elections.

On Saturday, Congressman John Lewis, of Georgia, came to Knightdale to attend a private fundraiser for St. Augustine's University, urging all to support HBCUs.

However, the veteran civil rights hero also made the case for turning out the Black vote.

Urging the predominately Black audience to "vote like never before," Congressman Lewis credited Black female Democrats in Alabama and Virginia with help-

ing to defeat Trump-backed Republicans in the last few statewide elections..

"Men, we must get on the ball," Lewis told his audience. "The women and the young people are going to get us there."

"Men and women of color, with our White, Hispanic, Asian-American colleagues and friends, must come together," Lewis continued. "If I can say anything, we've got to vote like we've never voted before!"

Congressman Lewis then recounted the legendary March, 1965 Selma to Montgomery March, led by his friend and mentor, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lewis recalled how Black people in Alabama did not have the right to even register to vote without paying unconstitutional poll taxes.

Lewis talked about how the Alabama state troopers blocked the 600 marchers as they came over the

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR THEODORE BURGH

Renaissance man: UNCW Professor Theodore Burgh digs archeology and writing

BY MATT STEPHENSON '20M OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS GRADUATE ASSISTANT. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

Associate professor of religion Theodore Burgh is a bit of a Renaissance man. In addition to teaching, he writes fiction, performs music and has a good grasp on a number of languages.

Burgh is motivated by his students' excitement and is constantly trying to find new ways to encourage them to go further in their work, whether it be pushing themselves in their academic studies or in other pursuits. He also believes that the students and faculty of UNCW are

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Starbucks becomes latest scene of racism and White supremacy NAACP calls incident an ominous signal

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BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.) - The NAACP has described the arrests of two Black men sitting in a Philadelphia Starbucks as "disgraceful" and an "ominous signal".

As news of the videotaped arrests went viral this week, the civil rights organization issued a statement saying, "The arrest of two Black men at a Philadelphia Starbucks represents another ominous

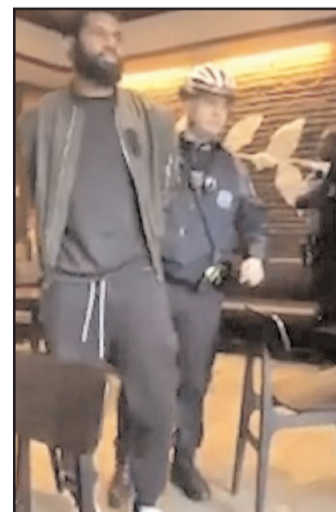
signal on the increasingly dangerous environment for African Americans. Less than two weeks after we honor the life and work of Dr. King and 50 years after the Kerner Commission found racism and police brutality at the root of public unrest in our communities; we still have a long way to go towards becoming a nation where a person is judged by the content of their character not the color of their skin."

The two men, who remained unidentified at the writing of this story, were reportedly waiting for an associate to join them in the chain restaurant in a posh area of the city on April 12 when a Starbucks manager insisted that they leave. They had already been denied use of the restroom because they hadn't bought anything. When they calmly refused, the manager called police and asked that they be removed.

As six police officers responded to the call, witnesses in the popular coffee shop rose up in protest. Several White customers stood for justice by questioning why the men were being handcuffed for doing what White people do all the time.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross later

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SCREEN SHOT OF ARREST FROM VIDEO





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said Kim Westbrook Strach,  
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the regular registration  
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BY FREDDIE ALLEN

(NNPA Newswire)  
Rebecca Winkel, an economic advisor for the American Petroleum Institute (API), said that whenever she travels to communities across the country, to give presentations about her research in the oil and natural gas industry, the questions often turn to business and career opportunities.

Questions like: Where can I go to learn more about the oil and natural gas industry? What types of jobs are available in the industry? What kind of training do I need to break into the industry?

Now, people can go to <http://www.oilgasworkforce.com/> to find answers to those questions.

"When you start to explain to people what the [oil and natural gas] industry does everyday...you talk about all of these products that we love and care about and need that come from the oil and natural gas industry, people start to think, 'this is really cool, this is an industry that matters in our lives,'" Winkel said.

Still, many people don't know how their professional skills fit into the oil and natural gas industry.

"What a lot of people don't realize is the number of different jobs that are available in the [oil and natural gas] industry," Winkel said. "They think that that you can only work in the field [on an oil rig] or maybe get a job as a chemist in a research lab somewhere. They don't realize that we hire engineers, lawyers, accountants, marketing professionals and economists, like myself."

Winkel continued: "To see examples of all of the types of jobs and being able to search for open jobs in the industry is really impactful. This website is our attempt to help direct those people."

Winkel said that the job search tool on the <http://www.oilgasworkforce.com/> homepage is powered by Indeed.com, a website that "allows job seekers to search millions of jobs on the web or mobile in over 60 countries and 28 languages." API uses filters on [www.oilgasworkforce.com](http://www.oilgasworkforce.com) to make sure that jobs related to the oil and natural gas industry are featured on the website.

IHS Global reported that, "nearly 1.3 million job opportunities by 2025 and close to 1.9 million job opportunities by 2035 in the oil and natural gas and petrochemical industries and roughly 700,000 of those jobs are projected to be filled by African American and Hispanic workers through 2035."

The wages offered in the oil and natural gas industry are often hire than in other sectors of the labor market.

son.

This affair will be held at the Pinecrest Country Club, 110 Nigel Road, Lumberton, N.C. @ 6:00 p. m.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person, or a group table may be secured at a special price. Come out and spend a night with Southeastern Community Family Services as they give back to the communities they serve. *Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.*

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "the average annual pay in the oil and natural gas industry is over \$100,000, nearly \$50,000 higher than the 2014 U.S. average," the IHS Global report said.

Other pages on the site provide information about the impact of the oil and natural gas on everyday life and outreach in communities of color, with women's groups trade unions, veter-

-The American Petroleum Institute launched <http://www.oilgasworkforce.com/>, to provide a platform where users can apply for jobs and learn more about the oil and natural gas industry.

-Nearly 40 percent of jobs in the oil &amp; natural gas and petrochemical industries are projected to be filled by African American and Hispanic workers through 2035, according to an API report.

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ans and millennials. The website also features information about how the industry is working to encourage education in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics, also known as STEM, in elementary and middle schools.

Investing in a STEM education can pay huge dividends for Blacks seeking career opportunities in the oil and natural gas industry.

An article posted to BlackPressUSA.com said that, "Blacks with STEM bachelor's degrees earn \$45.15 in hourly wages in the oil and natural gas industry, compared to Blacks with non-STEM bachelor's degrees, who make \$28.10 per hour, according to a RAND report."

Winkel said that API highlights those opportunities so that, "people get a

sense of who we are and the work that we're doing in the communities."

Winkel added that the website is for everyone.

"Whether you're coming out of high school or college and looking for a job or you're looking for a mid-career change...whatever skills you have [the oil and natural gas industry] is a good place to apply them and we hope that people see that," Winkel said.

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**GOP LAWMAKER SAYS IF TEACHERS NOT ARMED, CHILDREN'S BLOOD "WILL BE ON OUR HANDS"**

[RALEIGH] A conservative state lawmaker warned his colleagues Monday that if they don't vote to arm teachers in North Carolina, the blood of murdered school children, "...will be on our hands." Rep. Larry Pittman (R-Cabarrus), a strong proponent of gun rights, made the chilling prediction in an email sent Monday evening to fellow legislators. Pittman is a member of the state House Select Committee on School Safety. He called arming teachers and other school personnel "...The most practical, common sense, and constitutionally sound proposal of all." Most teachers polled

across the state oppose being armed in the classroom.

**MAY 8 PRIMARIES GO ON IN WAKE, EVEN THOUGH HOUSE REDISTRICTING IS SEEN AS PROBABLY 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL'**

[RALEIGH] A three-judge panel ruled April 13th that even though challengers in a Wake District redistricting case "have demonstrated a reasonable likelihood of success on the merits of their claims," voters will still be

allowed to cast their ballots during the upcoming May 8th primaries. Allison Riggs, senior attorney for voting rights for Southern Coalition for Social Justice, which challenged the state House districts, issued a statement saying, "We are gratified that the court recognized that the legislature likely acted unconstitutionally when it unnecessarily redrew several Wake County House Districts. We will aggressively litigate this case to final resolution to ensure there are fair districts

in place by the time voters go to the ballot box in 2020. Basic legal principles of equality demand that voters in Wake County have the same right to vote in constitutional districts as every other resident in the state."

**CHARLOTTE COUNCILWOMAN EXPRESSES DOUBT ABOUT 9/11**

[CHARLOTTE] A Charlotte City Councilwoman has indicated on her Facebook page that she doubts what has been

reported about the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York which killed 3,000 people. LaWana Mayfield wrote that she is waiting for someone "to produce pieces of the alleged plane that opened the doors for US citizens to (lose) all privacy rights." Mayfield later told a local radio station that she thought the attacks were used "to not only create a way for government to spy on the American people, but also to privatize a lot of the work that is happening on the ground."

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Edmund Pettus Bridge and began beating them mercilessly with night sticks and bullwhips and firing tear gas. Lewis, who was 25 years old at the time, was seriously struck on the head, causing a concussion. "I thought I saw death. I

thought I was going to die," Cong. Lewis said, hauntingly as the audience intently listened. "But God almighty kept me here!"

Lewis added that he was "so pleased" on the 50th anniversary of the Selma march to walk across the Pettus Bridge with the nation's first African-American President, Barack Obama. "So we cannot give up, we

cannot give in. We cannot let forces try to take us back to another time and another place."

Another veteran of the civil rights movement who came to North Carolina recently was Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, a native of Oxford.

Chavis, President/CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, was in Durham April 6, to meet

with Black newspaper publishers statewide about strategizing to turn out North Carolina's Black vote for the midterms. North Carolina is considered to be a critical state in both the 2018 midterms and the 2020 presidential election.

Dr. Chavis said figures he's seen indicate that anywhere from 400,000 to 500,000 eligible African-Americans a-

cross North Carolina were not registered to vote in 2012. Every effort must be made to significantly shrink that number for the 2018 midterm elections. All efforts must also be made to register, and then mobilize eligible young people, as well, by focusing on issues of most concern to them, like police brutality and economic opportunity. "We must make voter reg-

istration easy [for young people]," Chavis said, "not hard." Chavis also maintained that any get-out-to-vote strategy adopted by the State's Black press must be data driven per all 100 counties. He urged Black newspapers to begin reporting on the value of the Black vote. "We can't expect other people to value us more than we do," Rev. Chavis cautioned.

**BURGH**

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second to none. "There are really talented, very intelligent students here," Burgh said. "Students that, in my opinion, could be anywhere in the nation, and

possibly the world with their aptitude."

Burgh, who noted that faculty across campus are involved in "incredible research," is working on a virtual archeology platform designed to immerse users in the experience of an archaeological dig.

"This platform would enable others to interact virtually with the students, lecturers and professors that are there," he said. "Users will be able to ask questions in real time, see an excavation from beginning to end and see what takes place without having to travel thousands of

miles." In addition to his academic pursuits, Burgh is also an accomplished fiction writer. His debut novel, Yes, I Killed Rev. Tremmel, is a murder mystery set in semi-rural Georgia. He is currently working on the sequel. When he is not on campus

or working on other projects, Burgh, an accomplished musician, writes and performs music throughout the Wilmington area. He also continues his education by studying new languages, a skill necessary to his own research. While Burgh continues to

work hard on his intellectual pursuits, he acknowledges that he wouldn't be where he is today on his own. "I owe a debt of gratitude to my wife, Ann," Burgh said. "She constantly supports my endeavors and I wouldn't be able to do half of the things I do without her."

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going to be spent during this election. The Black Press in North Carolina and other states deserve their share."

Unfortunately, both the Democratic and Republican parties have traditionally proven to be sorely lacking when it comes to supporting the Black Press as far as advertising is concerned.

The Democrats, despite clear evidence that African-Americans are their most loyal voting base, have been accused of taking the Black vote for granted, and Republicans have proven to ignore the African-American community entirely.

NCBPA publishers agree that the political parties must be challenged immediately, while advertising budget deci-

sions are being made.

NNPA President Chavis, a North Carolina native, said that the get-out-the-vote (GOTV) strategy should be "data driven" for all of the North Carolina's 100 counties. He noted that each of North Carolina's African-American newspapers to-gether cover the entire State, and once the pertinent voting data is obtained, a campaign should be developed around it, especially on social media and celebrity participation.

"In our plan, we should have coverage of the whole State - all 100 counties," Chavis said, adding that the effort should especially target African-Americans who are eligible to vote but are not registered...in 2018."

Chavis said he's seen figures from 2012, which indicate that the number of eligible unregistered Blacks in

North Carolina was between 400,000 - 500,000. He said that figure is most likely higher now because of voter suppression, and the purging of North Carolina's voter rolls.

From now until September, Rev. Chavis added, voter registration must be emphasized. Then from September to Nov. 4, GOTV must take center stage. Part of the plan is to identify twenty North Carolina cities where the NNPA-CashWorks HD Productions 2014 award winning film, "Pardons of Innocence: the Wilmington Ten," can be screened in concert with a locally coordinated voter registration drive.

NNPA President Chavis, recognized as the leader of the Wilmington Ten - ten civil rights activists falsely convicted of arson, and imprisoned, in the 1971

destruction of a White-owned grocery store during the height of racial unrest - would accompany the film to speak with audiences about the importance of voting and citizenship.

Mrs. Thatch indicated that the film was successfully screened in Lumberton, NC in March to over 400 people from there and surrounding counties.

"We want to recreate that spirit in 20 locations between now and November," she said, adding that the GOTV initiative should also focus on rural communities."

"Helping the community to understand that empowerment through voting is the key," Rev. Chavis said. "Directing young people to register online via 'Rock the Vote,' in part to eliminate the normal complications to

voter registration, is also another strategy that should be implemented.

Chavis also emphasized that NCBPA members should immediately seek to get available advertising dollars to publicize voter registration efforts.

"We should make voter registration easy [for young people], not hard," Chavis said.

"And we're going to have to develop an agenda to get young people to vote," added NCBPA Pres. Mary Alice Thatch, focusing on issues like police brutality, poverty, the achievement gap, better employment, and small business opportunities. Additionally, economic development in the Black community should also be emphasized as an important outgrowth of voting.

In the meantime, the Black Press should begin

now reporting about the value of the African-American vote in their papers.

We can't expect other people to value us more than we do," Rev. Chavis cautioned, adding that he was willing to come back to North Carolina to formulate the plan.

The ten NCBPA member newspapers present were *The Wilmington Journal; The Carolina Peacemaker; The Carolina Times; The Carolina Call; The Carolinian; Greater Diversity News; The Fayetteville Press; The County News; The Daily Drum; and The Urban News.*

Four of the NCBPA newspapers - *The Carolina Call, The Urban News, The Daily Drum, and The Fayetteville Press* - are applying for membership in the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

**STARBUCKS**

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said the officers involved did not want to make the arrest, but followed police policy when the manager insisted the men

were trespassing.

In the wake of the incident, Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson responded with a written; then a videotaped apology in which he promised to "fix this."

In the video, Starbucks' Johnson said, in part, "I want

to begin by offering a personal apology to the two gentlemen who were arrested in our store. What happened in the way that incident escalated, and the outcome, was nothing but reprehensible - and I'm sorry. I want to apologize to the community

in Philadelphia, and to all my Starbucks partners. This is not who we are, and it's not who we're going to be. We are going to learn from this and we will be better for it."

He concluded, "These two gentlemen did not deserve

what happened, and we are accountable. I am accountable. Now, going through this, I am going to do everything I can to ensure it is fixed and never happens again. Whether that is changes to the policy, in the practice, additional store manager training, including training around unconscious bias, and we will address this."

The store manager who called police has been removed from employment at that Starbucks. Also, the CEO has requested a meeting with the two men who were arrested.

But civil rights leaders and African-American people know that the kind of racial discrimination that occurred in that Starbucks is common place around the nation - not just in Starbucks - but just about everywhere Black people go. On a daily basis, Black men, women and children are racially profiled and stereotyped while engaging in activities that would be considered commonplace for White people.

"The Starbucks situation provides dangerous insight regarding the failure of our nation to take implicit bias seriously," said NAACP President Derrick Johnson in the statement. "We refuse to believe that our unconscious bias - the racism we are often unaware of - can and does make its way into our actions and policies."

"We know if two black men in Philadelphia require six police officers to handcuff and

arrest them for waiting to order coffee, then we begin to understand the mind state that allows for such overzealous and reactionary use of deadly force by those who are paid to serve and protect," Johnson said.

The NAACP's Johnson pointed to other recent incidents that indicate the state of racism in America: "How else can we explain why 14-year-old Brennan Walker who missed his bus on his way to school would be shot at by a homeowner just outside Detroit? Or explain Saheed Vassell, a mentally-ill man in Brooklyn fired at ten times and shot dead by police officers. Or why Stephon Clark was shot at 20 times and hit 8 times mainly in the back by police officers in Sacramento, based on the assumption that he was the culprit responsible for breaking into cars. We are at least glad in the case of Starbucks that no one mistook a wallet for a gun."

He resolved that these kinds of incidents are the very reason that African-Americans remain on guard against racism and White supremacy: "Racism and biases that make simply breathing while Black so dangerous will not just go away without our society committing more resources to discussion, education and training on implicit bias and racism. If we refuse to, we'll continue to face the consequences of our failure to do so."

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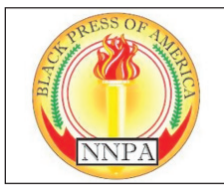
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## OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Go vote! Somebody paid the price!

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**A**ll you have to do is crack open a history book, or sit with one of our experienced elders, and you will learn about the many sacrifices made by people of all races in order to ensure Black people obtained the uninhibited right to vote.

No other group of people in America have benefited more from the sacrifices made by so many people who fought, bled and died fighting for our freedom and the right to vote, as Black people have.



Jeffrey L. Boney

The freedom Black Americans experience today came with a significant price tag attached to it, and that freedom has definitely not been free. So much blood has been shed, and so many lives have been lost-all for our freedom and for the precious right to vote.

In fact, if you add up the number of Americans who died in World War I, World War II, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, all of the wars with the Indians, the Mexican-American War, the Spanish-American War and the Korean War; that number would not be as large as the total number of people who died alone in the Civil War fighting to end slavery.

After the Civil War, many Whites migrated from the North to the South in order to help Black people thrive in the new Reconstruction governments. Many of those White abolitionists ran for political office and won. Several Black men were also elected to the U.S. Congress and the South even elected some Black senators. These political gains and the progress made by Black people, as a result of the Reconstruction governments in the South, angered many Southern Whites.

Confederate Army supporters like Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest, and others, made up in their minds that if they wanted to re-establish control and dominance over Black people in this country, then they would have to stop Black men from voting by any means necessary.

Nathan Bedford Forrest and several of his colleagues helped form the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), where he served as the first Grand Wizard. The Klan wore white robes and pretended to be the ghosts of dead Confederate soldiers in order to strike fear into the hearts of anyone, they encountered. Members of the Klan did not want to be recognized, so they wore hoods to cover their faces, primarily, because many of the members of the Klan were prominent citizens and local authority figures.

At night, the Klan would hang signs warning Black people not to vote and threatened to kill any Black man who voted. To further frighten Black voters, the Klan would gather together in their costumes and place a large wooden cross in front of a Black man's home and set it on fire. This served as a warning to any Black man who decided to vote in the next election. If a Black man defied the Klan and refused to adhere to their warning, he was lynched from a tree so everyone in the city would see him and have second thoughts about attempting to vote in future elections.

The Klan quickly grew across all Southern states and Black people were vulnerable to this heinous activity and their vicious attacks. Due to the constant harassment and brutal killings by the Klan, Blacks began to slowly dismiss voting. As a result, Black people began losing political representation, as well as the political advancements they gained during Reconstruction. As time progressed, future generations of White Americans began to slowly forget the struggles of Black people and were not as vocal or as dedicated to the plight of Black people in the South as they had been in the past.

If you fast-forward in the history books, you can see that Black voter intimidation and Black voter disenfranchisement continued well beyond the blatant actions of the Klan. State governments in the South joined the party and began passing sweeping new sets of laws called "Jim Crow" and those laws were designed to separate White people from Black people.

Blacks could not eat in the same restaurants as Whites; there were separate schools for Black and White children; Blacks could not drink water from the same fountains as Whites; Blacks had to sit in the back of the buses, whereas Whites could sit up front; and Blacks could not ride in the same carriages as Whites on the trains.

All in all, this blatant form of voting disenfranchisement has significantly impacted the well-being and livelihood of Black people for centuries.

So, why has it been so important for other people to make it difficult for Black people to vote?

The reason, to me, is quite simple. Those who seek to disenfranchise Black people from the voting process know exactly how important voting is. Those who seek to disenfranchise Black people relative to the voting process know the profound impact that it has at every level of government-local, state, and national.

More importantly, those who seek to disenfranchise Black people from the voting process know that voting is so powerful that those in political positions of power are able to direct necessary and critical resources to select areas. They are also able to ensure that select people are appointed to key positions.

Nearly everything that impacts our daily lives, in some way, is influenced by an elected official or someone who is appointed by them. These elected officials draft policy, introduce legislation, and vote on bills, that eventually become laws.

Whether voting for the judge, who has the power to sentence your loved one to a lengthy prison sentence or voting for the judge who has the power to determine child support payments and visitation rights through the family court-one or more of these elected officials will impact your life in some shape, form or fashion throughout your lifetime. Every elected official yields power and some level of influence that we as Black people should never ignore or take for granted.

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## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Will the lame duck quack?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**T**he rats are leaping off the sinking ship! Paul Ryan says he wants to spend more time with his teenagers, but he likely also



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

doesn't want to be part of the losses Republicans are likely to experience in November (unless the Dems mess up, which is not impossible). By April 13, there were 41 Republicans who said they would not run for re-election, for varying reasons or no reason at all. Ryan's citing of personal reasons seems disingenuous. Most teens aren't clamoring for more daddy time. Many of them hardly speak to their parents.

Ryan says he will serve out his term, and serve out his speakership, but his announcement has caused chaos in his party. And, while he has not used his announcement to criticize his President, many think that he has had about enough of making excuses for the man who wants to grab women by the genitals, threaten North

Korea and Syria, build walls, indulge in racist rants, and more. Since Ryan is so interested in spending time with his children, how does he explain 45 to his teens, especially to his 16-year-old daughter?

At about the same time Ryan announced that he would not run again, Florida Republican Congressman Dennis Ross made the same announcement to his staff. In a CNN interview shortly afterward, he cited "party polarization and the 'lack of civility and respect' as part of his reason for not running. He also exhibits his own intellectually limited pettiness by throwing too much shade on some of the young people who have emerged as activists in Florida. Young people, he says, know how to protest, but they don't know "the process". It seems to me that the Parkland students and others they have joined with have exhibited enough knowledge of "the process" to get Florida legislators to change a few laws. And these young people promise to be an electoral force in 2018. Maybe that's why Republicans are leaping off the Titanic as it is poised to hit an iceberg.

The party that captured the Presidency typically loses some Senatorial and

Congressional seats in a midterm election. Sixty-three Democrats surely did in 2010, partly because of resistance to the Affordable Care Act, and partly because of resistance to President Obama himself. But fewer than 20 Democrats chose not to run for reelection. So far, a record 41 Republican rats are jumping off 45's sinking ship. Some of them are talking openly of impeachment, given continuing developments in the Mueller probe. Others are repulsed by the drip drip revelations of 45's immoral behavior. Still, others are concerned about the ways the Oval Office has become a piggy bank for the President and his family. The Republican family is a fractured one and they are cruising for a bruising!

Speaker Paul Ryan says he did what he came to do in Washington - he shepherded through a tax reform bill that "simplified" our taxes. But the man who was known as a deficit hawk also passed out corporate goodies as if they were Girl Scout cookies, and had a role in increasing the deficit to more than a trillion dollars. If that's what he came to do, he might as well hang his conservative mantle up. These next few months will be interesting as the

lame duck speaker attempts to manage legislation and, perhaps, attack social programs like Medicare and Social Security.

But will the Lame Duck speaker quack? He has little to lose now that he says he will not run for his congressional seat again. He also says he will not run for office, but who believes that? Further, his best qualification to run for office might be the ways, in these next few months, he challenges the president that he is clearly repulsed by. Will he be a champion for true conservatism, not the cronyism that 45 embodies? Will he raise questions about the crooked practices of Cabinet members who have never met a charter plane they could not pass up? The Lame Duck could provide a service to his party and to our nation if he would simply quack. But he may have been too compromised to open his mouth.

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## CHILD WATCH

### Child opportunity and stability starts at home

**F**ifty years ago this week the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act, became law after passing Congress in the wake of Dr.



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Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination. The Fair Housing Act prohibited discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, or sex. It followed up the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 by addressing the persistent and pervasive housing inequality undergirded by federal policy that threatened to derail other efforts towards a more integrated and equal society. As he signed it President Lyndon B. Johnson said, "With this bill, the voice of justice speaks again. It proclaims that fair housing for all - all human beings who live in this country - is now a part of the American way of life."

The hope at the time was that the Fair Housing Act signaled the beginning of a new era giving all Americans access

to safe, affordable housing. But as with so many of the historic promises during the Civil Rights Movement era, we have made great progress but huge implementation gaps and barriers remain. Fair access to housing for all is far from a reality and many Americans still have no access to decent and safe shelter they can reasonably afford as gentrification floods the land pushing the poor into shelters and the streets. Recently the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), an organization dedicated to achieving more just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes in our nation affordable and decent homes, launched the Opportunity Starts at Home campaign together with partnering organizations to champion federal policies to protect and expand affordable housing today.

The national multi-sector campaign includes organizations addressing poverty, economic equality, civil rights, nutrition, health care, education, mental health, and more that recognize how essential quality affordable housing is to their own goals. The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is pleased to be one of its steering com-

mittee members. In a 2015 CDF report on the impact of modest improvements in nine existing policies and programs that could help reduce child poverty significantly right now, CDF found increasing housing subsidies for low-income families would have the largest impact. We know having a safe, stable home is a basic need for all children. Homelessness, unstable housing, and the unavailability of affordable housing all have dire consequences. But the critical demand far outweighs the supply for those most in need.

As NLIHC explains: "There are only 35 affordable and available rental homes for every 100 ELI [extremely low income] households nationwide, and no state has an adequate supply of affordable rental housing for the lowest income renters. Just one out of four eligible low income households receives federal housing assistance." NLIHC research shows 11 million extremely low income renter households spend more than half of their incomes on housing, leaving them with far too little left over to fully cover other necessities, and there are only 12 counties in the entire nation where a full-time worker earning minimum wage can afford a one-bedroom rental

home. In many cases the lack of affordable housing drives families into overcrowded rental units with extended family members or into homeless shelters.

Our housing crisis is felt in every state as new families, seniors, people with disabilities, and young adults entering the labor market face great barriers in their search for affordable apartments or homes. The Opportunity Starts at Home campaign's goals are to "advance federal housing solutions that bridge the growing gap between renter incomes and rising housing costs; provide aid to people experiencing job losses or other economic shocks to avert housing instability or homelessness; expand the affordable housing stock for the lowest income renters; [and] defend existing rental assistance and other targeted housing resources from harmful cuts." It is clear that such a broad new national movement is desperately needed. At a time when on any given night more than half a million people are homeless in America, fair housing enforcement is

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It doesn't matter whether you believe your vote matters or not-and it most certainly does-you will have to adhere to any law voted on by those who've been elected to represent you. There is absolutely no level of complaining or reactionary response that will change that.

There are no acceptable excuses when it comes to voting. Either you do it or you reap the consequences. Engaged citizens must seek to understand politics if they wish to better understand the impact of the laws and decisions that politics produce.

I can only wonder, however, if many of our political martyrs, who sacrificed their very lives for the right to vote that we should all appreciate today,

are flipping over in their graves as they look upon much of our squandered voting potential and overwhelming collective political apathy.

Maybe this election cycle will prove to be different, however. At least I hope it will.

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**TO BE EQUAL**

**50 Years after the Fair Housing Act, America has a long way to go toward ending segregation**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The housing problem is particularly acute in the minority ghettos. Nearly two-thirds of all non-white families living in the central cities today live in neighborhoods marked with substandard housing and general urban blight. Two major factors are responsible. First: Many ghetto residents simply cannot pay the rent necessary to support decent housing. In Detroit, for example, over 40 percent of the non-white occupied units in 1960 required rent of over

35 percent of the tenants' income. Second: Discrimination prevents access to many non-slum areas, particularly the suburbs, where good housing exists. In addition, by creating a 'back pressure' in the racial ghettos, it makes it possible for landlords to break up apartments for denser occupancy, and keeps prices and rents of deteriorated ghetto housing higher than they would be in a truly free market." - Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (the Kerner Commission), 1968



**Marc Morial**  
Vice President of the National Urban League

"There's been a struggle to get the Fair Housing Act recognized as real law, and enforce it at the state and local level," he said. "I would say we haven't done very well at it. I think it has made significant progress possible in America, but we're not there yet."

According to Morial, a significant problem with enforcement of the Fair

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**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**

**Is our country in trouble?**

The antics and behavior that are coming out of the White House are disturbing on many levels, but one of the most troubling is that it feels like this country is moving toward becoming an autocratic state.

A survivor of the Buchenwald concentration camp during the Holocaust, architect Stephen Jacobs, said in a recent interview that the "rise of Donald Trump is reminiscent of the years that led to the Nazi takeover of Germany." (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5596737/Holocaust-survivor-says-Trump-America-reminds-years-lead-Nazi-takeover.html>)



**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

At the time that Hitler rose to power, Germany was experiencing economic, social and political unrest. Hitler seized the moment, telling Germans that he could restore their country to its former greatness. The people bought his argument, and the fall of civilized government resulted in the murders of over 6 million Jewish people.

What is astounding is not so much that the president is doing what he is doing, but that so many people seem not to care. From the Congress - representatives and senators alike - to Evangelical Christians, to masses of people who like it that he "tells it like it is," there seem to be few people in power - politically or morally - who have the best interests of "the least of these" at heart.

These people turn a blind eye to the role of the Congress to check the raw ascent of power of the Executive branch of our government. Evangelical Christians, who have been known to be deeply judgmental of all kinds of people for behavior much less offensive and troubling than that of the president, are silent and acquiescent.

It has been amazing to listen to people defend this president at every turn; nothing, it seems, not even the cyber-attack of our voting system by a known enemy, has been enough to inspire people to do something to put the brakes on what seems like a train running downhill, spiraling out of control.

We thought that our government was immune to becoming autocratic. We thought that our Constitution and our professed love of "liberty and justice for all" were enough to incubate us from encroaching fascism. It appears that many Conservatives feel like there is no danger of our democracy falling into disrepair or ruin. But democracies, historically, have fallen, following a course much like the one on which America now finds itself.

What is worrying is that the only people who might seem to not have to worry are the very rich. This country has not been a "democracy" for some time; it has been a plutocracy, with a very few really wealthy people making policies for everyone else. But even that number of wealthy people, in control of the lives of the masses, is dwindling; we are more an oligarchy now than ever before.

Oligarchies do not care about the masses.

During the Holocaust, Hitler and his minions made decisions about who was worthy to live and who was not. The Jews were certainly deemed unworthy, but so were people with disabilities, people with mental illnesses, gay people, gypsies, twins, priests, and other groups, were murdered. It is estimated that 5 million non-Jews died under Hitler.

Germany, using the science developed in America that formed the foundation of the eugenics movement, made it its cause to eliminate those who were not the right kind of "white" person - i.e., those with Nordic features.

It feels like everyone, with the exception of that very small group of wealthy white people, are in danger from the way this administration is running the country, and none of the people who we might have thought would defend the masses from this kind of tyranny are stepping forward.

It is difficult to understand how "people of faith" can marginalize the directives given for how to create a "Beloved Community" by Jesus the Christ. Jesus is far removed from what is going on, it seems, and very few people are working to bring Jesus of Nazareth back to the center of who we are.

It feels like we are on a collision course with tragedy, and in this, the so-called "land of the free and home of the brave," that ought not be the case.

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Housing Act was proving intent. He was encouraged by a 2015 Supreme Court ruling that found that only impact, and not intent, was necessary to prove discrimination. But, he said, he had little faith that the current administration would aggressively enforce the law.

Indeed, just last month, the National Urban League and other civil rights groups reacted with horror to a decision by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson to strike the words "inclusive" and "free from discrimination" from HUD's mission statement.

Around the same time, news broke that the head of the department's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Division had ordered a hold on the fair housing investigations given the highest priority by Secretary Carson's predecessor.

In late 2016, HUD opened an investigation into a report that Facebook allowed advertisers to exclude Black, Hispanic and Asian-American users from seeing their ads. One of Secretary Carson's first actions upon taking office was to kill the investigation. Secretary Carson also tried to cancel a program created under President Obama that would make it easier for housing voucher recipients to move to more stable neighborhoods. A federal court blocked the move.

Fair housing has been a top priority of the Urban League Movement since our founding more than a century ago. Among the seven objectives outlined in the founding documents of the Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes - later renamed the National Urban League - was a focus on housing conditions, employment opportunities and business development.

Urban League programs have helped millions of Americans to prepare for and buy a home, prevent mortgage default and foreclosure, achieve financial literacy and manage credit, and learn how to enforce their rights as tenants and borrowers.

It's impossible to extricate economic justice and fair housing. According to a Harvard study, moving from a high-poverty neighborhood to a low-poverty neighborhood raised incomes, improved college attendance, and reduced teen-age pregnancy. Zip code can predict life expectancy better than genetic code.

That's why the nation must prioritize fair housing. Fifty years after the passage of Fair Housing Act, it's clear that we are not. As we said in our letter to Secretary Carson:

"You have spoken of the squalid conditions of your childhood neighborhood in Boston; you have experienced first-hand the demoralizing wounds of segregation and racism, and for a time, according to your spokesman, benefitted from the safety net of housing subsidy. You must bring these experiences to bear in your responsibility to uphold the duties of your office."

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being cut back under Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson and housing assistance is under attack in the Administration's budget proposals that included deep funding cuts, harmful rent increases, and arbitrary work requirements increasing the burden of vulnerable people already facing many challenges.

In a recent Child Watch column I cited findings from the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall Center on Children's Missed Opportunities: National Estimates report which highlighted results from a national survey on unaccompanied youth homelessness in America. The study, also published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, captures the horrible burdens of youth homelessness, including sleeping on the streets, in shelters running away, being kicked

out, and couch surfing. It showed one in 10 young adults 18-25 years old and at least one in 30 adolescents 13-17 years old experience some form of homelessness unaccompanied by a parent or guardian over the course of a year. This is horrific and demands urgent action. As a nation we are hurting our growing edge and abnegating our responsibility to ensure all young people can reach their full potential and contribute to stronger communities and economies across the country. I can think of nothing worse than having no place to call home.

Another recent survey reports nearly one million American households received eviction judgments in multiple states in 2016. Author Matthew Desmond taught many of us in Evicted the profound repercussions of evictions. Families may lose their benefits when they are sent to an old address, be denied employment, and be required to find new schools for their children and transporta-

tion to help them get there.

Healthy child development is linked to safety, nurturance, and predictability in daily routines. Yet too many children are being bounced around from pillar to post jeopardizing their positive cognitive and emotional development during a critical stage of their lives when stability is crucial. Find out how you can become involved in the Opportunity Starts at Home campaign. It provides many ways you can take action including sharing your own story about how housing needs have affected your family. It also shows you how to contact your Members of Congress to urge their support for stable, safe, affordable housing everyone, especially children, needs.

May 1 - May 8 will be a "Our Homes, Our Voices" National Housing Week of Action, with events across the country including letter-writing campaigns to elected officials, meal- and story-sharing, community discussions, housing site visits, press events, ral-

lies, meetings with elected officials, and nonpartisan voter registration drives. I agree with Doug Rice, senior policy analyst for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a campaign partner, that: "[A] home is much more than just four walls and a roof; it's the pathway to a healthier, more prosperous, and more secure life, and something that far too many Americans cannot attain." It's way, way past time to make that pathway of stability and safety accessible to all of America's children and families.

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**Corruption, collusion, obstruction, etc.**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Roget's Thesaurus defines corruption and corrupt as "spoiled, tainted, rotten, decaying, depraved, dissolute, pervert, debase, demoralize, defile, infect, putrefaction, pollution, dishonesty, bribery"-all of which are horrible words. #45 seems to be the key person who fits those descriptions.

According to Wikipedia, "Corruption is a form of dishonest or unethical conduct by a person entrusted with a position of authority, often to acquire personal benefit. Corruption may include many activities including bribery and embezzlement, though it may also involve practices that are legal in many countries-but not ours."

We've heard the word collusion a lot when referring to #45. That tells us it's "a secret agreement or cooperation especially for an illegal or deceitful purpose." It's further explained that it's usually meant to defraud and/or gain an unfair advantage over a third party or competitor.

The possibility of any of

those actions sound bad enough when we're seeing other horrible behavior on the part of the leader of the free world, America is in trouble. When we add the fact that #45 received nearly 3million votes less than his competitor, yet won and very likely did so after gaining his so called advantage while working with the help of Russia--an enemy of the United States-our system is in trouble!



**Dr. E. Faye Williams**

Add the fact that so many of the people who worked with #45 in his campaign and after he moved into the White House have resigned, retired, been fired, been charged, indicted, convicted or coming close to it, we've got a big mess on our hands. #45 is our leader and a majority of the American people are embarrassed by him, are denouncing him and frankly wish he would just go

away. I have seen a lot of signs saying, "We miss Obama!" That is said with good reason. The days of the Obama Administration are the good old days for many of us-and many of us would love to have the Obama team back.

Our nation is the laughing stock of the world. Nobody can trust the word of #45. He's insulted many nations and so many Americans wish he would just ride off into the sunset and disappear. Despite his shameful bragging, the Congressional Budget Office tells us the national debt is now on track to reach unprecedented heights over the next decade-- thanks to the policies adopted by #45 and the Republican-controlled Congress-causing us to have to borrow about 2.7 trillion more dollars over the next decade just to cover the cost of legislation enacted since June - the most expensive of which was #45's tax cut with his reckless fiscal policy. There're even more costs that are too numerous to mention here.

Republicans have spent all of my life being against debt and deficits. One wonders

where they are now when possible corruption, collusion, obstruction, tax evasion and every description of bad acting are led by #45. When will this nightmare end? We, the people, must wake up and stay woke or we're on the road to destruction just like so many historical civilizations that never recovered.

My ancestors worked too hard to perfect this union for all. Our Native brothers and sister suffered too much and lost too much to just sit around silently and make no objection to how others are further destroying the nation that was stolen from them. Many of our Hispanic brothers and sisters still provide too much back breaking labor to build this nation to just be viciously toyed with about their status in America. Let's join hands with our vote, our dollars and at every other opportunity to end illegal and immoral behavior against us.

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**RAINBOW COALITION**

**U.S. strike against Syria is one more step toward a lawless presidency**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Mission accomplished," announced President Donald Trump after the United States, France and England unleashed more than 100 missiles on Syria in reaction to the regime's alleged use of chemical weapons against its own people.

What the mission accomplished, however, should alarm us all. It will do nothing to end the suffering of the Syrian people, as the fighting continues in a brutal civil war now in its seventh year. It will do nothing to weaken the grip of Bashar al-Assad who, backed by Russia and Iran, has consolidated his hold on much of Syria.

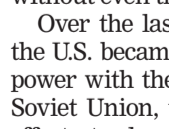
The major casualties of the raid are international law and the Constitution of the United States, for this act openly violated both.

The UN Charter - the charter that the United States played a major role in drafting after World War II - prohibits the unprovoked attack of one country on another, except in self-defense, or with the sanction of the United Nations itself. Punitive attacks are outlawed for the very reason that they are

an excuse that the strong use to wage war on the weak. Syria poses no threat to the U.S. or its allies.

The U.S. and its allies attacked even as an independent group - the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons - was on its way to Syria to investigate the site and possibly provide independent assessment as to whether a chemical attack occurred and, if so, by whom. The attack took place without even that assessment.

Over the last 25 years, after the U.S. became the sole global power with the collapse of the Soviet Union, there have been efforts to develop the right to protect, essentially giving authority for attacking a regime to stop genocidal attacks on its people. But the right to protect can be enforced only with UN sanction. Otherwise it simply becomes an excuse for the strong to use when deciding to attack the weak.



**Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.**

The U.S. Constitution gives Congress the right to declare war: Congress has provided no authority to wage war on Syria.

The result is that the president now openly asserts the right to attack any country on his own hook, without the authority of the United Nations or the sanction of Congress. A president above the law is a violation of the founding principles of this Republic.

Some justify the act because the missile strikes are aimed to enforce the treaty that bans the use of chemical weapons, which Syria has signed. The use of chemical weapons is an outrage that should trigger international action. Russia and China have stopped the UN from acting. So, it is argued, the U.S. and its allies must act to punish the alleged violation of the global ban. This attack, it is argued, "draws a line."

The problem with acting alone, however, is clear: The powerful will act only to punish opponents who are weak. The U.S. will not attack allies like Saudi Arabia for waging what increasingly appears to be a genocidal war in Yemen. It will not attack adversaries like China or Russia who are nuclear powers.

It attacks Syria only because Syria is an adversary and is weak and cannot defend itself.

This is hardly the way to enforce justice or legal order.

If the world will not join in enforcing the ban on chemical weapons, the ban will be undermined. We would be better off rousing global outrage at the Syrians for using chemical weapons and at the Russians and Chinese for blocking international action, than taking the law into our own hands.

Violation of international law and the Constitution can be dismissed as legalistic concerns. Syria has committed an outrage. The United States and its allies have punished them. But legal authority is what separates legitimate use of force from criminality. Respect for the law is what separates the civilized from the jungle.

This strike will make the president look "tough." It will likely boost his approval ratings. But it is one more step toward a lawless and unaccountable executive that threatens the very basis of our democracy.

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



## New Hanover County

**6th Annual Unity in the Community Outreach, "Seed Swap & Spring Fling Festival"** will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 700 S. 7th St. Contact 910-443-4139 or 910-502-0476 for more information.

**North Carolina Central University Cape Fear Alumni Association** will hold a Alumni Mix and Mingle on Saturday, April 28th from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Odgen Park, 615 Odgen Park Dr. There will be music, games and free food. Alumni from Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Onslow and New Hanover Counties. For more information email wilmingtoneagles@gmail.com or call Bessie Slade at 910-256-9217.

**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 nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

**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.

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS! CREDIT CARDS....

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A new credit card debt hits your credit as soon as your application has been approved. Another name for credit cards is REVOLVING CREDIT. It's called that because the approved High Limit is available for you to use, pay off, then use again and again. CAUTION: The way you "USE" this revolving credit is just as important to a mortgage lender as to how you're paying it. Did you know that charges over 30% of your High Limit start to drag your score DOWN? Even if you're paying the minimum required on time or early every month, your credit is getting a serious hit. Example: If High Limit is \$1000 and you have \$800 charged up, you are at 80% of the High Limit. That is way more than 30% and not only does it drag your score, it speaks volumes to the lender. It says perhaps you are not good with budgeting or perhaps you don't have much restraint from using more than you should.

Therefore before trying for a mortgage loan, it would be to your benefit to use your credit cards as wisely and sparingly as possible. Larger charges/purchases should be seriously evaluated and

deemed EXTREMELY necessary. If you haven't already, develop a household budget and this will help and if something unexpected comes along, that is where the credit cards are most useful. I know an exception is necessary in times of booking travel but make sure to budget for your trip to pay those cards off within the next 30-day billing cycle.

Credit purchases should be limited to charges that can be paid off at the end of the month. This type of use continues to drive your score UP and will open doors for more credit. YES, more credit isn't bad if used wisely to strengthen your scores. A couple of department store cards are good if you stay within the 30% rule. All revolving credit accounts reporting with low balances and good payments will open the door to the best 1st-time homebuyer's programs. So, go ahead and PLAN the use of them to work for your good, BUT if you're someone that has a "slight problem" with restraint, my best advice for you is to just "CUT EM UP" and pay them off. PLEASE DO NOT LET THEM GO INTO COLLECTION NOR CHARGED OFF STATUS. That will crash your credit scores and delay your family from getting your deed by months, so SWIPE WISELY. Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people and reach out for your Free personalized Action Plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less!

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Let's go walking at the age of 88

**W**alking is a great exercise at all ages. It is a good idea to have a walking partner/s with whom to walk, and it is a good idea to stay within a safe distance of home. Walking does the body good. Too many people are much too inactive physically. Too many like to stay inside the house all day long, watching television



Verniece Stanley

or just sitting around on comfortable chairs. For the most part, it is warm enough to get outside, enjoy fresh air and sunshine, and get some much needed exercise. You may find this to be a good time to take your pet/s for a walk. They need good exercise too.

It is a good practice to do some simple warmup activities before going out and engaging in any serious walking exercises. Some examples are such as walking short distances from point to point inside the house (from one room to another, from chair to table, etc.).

As we go outside for short distance walking or doing other exercises, again, it is best not to go alone. There are buses that will take senior citizens to alternative places where they may engage in various recreational activities and enjoy good food. Years ago, neighbors started going to the Brunswick County Complex area and walking daily. Some of the workers in the complex would walk during their lunch time. Some of the officials in charge of the complex laid out an area wherein people could

go and walk in safety.

Some choose to go walking in gym clothing and special walking shoes that help with comfort and balance while walking or doing other exercises.

There is a very large adult Fitness and Aquatics Center on the campus of Brunswick Community College. It has the best equipment for the best health for all adults. There is a wide array of classes offered, such as swimming, dancing, boot training, etc. There are two temperature controlled indoor swimming pools, a ballroom, a basketball court, and much more. The center is adequately equipped to build up, reduce, or finely tune any part of the body. There is great excitement throughout and a friendly atmosphere all around. There are various eating places available and an atmosphere

conducive to meeting people and making new friends.

I intend to join and become a regular member and encourage others to come along and do the same.

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

## 2018 ROCAME Jamboree Brunswick County



North Brunswick High School won the high school championship.

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ROCAME held its annual Brunswick County jamboree on Saturday, March 17, at North Brunswick High School. Five middle schools and three high schools (approximately 150 students, teachers, and volunteers) participated in the math and science events.

The winners of middle school events are: Write It Do It - Christopher Graham and Josiah Johnson, Leland Middle (LMS), first; Amarian Balloon and D'Onthony Johnson, LMS, second; Mariana Diaz and Kelly Tapia, Shallotte Middle (SMS), third; Metric Mastery - Rico Ward and Armando Tapia, SMS, first; R'Tasia Bellamy and Aiden Martin, Cedar Grove Middle (CGMS), second; and Aniyah Ray, South Brunswick Middle (SBMS), third; Egg Drop - Kweli King and Amarian Balloon, LMS, first; Andre Simpson and Josiah Johnson, LMS, second; Anna Baez and Edgar Torres, CGMS, third; Mystery Architecture - Brooke Robinson and Zoe Stratman, CGMS, first; Aiden Martin and R'Tasia Bellamy, CGMS, second; Rickrey Perez and Fatima Yanez, WES, third; Science Clue - Zia DeBerry and Emery Olmedo, SMS, first; Jalen Brock and Teo Ruiz, CGMS, second; Tristian Williams and

Lavar Sharpe, SMS, third; Science Project - Liz Valerio, SMS, second; Pentathlon - Jalen Brock, Teo Ruiz, Amyra Daniels, and Emma Pruitt, CGMS, first; Gianni Corbett, Joey Panas, Kweli King, and Andre Simpson, LMS, second; Aiden Wilkie, Gladys Dominguez, Emely Olmedo, and Allen Olmedo, SMS, third; PowerPoint - Zoe Stratman, CGMS, first; Wendy Flores and Liz Valero, SMS, second; Oratory - Savannah Simmler, CGMS, first; Mariana Diaz, SMS, second; AndreAnna Graham, South Brunswick Middle School (SBMS), third; Engineering (NACME) Test - Jalen Brock, Tro Ruiz, Edgar Torres, and Ty'Asia Grant, CGMS, first; AndreAnna Graham, Davina Daley, Aryanah Moore, and De'Anna Simpson, SBMS, second; Ana Garcia Ramirez, Joshua Matthews, Lavar Sharpe, and Tristian Williams, SMS, third; Robotics - Emily Bonifacio, Jade Harbin, and Jose Romero, SMS, first; Aniyah Ray and Jordan Pollock, SBMS, second; and Teo Ruiz, Amyra Daniels, and Jalen Brock, CGMS, third; ElectroGames - Rose Green and Aleysha Vasquez, CGMS, first; AndreAnna Graham and Luis Ariza, WBHS, third; Chemistry Clue - Veronica Blue and Angel Johnson, NBHS, first; Adora Sloan and



Cedar Grove Middle School won the middle school championship.

Vasquez, and Savannah Simmler, CGMS, first; Joey Panas, Andre Simpson, Gianni Corbett, and Kweli King, LMS, second; Wendy Flores, Jade Harbin, Sabrina Colon, and Aiden Wilke, SMS, third. The middle school championship trophy was won by Cedar Grove Middle School. Shallotte Middle School and Leland Middle School placed second and third, respectively.

High school winners are: Write It Do It - Angel Johnson and Sydney Wilson, North Brunswick High (NBHS), first; Alleigh Himes and Kyah Maneil, NBHS, second; Michelle Hewett and Jazmin Torres, West Brunswick (WBHS), third; Metric Mastery - Maya Bernecker and Miracle Lawson, NBHS, first; Oscar Sanos and Queso Gonzalez, WBHS, second; Malayka Shaw and Malik Shaw, NBHS, third; Egg Drop - Shakim Murphy and Mya Simmons, NBHS, first; Destiny Kinston and Samiyah Henderson, NBHS, second; Katherine Nguyen and Sara Dominguez, WBHS, third; Robotics (3 student Max.) - Darnell Brooks, Tylik Corbett, and Julianee Greene, NBHS, first; Joshlyne Graham and Niasiah Bines, SBHS, second; Monty Stanley, Isaac Ipatzi, and Luis Ariza, WBHS, third; Chemistry Clue - Veronica Blue and Angel Johnson, NBHS, first; Adora Sloan and

Kwesi Clarke, NBHS, second; Ashley Esquivel and Carlos Diaz, WBHS, third; Pentathlon - Monty Stanley, Carlos Diaz, Nikki Waterbury, and Katherine Nguyen, WBHS, first; Chris Brooks, Travis Lowe, Divia Batish, and Michael Davis, NBHS, second; ElectroGames - Ahmani Mapson and Armani Moore, NBHS, first; Ivori Cobb and Shaunayza Grainger, NBHS, second; Joshlyne Graham and Niasiah Bines, SBHS, third; Quiz Bowl - Veronda Blue, Jordan Rascoe, Isaiah Bell and Destiny Kinston, NBHS, first; NBHS, first; Monty Stanley, Carlos Diaz, Isaac Ipatzi, and Jazmin Torres, WBHS, second;

PowerPoint - Jordyn Rascoe, NBHS, first; Ashley Esquivel and Nikki Waterbury, WBHS, second; Oratory - Morgan Murdock, NBHS, first; Engineering (NACME) Test - Sara Dominguez, Oscar Sainos, Nikki Waterbury, and Queso Gonzalez, WBHS, first. The high school championship trophy was won by North Brunswick High School. West Brunswick and South Brunswick placed second and third, respectively.

The jamboree sponsors were Food Lion (Leland), Harris Teeter (Leland), Wal-Mart (Leland), and McDonald's (Brunswick Co.).



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## Payday lenders wage new wars against consumers and regulation

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

**N**early seven years ago, Congress fought for and won enactment of reforms that would help ensure that everyone would play by the same financial rules. The promise to the nation was that the days of ignoring the long-term health of the national economy as

**Charlene Crowell**

an excuse to justify lucrative and short-term profits would be over. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act gave guardrails to lenders and consumers alike.

Charged to keep that vow was the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). Serving as the nation's financial cop-on-the-beat, CFPB worked to bring fairness and balance to the marketplace. So much so that 29 million consumers received nearly \$12 billion in restitution from illegal and deceptive practices in its first years of oper-

ation. Lately however, changes in Washington have wrought a different attitude, one that prefers stripping away rules and regulation that protect people, as unnecessary nuisances that bother businesses trying to make a buck - even if it isn't an honest one.

Want an example? Consider the payday lending industry and its multi-pronged efforts to oppose reasonable regulation. Three recent developments unmask a determination that is as deceitful as the little loans it sells that set up deep debt traps for borrowers.

On March 22, South Carolina Senator Lindsay Graham introduced a Congressional Review Act resolution, S.J. Res. 56, to repeal the CFPB's payday lending rule and prohibit the CFPB from doing something substantially the same in the future. An identical action was introduced earlier in the House of Representatives. These measures await action in both chambers.

Then on April 9 and under the joint auspices of two payday lending lobbyists, the Community Financial

Services Association of America (CFSA) and the Consumer Service Alliance of Texas, a lawsuit was filed that alleges the CFPB is "unconstitutional". The suit also takes aim at the same payday and small-dollar loan rule set to take effect in August of next year.

According to the lawsuit, "The Final Rule rests on unfounded presumptions of harm and misperceptions about consumer behavior and was motivated by a deeply paternalistic view that consumers cannot be trusted with the freedom to make their own financial decisions."

Reactions from civil rights and consumer advocates clearly indicated they weren't buying that bit of swamp land.

"It's no surprise that predatory payday lenders are behind litigation like this," said Hilary O. Shelton, NAACP Washington Bureau Director and Senior Vice President for Policy and Advocacy.

"With little accountability for their actions, predatory payday lenders have long preyed upon communities of color,

draining them of their hard-earned savings, and with their debt trapping practices, our economic futures. This CFPB rule establishes a much-needed set of transparent responsibilities for lenders and basic rights and protections for borrowers."

"At a time when many Americans are living paycheck to paycheck while financial institutions are making record profits, we need stronger protections for consumers against unscrupulous financial practices," said Marisabel Torres, Senior Policy Analyst, Economic Policy, UnidosUS.

"Yet the payday industry is proving once again that they are focused on lining their pockets, not on the devastating financial harm their products cause. The CFPB's payday rule has support from the Latino community, who are far too often targeted and exploited by predatory payday lenders, and we oppose attempts by the industry to impede the rule's swift implementation."

Two days later in an appearance before the House Committee on Financial Services, Mick Mulvaney, the

CFPB's illegally-appointed Acting Director made clear that a different director was in charge.

"The Bureau's new strategic priorities are to recognize free markets and consumer choice and to take a prudent, consistent, and humble approach to enforcing the law," said Mulvaney.

CFPB's mission statement, also changed under Mulvaney, shirks away from enforcement and instead will emphasize ways "to educate and empower consumers to make better informed financial decisions."

Pardon me, but if I've been financially snookered by a lender who promised one thing and delivered something entirely different, an "humble approach" to legal enforcement would not be in my best interests. Most consumers - me included - would want full financial justice that held those who violate laws and rules accountable.

A bicameral group of 43 lawmakers told Mulvaney pretty much the same thing in a letter they sent to him on March 27.

Misleading promises are a key part of payday lending's

deceit. Add triple-digit interest rates to that deceit and it becomes nearly impossible for consumers of modest financial means to repay the typical two-week loan. Months, if not years later, loan fees wind up costing far more than the actual principal borrowed.

"The CFPB payday and car title lending rule is designed to help ensure that lenders only make loans borrowers can afford to repay - a baseline standard that responsible lenders already follow," noted Mike Calhoun, President of the Center for Responsible Lending. "This is the payday lenders' latest attack in their war against consumers."

From kitchen table discussions of household money woes, to predatory lenders seeking ways to bilk consumers out of their hard-earned monies, the CFPB was created to be the arbiter that brought balance and fairness to consumer lending.

Let the Bureau do its job.

*Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's deputy communications director. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.*

## Starbucks to close more than 8,000 stores for racial-bias training

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE OF THE NORTHSTAR NEWSTODAY.COM

Starbucks will close more than 8,000 company-owned stores affecting 175,000 employees in the United States on May 29th to address implicit racial bias, following arrests of two black-male customers last week at its Center City store in Philadelphia.

"I've spent the last few days in Philadelphia with my leadership team listening to the community, learning what we did wrong and the steps we need to fix it," said Kevin Johnson, CEO of Starbucks. "All Starbucks company-owned retail stores and corporate offices will be closed in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 29. During that time, partners (employees) will go through a training program designed to

address implicit bias, promote conscious inclusion, prevent discrimination and ensure everyone inside a Starbucks store feels safe and welcome."

Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative; Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; Eric Holder, former U.S. Attorney General; Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League and Heather McGhee, president of Demos, a think tank and research policy center, are assisting in developing Starbucks' curriculum.

Johnson made his announcement after he met with two Black men police arrested when the manager of a Center City, Philadelphia, Starbucks complained they

wouldn't leave the coffee shop after they weren't allowed to use the restroom because they hadn't purchased anything.

Spokespersons for Seattle-based Starbucks did not disclose what was discussed between the two men, who were not identified. Earlier, Johnson called the incident "reprehensible" and publicly apologized to the men involved.

Six Philadelphia police officers arrested the men Thursday afternoon for trespassing. The men were wait-

ing to meet another man, who is white and who had scheduled a meeting with them in the Starbucks.

The arrests, which were captured on cellphone video, sparked demonstrations inside and outside the Starbucks, which is located on swanky Rittenhouse Square, and more national and international conversations over social media about the state of race in the era of President Donald Trump.

Richard Ross, Philadelphia's police chief, who is

Black, defended his men, arguing they did not do anything wrong in making the arrests.

But the arrests caused hand wringing among others. The Philadelphia district attorney later released the two men because Starbucks refused to press charges. Jim Kenny, Philadelphia's mayor, wasn't happy about the arrests.

The woman manager who called the police has either left the store or the company, according to various news reports.

Facebook released a video showing a Black man being ordered to leave a Starbucks in Torrance, California, after complaining employees gave a white male customer the numerical code to open the door of the men's restroom before he ordered food. The Black man was not given the

same code. Starbucks officials said they are aware of the video.

The Rittenhouse Square arrests angered the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights organization.

"The arrest of two Black men at a Philadelphia Starbucks represents another ominous signal on the increasingly dangerous environment for African Americans," wrote Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP. "Every day people of color find themselves at the mercy of stereotypes and embedded fears of others... Racism and biases that make simply breathing while black so dangerous will not just go away without our society committing more resources to discussion, education and training on implicit bias and racism."



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**Thomas C. Pigford**

Thomas C. "Pop T" Pigford, Sr., age 80, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Pigford's life was held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He leaves to cherish his beloved memory: his loving wife, Elsie of 62 years and 7 beautiful children, Cheryl Bellamy (Ronald), Raleigh, NC, Beverly Lockhart (Fernando), Raleigh, NC, Thomas Pigford Jr., Clayton, NC, Pamela McClain (Demetrius), Spring Lake, NC, Anita Leeper (Patrick), Raleigh, NC, Robert Pigford (Veronica), Wilmington, NC, Jennifer Grimsley (Derrick), Raleigh, NC.

He was blessed with 18 grandchildren: Shontrel, Ebony (Cleveland), Dominique, Courtney, Latia, Raquel (Kevin), Nicole, Anyssia (Ralph), Jasmine (Jamares), Thomas III "Trae" (Reatha), Tyler, Keane, Patrick II, Robert Jr., Tyanna, Amaiya, and Willie "Brel". There were also two grandchildren who preceded him in death, Brittany and Michael.

From these branches, 17 great-grandchildren were extended from our family tree: Amari "Ray", Jordan, Olivia "O", Ari, Devin, Madison, Cameron, Colbie, Skyler, Tate, Ayden, Amir, Cristian, Joel, Zoie, Leilani, and Kensie. All of which were very dear to his heart.

Cherishing his memories, he leaves a loving sister, Mrs. Nicey Brown of Wilmington, NC and a devoted brother, Mr. Johnnie Pigford of Philadelphia, PA. Preceding him in death were two sisters, Louvenia and Macy as well as six brothers, Willie, Robert, King Solomon, Charles, Lindsey, and Huey.

He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and many other relatives and friends to cherish his memory. *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.*

**Linda M. Green**

Linda Merita Green entered into eternal rest on Friday, April 13, 2018 at North Chase Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Meares Cemetery.

She was born on May 29, 1953 to the late Joseph and Sadie Jackson.

Linda accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age, joined Davis Chapel

Missionary Baptist Church and was a member of the Gospel choir.

Linda leaves to cherish her memories: three sons, Willie Green Jr., Antonio Green, and Tevin Green, one daughter Katanah Green, two grandchildren, Trinity Green and Jamari Collins, three brothers, William Beard (Janice), Donald Jackson (Lenda) and Everette Jackson, special cousins, Frank and Doris Willis and Earlene Walker, special friends, Dorothy White, Minnie Brown, Katherine Graham, Janice Cromartie, Trudy Cole and Deborah Smith and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

**Edward "Ed" Cooper**

Edward Reid Cooper, Jr., age 90, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Cooper's life will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Interment will take place on Monday, April 23, 2018, in New Oak Grove Cemetery (Elizabeth City, NC). *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*

**Rosella Brown Bellamy**

Rosella Brown Bellamy, age 94, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, April 14, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ms. Bellamy's life will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Friday, April 20, 2018 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Fields Cemetery (Delco). *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*

**Julie F. Bullock**

Julie F. Bullock, age 63, of Leland, passed away Monday, April 16, 2018. A celebration of Ms. Bullock's life will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Ashley Faye Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please*

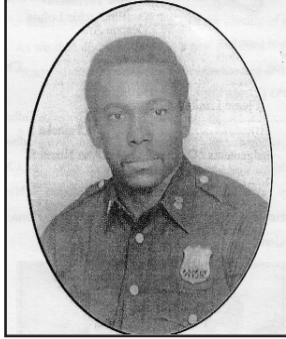
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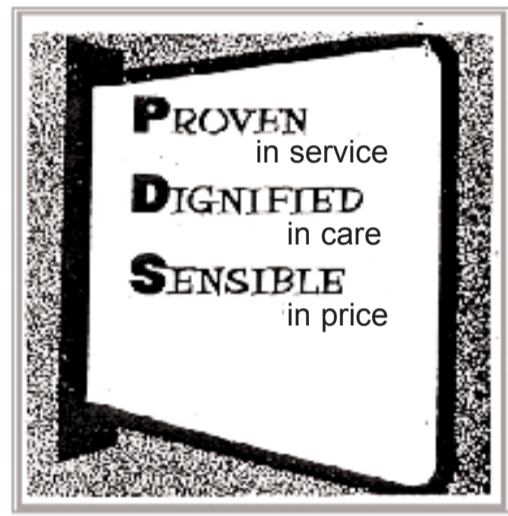
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## Baldwin Branch demonstrates love



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### THE WREATH CONSTRUCTION MINISTRY PRESENTING FIRST LADY DR. KATRINA BOYKIN HER WREATH

The Wreath Construction Ministry of Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church recently demonstrated love toward Dr. Katrina Boykin, Baldwin Branch's First Lady by presenting her a wreath constructed by the members of the ministry. Additionally the fol-

lowing poem written by Debra McKoy, ministry president was recited during the recognition.

**Lady Boykin**  
A Lady of beauty.  
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A Lady of Great Faith.

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A Lady that has stride in her walk.  
A Lady that works diligently on whatever her hands find to do.  
A Lady of Praise.

She is the Lady of one husband, Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin.  
She is the Lady of one daughter, Whitney Boykin.  
She is the "Great First Lady of Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Mrs. Katrina Boykin."

### New Hanover County

**The Better St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church**, located at 2913 acron Branch Rd. Will hold their 5th annual Spiritual Human Body Parts Service on Sunday, April 22nd 2018 at 3:00 p.m. This year, the program sponsors will be the preacher's stewards and the stewart's board of St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church. The special guest speakers will be Elder Sharon White, Rev. Corrine Rolls-Brown, Rev. Georgette McCracken, Sis, Sentral N. Boykin, Min. Denver Smith, Bro. Raymond Motts, Bro. Ronnie Ballard, Elder Gaye Sharon Bell, Mother Mittie Freeman, Elder Angela Richardson, Sis. Kemia Tru, Sis Georgianna Fulton, Elder Paula Moore, Evangelist Latressa Simpson and Elder Alfreda Durant. For more information, you may contact 910-540-4406, Sis. Dentrall Boykin at 910- 200-4953 or Sis. Catherine J. Cooper at 910-540-4477.

### Religious Briefs

### Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their pastor's nineteenth anniversary on Sunday, April 29th at 11:30 a.m. Reverend Richard Joyner, pastor and Hooper's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church family will be the special guest to render service. Dinner will be served immediately following the service.

**Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church**, 1492 Village rd., Leland, NC will hold their Annual Church Anniversary on Sunday, April 22nd at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Rev. Valaire Robinson. Dinner at 1:30 p.m. The guests at 3:00 p.m. will be Reverend Lorenzo Edge and the Faith Temple Church of God.

**St. James A.M.E. Zion Church**, 407 East West St., Southport, NC, will hold Family and Friend's Day 2018 on Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

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

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### FREE BAG LUNCH

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
600 GRACE STREET  
**Saturdays**

<b>May 12th</b>	<b>11:30- 1:30</b>
<b>June 16th</b>	<b>11:30- 1:30</b>
<b>July 14th</b>	<b>11:30- 1:30</b>
<b>August 11th</b>	<b>11:30- 1:30</b>
<b>September 15th</b>	<b>12:00 - 1:30</b>
<b>October 13th</b>	<b>12:00- 1:30</b>

Contact Margie Armstrong at 910-675-9260 or Bernadine Fulton at 910-264-8818for futher information

THE BETTER ST. PHILLIP A.M.E. ZION CHURCH  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018  
"PREGNANT WITH A PURPOSE: IN CHRIST"  
APRIL 21, 2018 / 8:00A.M. TO 2:00P.M.



Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon, Pastor of St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church, Wilmington, N.C.



Apostle Joyce Jones of Life Changing Ministries of Wilmington, N.C.



Prophetess Virginia Hines of Uplifting Faith Ministries of Wilmington, N.C.



Elder Paula Moore of Full Gospel Christian Church of Elizabethtown, N.C.



Friday night kick off service with Apostle Cynthia Powell, Pastor of Valour Ministries of Grace Inc. along with her choir and congregation. The Presider of the evening is Pastor Carolyn Stallings of Cathedral of Praise, both of Wilmington, N.C.

Registration is a \$20.00 donation including all sessions, breakfast, snacks, and lunch. All sessions will be held in our Church Fellowship Hall. For more information, you may call Pastor Nixon at 910-540-4406 or Sis. Dentrall N. Boykin at 910-200-4953. You don't want to miss this intriguing Men & Women's Conference 2018 with a host of dynamic powerfully anointed women of God, expelling God's word!

### Johnson Chapel Family

## Yard Sale!!!!



Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church

### Family Yard Sale

Great Household/Clothing Deals for family and friends.

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Saturday, April 28, 2018

7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church

1882 Lincoln Road NE

Leland, NC 28451

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Women's Day 2018 Committee

Sister Cheek, Sister Young

### TELL SOMEBODY

## "Think on these things"

"Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." *Phillippians 4:8*

**R**ules for living and themes for our thought life can be found throughout the Word of God. With so much bad news being spread throughout the airwaves, etc. we must maintain our sanity and peace of mind, by focusing on what God has said.



Sylvia Hooper

In order to obtain and maintain the peace of God, we must gird up the loins of our minds to avoid being overwhelmed from the constant negativity resulting from a constant and unending flow of shocking and devastating news. We must not allow what is happening in the world to get in our spirit. If we do, we will find ourselves victimized by the feelings of paranoia, oppression, depression,

fear, and anxiety. We need to ask the Lord to help us confront all negativity with a positive attitude.

We must remember that we are in the world, but not of the world, and what is going on in the world today has already been prophesied by the prophets and predicted by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His words of comfort, to the church, can be found in John 16:33. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Paul picked it up in the Book of Phillipians, when he advised us how to keep a positive attitude in a negative world. No matter how bad things may become, we can stay elevated mentally and spiritually by looking for the grace and mercy of God to be seen in all we go through! No matter how bad things are, they could be worse! We need to evaluate our lives a little closer, so we can appreciate the "good" things that are going on!

If we focus on whatsoever things are true, we will be reminded that God wants His people to be truthful. (Ephesians 4:25) If we focus on whatsoever things are honest, we will take heed to

obey God, no matter who disobeys God! (Romans 12:17) When we focus on whatsoever things are just, we realize we have no excuse to do wrong, and mistreat others if we want to keep our hearts pure before the Lord! (Proverbs 21:3) If we focus on whatsoever things are pure, we want to keep our hearts pure before the Lord. (Matthew 5:8) says, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

When we focus on whatsoever things are lovely, we realize the worth and value of having the love of God! Ephesians 3:19 says, "And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." There is a good report in the midst of the madness and the sadness, if we would stop and listen to the testimonies of the people of God.

No matter how corrupt things may have become, God will always have a people who have not bowed and will not let go of their righteousness or abandon their moral virtue. Last but not least, there is always something to praise the Lord for! If we would think on these things, we could have a beautiful spirit and a sound mind.

None of the things going on in the world today, can separate us from the love of God and none of these things can remove our names from

the Lamb's Book of Life. That is why we have a reason to rejoice. That should be our focus!!! After all we have been through, we still have joy, and our salvation is secure, intact, because we are still in His hands.

Father I ask you in the name of Jesus to keep my mind on things that are positive, so that I will be successful in living a victorious life in this present world. Amen.

Tell Somebody to think on these things!!!!

"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!"

### SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

## Paul hit the bullseye

**I** remember reviewing the letters of Paul in Bible study. In doing so, I was constantly reminded that one cannot look at Paul without really seeing Jesus' amazing handiwork.

Now you need to know that I think Paul is an awesome person, when it comes to the story of his life.

I haven't found a biography or autobiography of anyone in or outside of "The Good Book," who comes close to my admiration for Paul; Jesus notwithstanding.

Because the two are so closely associated with one another, I can't help but consider the impact of this tandem on human history. Just in case someone wants to debate me on this by bringing up the lives of the 12 apostles, I have considered them as well as the prophets and I'm just one of those who is in awe of Paul.

A very large part of the Bible is devoted to Paul's building of the early church at a time when who you wor-

shipped was a life and death decision.

Paul himself says, in his letters to the church in Corinth, that there was indeed a point to his suffering and persecution and that the basis for most, if not all, of what he went through was a byproduct of his faith in Jesus Christ.

"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I (Paul) will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." —2 Corinthians 12:8-10.

This kind of thinking and belief led to the eventual proliferation of the church, worldwide. It also makes the point of how the lives of so few have impacted and influenced so many in the world then, and the world as we know it today.

Forgive me if I find this a rather fascinating fact. Paul is who he is, because of his unique one on one encounter with Christ. That encounter changed him and ultimately

the world in which we live. If that be true, then our individual encounters with Christ should also have a profound effect on us and the world in which we currently live.

It is not unusual for new Christians to be attacked by old friends. It is also not unusual for new Christians to fall victim to the attacks of the world, since it is in the world where Satan has some sway.

I think Paul's good news is that there is a place of refuge when the attack comes. He uses himself as a very good example to follow.

If I surrender my weaknesses to the power of Christ and subjugate my will to that of the Lord's will, then I become empowered to deal with whatever is thrown my way.

Life, the Christian life, is funny that way. It places what I have described as a bullseye on your back, designed to distinguish you from those nonbelievers around you.

Your faith also sets you up and apart to do great things in the name of Jesus Christ, my personal Lord and Savior.

I guess what I'm really saying is that when the going gets extremely tough, check the human being Paul.

Like Christ he's been through and has experienced the worst that life has to offer. But because of his belief system, he also experienced the best of God's promises.

Reviewing Paul's letters to the church in Corinth is like a refresher course and I just wanted to let you know where I go during difficult times. You might also find some answers there.

The point I'm trying to make is that in the eyes of God, one's weaknesses are welcomed opportunities for God to show up and show out.

Have you ever wondered why those who have been through so much are able to stand so strong and witness for Christ? Reexamine the reality of God's grace and you just might get your answer.

May God bless and keep you always.

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James Washington is a father, husband, Christian and writer. James is also the owner and publisher of the multimedia company The Dallas Weekly. You can follow James on Twitter at @JAWS\_215.

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**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  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 798-3615 (phone)  
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

April 5, 12, 19, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Notice of Sale**

2006 LINCOLN  
VIN: 1LNHM81W86Y607150  
Owner: CAMERON ASHWORTH SMITH  
Place: Kirby's Garage Inc.  
1513 Castle Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Date: 05-11-2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Telephone: 910-762-3159

April 19,26, May 3, 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 TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Betty L. Jones**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of 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

Wendell W. Jones, Executor  
1172 Latrobe Dr.  
Annapolis, MD 21409

April 19, 26, May 3, May 10, 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, 10 JT 78**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
P.M.B. (DOB: 02/16/2015)  
A.C.H. (DOB: 05/26/2006)  
TO: KALI BROWN [RAINS]**

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 children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, April 19, 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 19th day of April, 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)

April 19, 26, May 3, 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  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

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

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  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
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  
M.A.S.II (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.

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)

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  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Helen M. Sexton**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of July, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 19th day of April, 2018.

John Thomas Sexton, Executor of the Estate of Helen M. Sexton  
87 W. Grand Regency Circle  
The Woodlands, TX 77382  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2018

**PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF  
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA**

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) invites separate and sealed bids from contractors for Re- Bid for Pest Control Services & HVAC Maintenance Service, Security & Alarm Systems Installation & Monitoring, Asbestos, Lead Abatement and Mold Remediation Authority Wide. Please go to www.wha.net for a bid package and further information. Packages will be available for viewing 4 /6/2018.

April 5, 12, 2018

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The following vehicle  
2008 Honda  
VIN 1HGCP26758A099494  
Last owner of record being:  
IRIS ANNA SIMMONS  
P.O. BOX 115  
SUPPLY, NC 28462-0115  
And/or 74 PEARL Way NE  
Supply, NC 05291  
and showing a Lien in favor of SECU  
P.O. Box 27528  
Raleigh, NC 27611-7528  
Sale pursuant to Mechanics lien in the amount of \$12631.74 shall be sold to the highest bidder  
at 10:00 am on 05/04/2018  
at Stevenson Honda (Lienor)  
821 S. College Road,  
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 12, 19, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Notice of Sale to Enforce  
Lien for Unpaid Storage  
Charges**

**The name and address of the lienor:**  
Harnett's Landing, LLC  
10 S Cardinal Drive  
Wilmington, N.C. 28403

**The name of the person having legal title to the property:**

Robert John Brown  
5432 Eagles Nest Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28409

A. Hall Gray  
900 General Jackson Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

**Description of the property:**

26' TANZER  
NC 7867 BW  
HULL ID NO: TNE26423M80E  
NC REGISTRATION NO: NC 7219EC  
VA REGISTRATION NO: VA-6869-FF

**Amount due for which the lien is claimed:**

As of 1 March 2018, \$3,023.00

**Place of the sale:**

Steps at the New Hanover County Court House  
316 Princess St  
Wilmington, NC 28401

**Date and hour when the sale is to be held:**

10:00 AM  
8 May 2018

April 19, 26, 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 CVS 4351**

**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  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
Telephone: 910-251-8088  
Facsimile: 910-251-8430  
North Carolina bar 20165  
dturlington@davidandassociates.com

April 12, 19, 26, 2018

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**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 16**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
J.L.B. (DOB: 01/19/2017)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS: APRIL  
NOLAND, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER  
AND ANY UNKNOWN  
BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE  
ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE  
CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON,  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA TO  
APRIL NOLAND**

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 child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following April 18, 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 and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Chris Oring, was previously appointed to represent April Noland, and he can be reached at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 763-9925.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **JUNE 18, 2018**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 18th day of April, 2018.

Karen F. Richards  
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County  
Department of Social Services  
PO Box 81  
Wilmington, NC 28402  
(910) 632-0424

April 19, 26, May 3, 2018

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and  
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**NOTICE OF SALE NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 18 SP 0056**

**IN THE MATTER OF: The Foreclosure of the Real Estate Deed of Trust executed by Rose Anne Ellison and John Quincy Ellison recorded in Book 1483, Page 0180 and re-recorded in Book 1484, Page 796, New Hanover County Registry.**

By: Alan M. Solana Substitute Trustee

**UNDER AND BY VIRTUE** of the power and authority contained in that certain Real Estate Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Rose Anne Ellison and John Quincy Ellison, recorded in Book 1483, Page 0180 and re-recorded in Book 1484, Page 796, New Hanover County Registry (as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Deed of Trust"); and under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned as Substitute Trustee by that certain instrument recorded in Book 5878, Page 169, New Hanover County Registry; and under and by virtue of that certain Authorization, Findings and Order Allowing Foreclosure entered by the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and the said Deed of Trust being by its terms subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded the foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and due notice having been given to those entitled to same, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the appropriate place for foreclosure sales at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, at 12:00 p.m. on **May 2, 2018** the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust, which property includes all that certain lot or parcel of real estate, including all improvements and fixtures located thereon, situated, lying and being in New Hanover County, North Carolina, the same being owned of record by the heirs of Rose Anne Ellison and John Quincy Ellison, as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice of Sale, and being more particularly described as follows:

**See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.**

Together with all the buildings, fixtures and improvements thereon, and all rights, easements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, including all heating, plumbing, ventilating, lighting goods, equipment and other tangible and intangible property, attached to or reasonably necessary to the use of such premises.

The sale will be made subject to all encumbrances existing prior to the recording of the Deed of Trust, including all valid and enforceable liens and also will be subject to all taxes and special assessments outstanding against the property. This sale will be further subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the herein-described property for a period of 120 days following confirmation of the sale. The real property may be sold in separate parcels, all together or in any manner the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate.

The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, or both, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the notes make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities

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Should the property be purchased by a party other than the holder of the Deed of Trust, that purchaser must pay, in addition to the amount bid, the following items: (a) the tax required by §7A-308(a)(1) of the North Carolina General Statutes of forty-five cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the bid amount up to a maximum tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and (b) the excise tax on conveyance required by §105-228.28 et. seq. of the North Carolina General Statutes of one dollar (\$1.00) per five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or fractional part thereof of the bid amount.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.10(b), the successful bidder at sale may be required to make an immediate cash deposit or certified check not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or seven hundred fifty and no/100 dollars (\$750.00). In the event the holder is exempt from paying the same, the successful bidder may also be required to pay revenue stamps on the Trustee's Deed, any land transfer tax, and the tax required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in N.C.G.S. §45-21.30(d) and (e). The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

The upset bids procedure of §45-21.27 of the North Carolina General Statutes is applicable to this sale.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination pursuant to §45-21.16(b)(2) of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to expiration of the upset bid period and/or the sale, and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

This the 27th day of February 2018.

POSTED: February 27, 2018 Alan M. Solana, Substitute Trustee

Exhibit A Legal Description

**BEGINNING** at a point in the southern line of Hall Street 75 feet eastwardly from where the southern line of Hall Street intersects the eastern line of 10th Street (formerly Dickinson Street) and running thence southwardly and parallel with 10th Street 99 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Hall Street 34 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with 10th Street 99 feet to the southern line of Hall Street; thence westwardly along said southern line of Hall Street 34 feet to the point of beginning, same being part of Lots #1 and #2 in Block #300, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, and being the same property conveyed by deed recorded in Book 1459 at Pag

April 19, 26, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 16 JA 332**

**IN THE MATTER OF: M.N.B. (DOB: 11/28/2016)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS: CHRISTIE MONCZKA, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; KYLE CANADY, PUTATIVE FATHER; ANDREW FLORES, PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO CHRISTIE MONCZKA**

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

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You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following April 18, 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 and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins was previously appointed to represent Christie Monczka, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

Attorney Chris Oring has been appointed to represent Kyle Canady, and he can be reached at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 763-9925.

Attorney Shawn Evans has been appointed to represent Andrew Flores, and he can be reached at 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 251-6088.

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This the 18th day of April, 2018.

Karen F. Richards Contract Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services PO Box 81 Wilmington, NC 28402 (910) 632-0424

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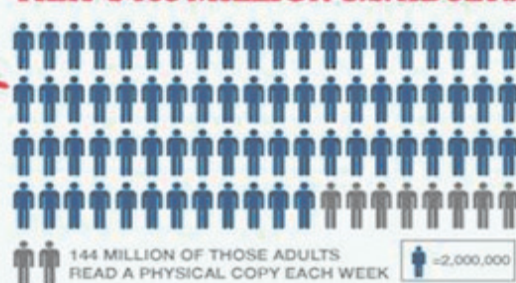
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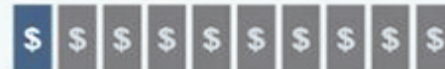
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