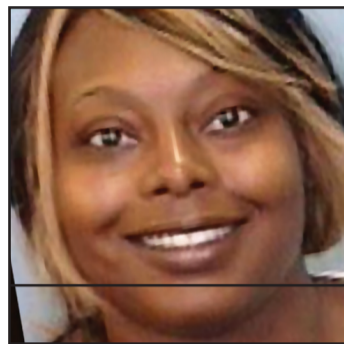




THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

News from the African American perspective without fear or favor

MISSING



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.

OUTside Looking IN

OUR VOICE



DR. E. FAYE WILLIAMS

GUEST EDITORIAL BY DR. E. FAYE WILLIAMS "Fear can immobilize you" PAGE 4

COMMENTARY



REV. JESSE JACKSON

COMMENTARY BY REV. JESSE JACKSON "What to do when just three Americans have as much wealth as 50% of the country" PAGE 5

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

ON VACATION. WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK.

VOLUME 91/No. 21

MAY 24, 2018 - MAY 30, 2018

FIFTY CENTS

WEEK TWO

Arrests, Jesse Jackson mark Poor People's Campaign

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The second week of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival focused on systematic racism, voter suppression and immigration, but it was marked by high profile arrests and intensified demands for social change.

In Washington, D.C., Monday, Rev. Dr. William Barber, national co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, was joined by veteran civil rights leader, Rev. Jesse Jackson, leading a large group of clergy, poor people and supporters into the US Capitol Rotunda, praying, and seeking to deliver a list of demands to both Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and House Speaker Paul Ryan.

But U.S. Capital police refused Rev. Barber, Rev. Jackson, and Poor People's Campaign Co-chair Rev. Liz Theoharis access to either office and gave the group three warnings to disperse or be arrested.

After ordering TV cameras and news reporters to move to a separate room with the doors closed, officers arrested Rev. Barber and his supporters, ushering them outside to the rear of the Capitol Building.

"America's democracy was under attack long before the 2016 election by racist voter suppression and gerrymandering, which are tools of White supremacy, designed to perpetuate systemic racism," Rev.

Please see PPC, WEEK TWO/Page 2



VIDEO CLIP COURTESY OF REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH Rev. Dr. William Barber, Rev. Liz Theoharis, and Rev. Jesse Jackson speak to the press after being arrested inside the US Capitol Monday during the second week of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival on Washington, DC. A similar demonstration was held Monday in Raleigh, where 12 protestors were arrested at the Legislative Building.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BARBARA FERGUSON KAMARA

Children in the village of Sanniquellie, Nimbia County in the Republic of Liberia, Africa take a look at their school that is under construction and named for Wilmington native, Barbara Ferguson Kamara and member of Williston Class of 1959.

School named for Williston Class of '59 pioneer

BY ALVIN S. JOHNSON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In December of last year, the village of Sanniquellie, Nimbia County in the Republic of Liberia, Africa saw a dream realized with the opening of the Early Childhood and Development Center. This Center provides a learning environment initially for some 100 children, ages two to four.

When completed the Center will have a multipurpose library, a conference room and six classrooms. The Director of the Center is Pastor Peter S. Gonway.

In recognition of the person, who is a staunch catalyst for the realization of that dream, the school is named The Sia Barbara Ferguson Kamara ECD Center.

Barbara Ferguson Kamara is a native of Wilmington, NC and a member of the Williston Senior High School Class of 1959.

Barbara's association with Liberia dates to her serving there in the Peace Corps after graduating from Johnson C. Smith University. Her early assignment was to teach mathematics to students and teachers.

After leaving the Peace Corps, Barbara has had a distinguished career establishing herself as one of



President Gono and Sia Barbara Ferguson Kamara next to sign with name of school.

the foremost authorities, in the nation, in the field of early childhood education.

Please see KAMARA/Page 2

Federal lawsuit demands that HUD enforce fair housing

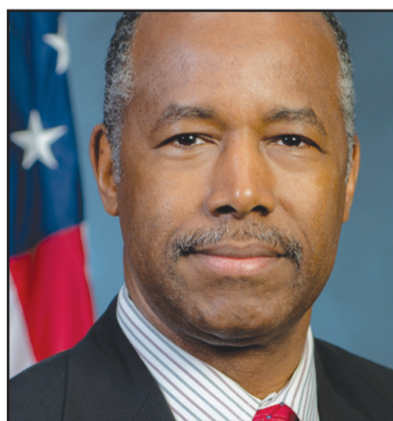
Civil rights leaders, housing advocates join forces

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In 1965 and as part of a visionary public policy strategy known as The Great Society, President Lyndon Johnson created a new cabinet level agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The agency became responsible for developing programs and crafting policies that would support urban America with decent housing, homeowner-

ship opportunities and more. Following enactment of the Fair Housing Act in 1968, HUD was further charged with its enforcement.

But the current HUD Secretary, Dr. Ben Carson, appears to either not know, or willfully ignores the vital mission of the agency he was appointed to lead. From proposing billion-dollar budget reductions, increasing rental fees for public housing, and halting efforts that require local communities receiving HUD funds to address fair housing needs, Secretary Carson's tenure has been troublesome to a growing num-



SECRETARY DR. BEN CARSON

ber of consumers and advocates alike.

Now, his retreat from enforcing

Please see HUD/Page 2



CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS



EDUCATION SECRETARY BETSY DEVOS

Rep. Adams pushes Education Secretary DeVos on helping HBCUs

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Emphasizing that the June 30 end of the federal fiscal year was "...extremely critical," Congressman Alma Adams (D-NC-12) pushed U. S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Tuesday to commit to implementing a key provision in the recently passed 2018 Omnibus budget "...provide for the deferment of loans" made under the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Capital Financing Program, and over \$20 million to cover the cost of HBCU Capital Financing Program loans, including "the cost of modifying such loans."

Rep. Adams, an HBCU alumna who taught at Bennett College, co-chairs the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus in Congress

Please see HBCUs/Page 3



THE WILMINGTON
JOURNALISSN 0049-7649 - AN
INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
Dedicated to R.S. Jervay,
Founder of R.S. Jervay Printers,
1901and T.C. Jervay, Sr., Founder of
The Wilmington Journal,
An offspring of the Cape Fear
Journal, 1927Published Weekly At
412 South Seventh Street,
Wilmington, NC 28401
By Black Press SENC, LLC
P.O. Box 1020,
Wilmington, NC 28402
Periodical Postage Paid At
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 762-5502,
Fax: (910) 343-1334,
Email: wilmjourn@aol.com
Website:www.wilmingtonjournal.com
Single Copy 50 Cents
Subscription RatesAll Subscriptions \$32 Yearly,
Except Foreign, \$37 Yearly,
Payable in Advance. (Taxes
Included for NC Residents)
Address all communications and
make all checks and money
orders payable to:The Wilmington Journal,
P.O. Box 1020,
Wilmington, NC 28402

WE ACCEPT

Shawn Jervay Thatch
Chief Operating Officer
Mary Alice Jervay Thatch
Publisher/Editor
Johanna Thatch Briggs
Assistant Editor
Cash Michaels
Reporter/Editorial Staff
Edward Crumdy
Accounts Executive
John Davis
Photographer
DeShon Briggs
Distributor
Joshua Allen
DistributorOpinions expressed by
columnists in this newspaper do
not necessarily represent the poli-
cy of this paper.The Wilmington Journal cannot
accept yard sale and dinner sale
announcements as briefs. These are
considered advertisements.
Community and religious briefs are
designated for public service
announcements, which are free and
open to the public.All news must be submitted two
weeks in advance by Fridays at
5 p.m. There is no charge for sub-
mitting briefs, news and
photos. All briefs will run for a
maximum of two weeks.Please send news near the event
date. Briefs/news cannot be taken
over the phone. Photos and sto-
ries may also be emailed to us at
wilmjournnews@aol.com. News,
but not photos, may be faxed to us
at 910-343-1334. Photos may be
picked up after appearing in the
paper. The publisher is not respon-
sible for the return of unsolicited
news, pictures or advertising copy
unless necessary postage
accompanies the copy on a
self-addressed envelope.Member of the National
Newspaper Publishers
Association, Inc.
Member of North Carolina
Black Publishers Association

PPC, WEEK TWO

Continued from Page 1

Barber said in a statement. "These laws target people of color but hurt Americans of all races by allowing politicians to get elected who block living wages, deny union rights, roll back Medicaid, attack immigrants, and underfund public education. Lifting up the 140 million Americans trapped in poverty today begins with ending this domestic assault on our democracy."

While The Reverend

KAMARA

Continued from Page 1

President Jimmy Carter appointed her as Associate Commissioner in the Department of Health and Human Services where she was responsible for the National Head Start Program, the Appalachian Regional Commission child development programs, child care regulations and research and demonstration programs. Her last position

was Administrator of the District of Columbia Department of Human Services' Early Care and Education Administration.

Since her Peace Corps days, Barbara has made countless trips to Liberia consulting with the government as the country seeks to make early childhood development one of its priorities.

Barbara says "I have been able to build lifelong relationships not only with government officials but with the villagers. I have been embold-

ened by their absolute commitment to solving the problem of literacy."

To give some perspective, early childhood participation in the schools is less than 30%. The overall literacy rate for the 15-24 age category is about 60% for males and for females 40%.

No wonder Barbara has stated a hope in her Vision Statement that "Liberians will realize that building a strong foundation starting with the first 1,000 days of a child's life will contribute sig-

nificantly to the transformation of the education system and improved economic vitality for Liberia."

At the dedication service, Dr. Yar Doniah Gonway-Gono, the President of the local community college and the brainchild of the Center thanked Barbara for her level of hard work that allowed this village to carry on in molding the minds of this young generation.

Barbara joins a group of other Class of 1959 Williston graduates who have facilities

named for them. Rachel Freeman Elementary School of Engineering is named for the late Mae Rachael Freeman, former Chairperson of the New Hanover Board of Education. McNeil Residence Hall at North Carolina A and T University bears the name of Joseph McNeil, civil rights leader of the "Greensboro Four". This is quite a testimony to the Williston Legacy and to the Class of 1959.

Alvin S. Johnson is also a member of the Williston Class of 1959.

HUD

Continued from Page 1

fair housing has led to a federal lawsuit filed by housing and civil rights advocates who are calling upon a federal court to reinstate a key rule used to fight segregated housing. On May 8, the National Fair Housing Alliance, Texas Appleseed, and Texas Low Income Housing Information Service (Texas Housers) jointly asked the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to reinstate a HUD rule that Secretary Carson suspended this past January.

The rule, known as Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), implemented the legal requirement that federal agencies and federal grantees further the purposes of the Fair Housing Act by dismantling residential segregation. The rule took effect in July 2015, after widespread documentation over several years revealed how many HUD grantees made no discernible effort to end segregated housing in their locales.

In response, the AFFH rule specifically required any organization receiving HUD funds to have a plan and timeline that incorporates community concerns to actively address local housing problems. This planning approach was structured to enable HUD grantees to take meaningful and measurable actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation. Additionally, the rule promotes fair housing choice, and fosters inclusive communities that are free from discrimination.

"Each day HUD holds up

requiring jurisdictions to fully comply with the law is another day that millions of people are being denied fair housing opportunities," said Lisa Rice, President and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance. "HUD's action is a clear example of justice delayed, justice denied."

According to the complaint, HUD suspended the rule on January 5 without providing any prior notice or opportunity to comment. HUD also did not offer any explanation or evidence as to why the agency felt justified in suspending the rule.

Unless the federal court intervenes, the rule suspension will remain in effect until either 2024 or 2025.

Across the country, an estimated \$5.5 billion in HUD funding is awarded each year. Nearly two-thirds of these funds go to approximately 1,210 grantees through HUD's Community Development Block (CDBG) Grant program. With this year's rule suspension and continuing for several years, grant recipients - largely state and local government jurisdictions - can obligate their allocations without any concern for compliance with the Fair Housing Act rule.

A permanent rule reversal could also signal a return to the kinds of actions that necessitated the rule.

For example, a 2007 False Claims Act case was brought against Westchester County, New York. Thanks to a whistleblower organization, it was disclosed that the county defrauded the federal government in its use of \$50 million in HUD revenues over several years. This county regularly certified HUD

compliance with the Fair Housing Act even though the local jurisdiction was deliberately concentrating affordable housing in a small number of Black and Latino cities. The county also shared its CDBG funds with overwhelmingly white suburbs that refused to allow affordable housing.

In a 2010 report to Congress, the General Accounting Office found many jurisdictions lacked any oversight or accountability with HUD funds. Nearly one-third of local jurisdictions failed to make a minimal effort to write a report known as "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice"; in housing parlance the report is known as an AI. The GAO found that 29 percent of jurisdictions did not complete this report over a five-year period. Another 11 percent had not done so in a decade. Others could not identify a date of completion or had no AI at all.

In short, HUD did not meaningfully oversee its grantees in this process. However, after the rule took effect, communities responded with forward strides.

In Philadelphia where widespread evictions in communities of color were cited as a serious barrier to fair housing, the city began an Eviction Prevention Project that included legal assistance for consumers facing unjust evictions.

In other examples, Paramount, California began an initiative to increase access to group home housing for people with disabilities. New Orleans promised to create 140 units of affordable

Barber and The Reverend Jackson were leading the cause in Washington, Poor People's campaign organizers in Raleigh were also hammering the same themes at the NC Legislative Building on Jones Street.

Once again, demonstrators, as they did last week, rallied across the street in the Bicentennial Plaza, then walked across the street and entered the Legislative Building, seeking to deliver a list of demands to Republican legislative leaders, House Speaker Tim Moore and State Senate Majority Leader Phil Berger.

However, just as in Washington, D.C., the Raleigh demonstrators were not only denied, but ordered to disperse or face arrest.

Unlike a week ago, when demonstrators faced only police citations for blocking the street in front of the Legislative Building, on

Monday, twelve of them were arrested and physically taken away.

Organized supporters stood on the sidelines shouting, "We love you," as police took people away.

The national Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, says that the same nonviolent "direct action" confrontations took place simultaneously in 35 other state capitols across the country and will again next Monday.

This was part of a 40-day, six-week campaign of national protests to ensure that the plight of the poor be made part of the political conversation going into the 2018 midterm elections and the upcoming 2020 presidential election.

The NC Poor People's Campaign is scheduled to return to Raleigh and the State Legislative Building next Monday.

Gospel Joy
WWIL
1490 AM

Rejoice Musical Soulfood

Streaming Live or on iTunes

A Division of CLL Radio, LLC • PO Box 695 • Wilmington, NC 28402 • 910.833.7118 • 910.343.6065 • fax: 910.769.2343

www.gospeljoy1490.net

email: rejoice@gospeljoy1490.net

WILMINGTON TALK TITAN
HOME OF OLD SCHOOL CLASSICS

WLTT 1180 AM

Live Streaming Radio & on iTunes

www.1180WLTT.com

comments@1180wltt.com • 910.833.7118

uncw presents

LUMINA
FESTIVAL of the ARTS

JULY 12 - 29

We invite the Cape Fear community to join us for the Lumina Festival of the Arts, a celebration of performing and visual arts in the coastal South. Events will be held on the UNCW campus and venues throughout Wilmington.

uncw.edu/arts/lumina

Kenan Auditorium Box Office: 910.962.3500



Accommodations for disabilities may be requested by calling 910.962.3500 at least three days prior to the event. UNCW is an EEO/AA Institution.

MOUNT OLIVE DINNER SALE
CLAM FRITTERS/ CHICKEN/ FISH

Regular Fritters (clams only) \$5.00

Deluxe Fritters (clam, shrimp and crab) \$7.00
(ALL FRITTERS ARE FRYING PAN SIZE)
DINNERS - \$9.00Chicken Wing(4) Dinner or Fish Dinner
All Homemade Sides:
Potato salad, mac & cheese, green beans (turkey seasoning), lettuce & tomato, dessert, beverage.

SANDWICHES - \$5.00

CALL (910)763-3955 AFTER 10AM FOR ADVANCED
ORDERS.

Saturday, June 2nd 11am-2pm

Sponsored by the Willing Workers of Mt. Olive AME Church.



STATE BRIEFS

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

NEW VOTER ID BILL EXPECTED FROM GOP-LED LEGISLATURE

[RALEIGH] It had long been rumored, but now published reports say that the

Republican-led House Elections Committee is expected to unveil a new bill to once again require voter identification in North Carolina. In 2013, the GOP majority in the General Assembly passed a voter ID law that was eventually struck down by the US Supreme Court. Many observers said then that Republicans would try again to reinstate it, changing the framework so that if challenged in the courts again, it

could pass legal muster.

ATTY. DOVEY JOHNSON ROUNDTREE, 104, DIES

[CHARLOTTE] A pioneering black female attorney, Dovey Johnson Roundtree, died May 21 at an assisted living facility. The Charlotte-native was 104.

Atty. Roundtree is known for fighting against segregationist laws affecting interstate bus travel while she served in the Women's Army

Auxiliary Corps. Her legal career spanned nearly fifty-years, and in that time, as a criminal defense attorney, Roundtree advocated for poor African-Americans and black churches, once joking that she and her partner worked for "eggs and collard greens." She was once called, "a legal aid clinic before there were legal aid clinics." Attorney Roundtree was also a mentor to a number of talented African-American attorneys like Charles Ogletree. She

once said, "I make my clients my children. I can see stars where there's nothing but a bunch of clay."

911 TOLD OFFICERS MAN THEY BEAT HAD A GUN, BUT HE WAS UNARMED

[RALEIGH] Two Highway Patrol troopers and one Wake County Sheriff's Deputy were told by a 911 operator that a black man they stopped April 3rd, and allegedly assaulted, was "10-

32" (had a gun), according to a recording of radio traffic. But when Kyron Dwain Hinton, 29, was stopped that night, and eventually beaten with a flashlight and attacked by a K-9 dog, he had no weapon. The officers say Hinton was uncooperative. He suffered 20 dog bites, a broken nose and eye socket. A Wake County grand jury has indicted all three officers for assaulting Hinton. All charges against him in the incident were dropped.

HBCUs

Continued from Page 1

and represents a state with more HBCUs (eleven) than any other, pushed Sec. DeVos during Tuesday's House Committee on Education and the Workforce hearing on making sure that HBCUs receive the assistance they require regarding the financing program loans before, or by, the June 30 fiscal year deadline.

"The deferment will help these institutions make payments and provide them with the necessary temporary relief from their loan payments," Rep. Adams said. "We have approxi-

mately five to seven HBCUs that need these deferments in place by the end of their fiscal year."

Adams was concerned because DeVos had not yet responded to an urgent May 8th letter she and Congressmen Bobby Scott and Ted Budd sent to the secretary regarding the matter, even though DeVos confirmed during the hearing that she did receive it and that she will respond.

The three congress persons originally fought to have the provision installed in the 2018 Omnibus budget to help HBCUs.

"...many (HBCUs) must have some deferment or modifica-

tion underway in order to meet requirements of end-of-year fiscal audits required by their accrediting bodies," Adams, Scott and Budd wrote.

Failure to meet end-of-year fiscal audit requirements could result in the closure of an HBCU. Adams made clear that that is something she does not want to see again, and if the US Dept. of Education does not follow through with the mandates of the 2018 Omnibus budget, that could very well happen.

Adams told Sec. DeVos in open hearing that she'd heard that the department might change the way it administers the loan deferment and modification, and she pressed DeVos "

...will you commit to administering the deferment program equitably so that we can ensure that we don't have HBCU closures...?"

"We are working on this carefully now, and I commit that we are going to see the intention of this addition to the Omnibus ...see it through, and are committed to supporting HBCUs in their mission," Sec. DeVos responded.

Congresswoman Adams thanked Sec. DeVos for her stated commitment, again emphasizing the importance of meeting the June 30th fiscal year deadline, and the Education Dept.'s working with those HBCUs that meet the required

criteria for loan deferment and apply in time, get one.

Earlier in the hearing, Sec. DeVos was grilled for not specifically what the Civil Rights Division of the US Education Department does. Published reports previously

indicated that DeVos was changing the original mission of the Civil Rights Office from advocating for Black, Hispanic, disabled and other students who were alleged victims of discrimination in the nation's schools.

PENDER COUNTY BRANCH NAACP #5431

NAACP
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

GUEST SPEAKER
AMBASSADOR
MATTIE R. SHARPLESS

BRANCH PRESIDENT
REV DANTE A. MURPHY

2018 FREEDOM FUND & MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

200-90 Delegation

THEME
#MeToo: Breaking The Glass Ceiling

LOCATION
Middle District Missionary Baptist Association
1825 NC-53
Burgaw, NC 28425

DATE & TIME
Saturday, June 2, 2018
10:00am

FOR MORE INFORMATION
704-466-8107 (Rev. Annie Murphy)
dntmrphy@gmail.com
www.pendercountynaacp.com

JULY 7-8, 2018

9th Annual OCEAN CITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE! HISTORIC OCEAN CITY!
NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH, NC

JAZZ WITH A HIGHER PURPOSE

Warren Wolf, Elan Trotman, Karen Briggs, Julian Vaughn, Athena Rose, John Brown Quartet, Derrick Gardner, Skip Walker

Onslow, WITN

TREASURE REALTY · ISLAND REAL ESTATE · FIRST CITIZENS BANK · LEWIS REALTY
MAEBILT CONSTRUCTION

KICKOFF PARTY BY SHOE CRAZY WINE FRIDAY JULY 6TH AT 7PM
PAVILION TENT WITH SEATING · SHUTTLE FROM WILMINGTON · SHOWS START AT 5PM
FOR MORE INFO: 910-459-9263 · INFO@OCEANCITYNC.COM · OCEANCITYJAZZFEST.COM

POWER1220AM WENC
Whiteville, North Carolina

Godwin Communication, LLC

Godwin Communications passion is to inspire people through good radio programing that uplift, motivate and empower people to achieve greatness.

Our local station WENC has served Columbus County and surrounding areas since 1974. We are committed to providing the highest quality of service.

Our goal is to introduce a wholesome format with positive connotations to assist the spiritual growth of our listeners. We feel this goal is attainable because of our coverage.

Our station broadcasts National News and Sports from the NBC and NC Network. The coverage of WENC is Southeastern North Carolina and Northeastern South Carolina, which includes Bladen, Horry, Roberson, and Columbus counties

Interested in Career Opportunities at Godwin Communications, Give us a Call.

Godwin Communications, LLC
108 Radio Station Rd
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
Tel: (910) 642-2133
Website: www.power1220am.com
Email: aneshia@embarqmail.com

ON AIR

healthy accents™

NOW CAREone®

THE SAME PRODUCTS YOU KNOW & TRUST

SAME PRODUCT
NEW LOOK
SAME QUALITY

CAREone®
Compare to the active ingredients in Vicks® NyQuil® Cold & Flu

NIGHTTIME COLD & FLU
Pain Reliever/Fever Reducer-Acetaminophen
Cough Suppressant-Dextromethorphan HBr
Antihistamine-Doxylamine Succinate

Powerful Nighttime Relief
10% ALCOHOL
Relieves:
Aches & Fever
Runny Nose
Sneezing

CAREone®
Compare to the active ingredients in Advil® (Ibuprofen)

IBUPROFEN
Tablets, 200mg
Pain Reliever/Fever Reducer (NSAID)
Easy to Swallow
Gluten Free

CAREone®
Compare to the active ingredients in Prilosec® (Esomeprazole)

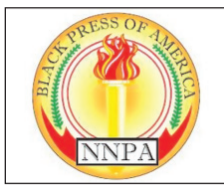
ORIGINAL STRENGTH ACID RELIEF
Famotidine Tablets, 10 mg
Acid Reducer
Just one tablet prevents & relieves heartburn due to acid indigestion

CAREone®
Compare to the active ingredients in Aloe Vera Hand Soap

aloe vera
LIQUID HAND SOAP

CareOne health and personal care products offer the same high quality as the national brands at a much lower price.

Exclusively at **FOOD LION**



THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Wilmington Journal was founded on the principle of the Black Press Credo. The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonism when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

The Wilmington Journal welcomes letters from its readers. All letters are subject to editing. We will not publish pseudonymous letters. All correspondence must include a home address and a daytime phone number. All correspondence must be signed, unless it is e-mailed. Letters may be sent to our Physical Address: 412 S. 7th Street, 28401 or our Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1020, 28402. We also accept letters via e-mail at wilmjourn@aol.com or via fax at (910) 343-1334.

OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Fear can immobilize you

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Every time we turn on television, we hear "Breaking News" and it's always something worse than the last news. It's beginning to make many fearful of what could possibly be next. Even former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson ventured out this week to say, "Without personal honor there is no leadership." I think that was his way of saying our country is currently leaderless.

When we think about all that's going on that's a scary thought. Rex went on to say that we have a growing crisis of ethics and integrity. He invoked the Bible by saying, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." If we're free, we should have no fear. Fear negatively impacts our health. Yet, I see many people experiencing fear every time they hear what #45 has done or said.

Let's think about what the Bible says about fear. In 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT), we're told "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." If we believe that, why are we allowing fear to immobilize us? Power, love and self-discipline can get us through this if we unite against the lies we're told daily by the man charged with leading our nation. As #45 pushes against all that's good about our nation, let us push back just as hard against the evil he's spewing against just about every bit of progress we've made in perfecting our union.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NLT), tells us, "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." Yes, we are experiencing a strange and challenging season under #45, but if we reject the bad behavior he's exhibiting, and do what we know to be right, we can get through this. When he goes low, as our beloved First Lady Michelle Obama once said, let us go high. Let us resolve to comfort those #45 denigrates. Let us uplift those he puts down. Let us love those against whom he spews hate. We must speak out when we hear #45's hateful rhetoric or our silence is giving consent to what he is saying and what he is doing. Reject #45 and all the uncouth silliness for which he stands. I know it's frustrating, but we can't go back to where #45 wants to take us.

Our ancestors of all races, colors, creeds worked too hard to allow people like #45 to succeed. We're better than he's painting our country to be. Yes, the world is laughing at us, but let's meet the challenges with which we are presented and turn them to good. Let's look at where we are as a season now and believe there's light at the end of the tunnel as we leave this one and enter another season.

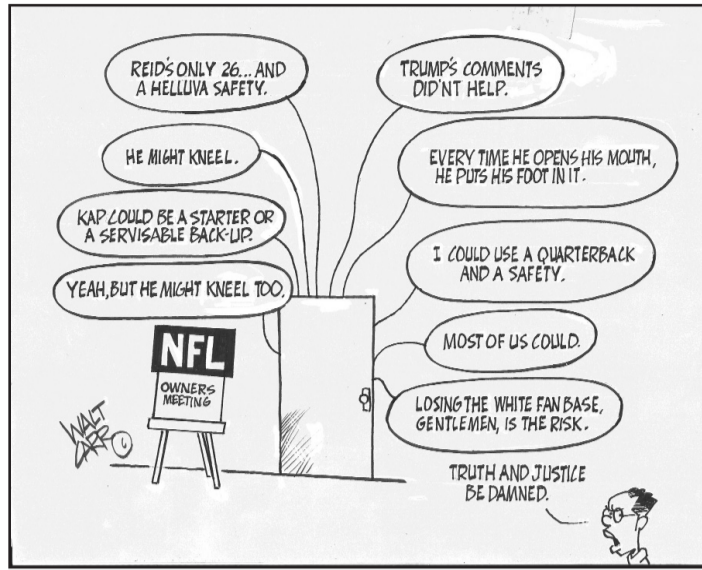
Instead of succumbing to hate, chaos and fear we're facing, let's rise above it and believe that we're coming into a new season as Director Bob Mueller and his team prove not only to #45's staunch supporters, but to people around the world that the rest of us are not like that. I believe God has got this and it's just a matter of time before we move into a better season. We just have to keep the faith.

Let us resist the evil of those who call themselves leaders. As Dick Gregory always taught us, "Hate, jealousy, anger and fear are our enemies. All of them negatively impact our health and well-being." Knowing that no lie lives forever (and there've been many from #45 and his team), let us have no fear because no season lasts forever.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. and Radio Host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFM 89.3 in Washington, DC. 202/678-6788. www.nationalcongressbw.org.

VOICE YOUR OPINION!!

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR, TODAY!



YOUR VOICE

YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS

One day I was a slave and the next day I was free because 535 members of Congress passed a law. They can pass any law they want with a 2/3 majority vote. The NRA is paying them not to pass any gun control laws. The NRA paid my 7th District Congressman, David Rouzer \$2,000, Senator Thom Tillis 5 million and Senator Richard Burr 7 million.

TRUMP was paid over 30 million dollars from the NRA. Emperor Nero played the fiddle while Rome burned and TRUMP plays golf while our children are shot in schools. Do you know how much the NRA is paying your Representative or Senator???

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

WHY VOTING MATTERS

The only time 99,096 residents in Brunswick County are totally equal is at the bal-

lot box!

The Brunswick County Board of Elections reported just 10.10% (10,008 ballots) were cast by the 99,096 eligible voters in the county during the recent 2018 primary election. In spite of efforts by the BOE to expand voting hours, locations, early voting, one-stop voting and even Saturday voting in the four satellite locations, only 10.10% chose to be equal.

Democracy is at a crossroads. Which direction we choose to take depends on each of us. In any definition of Democracy, it is described as a "system" of government with the POWER vested in the PEOPLE who rule directly or indirectly through freely elected representatives. We, the PEOPLE, wield that POWER by voting. Every election cycle is important.

In the 2016 Presidential election, 46.9% of eligible voters decided to stay home and not vote. There are many reasons why they didn't vote but, the fact remains they

abdicated their equality by not voting. We must never allow that to happen again!

"One man (women), one vote" is the foundation of our democracy. If we give that up, we are no longer a Democracy. Gerrymandering, redistricting, voter suppression, the gender gap, the wage gap, lack of common-sense gun control, racial injustices are just some of the examples of what will eventually lead to the collapse of our Democracy. These are nonpartisan issues ... neither Democrat nor Republican.

But, all is not loss! We can do something about it. We can demand honest representation of the PEOPLE from our elected officials for all their constituents not just their big donors. And when they choose not to listen to the PEOPLE they are supposed to represent, we can VOTE them OUT!

David Johnson
Boliva, NC

In response to SENIOR MOMENTS, by Ruth Johnson, date May 3rd, 2018

Sex without the permission of BOTH parties is RAPE, R-A-P-E, no matter how you slice IT. It's true, billions of women have been raped over the years, but I doubt very much if these women, thought of the attack as "getting over a broken leg". I know some women who have not gotten over being raped at all. Rape is the second most violent crime one human can impose on another, the first being murder. HOW DARE YOU MAKE LIGHT OF IT! However, it gives me great peace of mind knowing, that if you, your daughter, granddaughter, niece, god-daughter, in-laws should ever suffer the misfortune of being raped, Ms. Johnson, that they will get over the attack "LIKE GETTING OVER A BROKEN LEG."

Mrs. Marilyn P. Brown
Winnabow, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Who will protect solar consumers?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Thanks to President Barack Obama, the solar and wind industries are expanding rapidly. He provided tax credits and subsidies for renewable energy (part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009). Despite the stunning failure of the solar company Solyndra, which left taxpayers liable for its \$535 million collapse, our nation's capacity for solar and wind boomed under President Obama, with the cost of rooftop solar dropping by 54 percent during that administration, and with the number of US households with solar panels exceeding a million households by 2016.

Just this month, California has passed legislation requiring that all new homes use solar power, an amazing boost to the industry! And the United Nations announced that solar attracted more investment in 2017 than any other power source, clean or dirty.

For all the support President Obama offered the solar industry, his administration didn't offer consumers enough protection against unscrupulous solar panel sales persons. Thus, consumer advocates have had to be aggressive in protecting consumers from illegitimate business practices in the solar industry. A year ago, three members of Congress wrote to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau asking that these shady business practices be investigated. I

wrote a column about the flawed practices and had the opportunity to meet with Abby Hopper, President of Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA).

The organization says it is working to increase pro consumer policies around the country, and has a Consumer Protection Committee, a set of free tools to help consumers understand solar agreements, and projects to include underserved communities in the solar industry, including a supplier diversity program. Some of the members of the industry group are also involved in community colleges, STEM programs, and employment training.

So why did Hector Balderas, Attorney General of New Mexico, recently file a 17-count civil complaint against Vivint, a Utah-based rooftop solar company, accusing them of fraud, racketeering and unfair business practices. Balderas says Vivint employed "high-pressure sales techniques and procedures designed to mislead consumers" and lock their customers into contracts lasting 20 years, with rates that increase "by over 72 percent," as the agreement matures. Vivint is not a minor player in the rooftop solar industry.

In fact, they are one of the largest companies, selling solar panels to consumers across the United States. Still, SEIA has no comment on the Vivint situation in New Mexico on their website, which shouldn't be too surprising, since Vivint is a member of SEIA.

To be sure, the website says all the right things. It highlights its consumer protection work, mentions diversity and inclusion, speaks of environmental awareness, and provides updates on public policy. Beneath a sunny

exterior, though, there is a problem with unscrupulous solar companies. When rooftop solar companies lose money, as SolarCity did, losing more than \$800 million in FY 2016, they get extremely aggressive, desperate to keep growing, and seek out new customers, taking advantage of those who are less sophisticated. That's what New Mexico says Vivint did, and they aren't the only ones.

Another major player in the rooftop solar industry is Sunrun, which has had its own ethical concerns. Last year, the Wall Street Journal reported that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is investigating whether Sunrun (and SolarCity) misled investors. In the Journal piece, the reporter cites Freedom of Information Act requests, which found, according to the Journal: "Hundreds of complaints have been filed against solar companies in Texas, Oregon, California and Florida, with customers saying they are paying more on their utility bills, not less as they were promised, and have been sold expensive systems they cannot afford."

What also strikes me as odd, is that in their latest filing with the SEC, the CEO of Sunrun, asserts that the cost of maintaining the electrical grid - such as transformers, power stations and transmission lines - over the next few decades does not make financial sense, and that we should instead be encouraging Americans to install solar panels.

I am supportive of renewable energy, and believe that allowing the utilities to totally dominate the electric market is problematic. But, I am also extremely leery of the government mandating more rooftop solar because the industry is seemingly rife with bad actors, who prey

upon unsuspecting consumers. If we were to employ policies at the state and federal levels, that would divest from our electric grid and instead invest in rooftop solar, why should we believe that companies like Vivint would suddenly behave themselves? We shouldn't, which is why I agree with the Consumer Federation of California's call for government to "create a framework of consumer protections."

Solar companies love to highlight the immense investment that is needed to modernize our existing electricity grid. The companies are right that work needs to be done and they are also right in the unfortunate conclusion that these investments are likely to result in higher rates for customers. However, the solar companies conveniently ignore the fact that as more and more well-off households spend thousands of dollars to install solar panels, the cost to sustain and modernize the grid will be shifted to the poorer Americans without solar panels. No matter how much we support renewable energy, we cannot ignore this unfair reality and we need to make sure that government subsidies don't accelerate this regressive cost shift.

The need for renewable energy has led the federal government, and many states, to provide subsidies for solar energy. We also need to provide protection for the consumers who are being ripped off by those unscrupulous actors in the solar industry!

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.amazon.com for booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit www.julianmalveaux.com

TO BE EQUAL

Diane Nash: A Civil Rights icon celebrates her 80th birthday

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"She would not be moved. I felt my voice go up another decibel and another decibel and soon I was shouting. 'Young woman, do you understand what you're doing? You're going to get somebody killed!' And there's a pause, and she said, 'Sir, you should know, we all signed our last wills and testaments last night before we left. We know someone will be killed. But we cannot let violence overcome non-violence.' Here I am, an official of the United States government, representing the President and the Attorney General, talking to a student at Fisk University, and she, in a very quiet but strong way, gave me a lecture." -- former Assistant to the Attorney General John Seigenthaler, on trying to talk Diane Nash out of the Freedom Rides in 1961.

our history, but many never seem to garner the acclaim they deserve. Diane Nash, who turned 80 this week, has been a leader among leaders.

Unlike many African Americans of her generation, Nash as a child in Chicago was seldom confronted with the depth and breadth of segregation's brutality. She has said her family rarely spoke about racism when she was young, and her first real encounter with serious prejudice was her rejection from a modeling school that did not accept Black students.

"I had never traveled to the south at that time," she told an interviewer for the PBS documentary Eyes on the Prize. "And I didn't have an emotional relationship to segregation."

Her arrival at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, as a transfer stu-

dent from Howard, changed all that.

"When I actually went south and saw signs that said "white" and "colored" and I actually could not drink out of that water fountain or go to that ladies' room, I had a real emotional reaction to that," she said.

It would have been easy for Nash to retreat back to Chicago, back to her comfortable middle-class life and loving family. But she chose to confront injustice head-on.

She quickly discovered James Lawson, who was then the southern director for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and was conducting non-violence workshops in a church basement.

In 1960, at age 22, she led the Nashville Sit-Ins, aimed at desegregating lunch counters. A few months later, she helped coordinate the Freedom Rides, riding interstate buses into the south to challenge the southern states' failure to enforce a desegregation ruling by the Supreme Court.

She would be jailed dozens

of times over the years - once while pregnant and facing the possibility of giving birth in prison. She and her then-husband James Bevel initiated the Selma to Montgomery Marches, credited with spurring passage of the Voting Rights Act.

She and Bevel soon turned their efforts toward protesting the war in Vietnam. She had her passport revoked after traveling to Moscow, Peking and Hanoi, where she participated in an interview with North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh.

Though she often is described as the only woman within Martin Luther King's inner circle, she told a local television interviewer in 2016 she never considered King her leader. "I always considered myself at his side and I considered him at my side," she said. "I was going to do what the spirit told me to do. So if I had a leader, that was my leader."

Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.



Marc Morial

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

"Thingification" running roughshod over decency

This week, the president of this nation - a white man who seems so glued to his whiteness that he cannot move without it making itself known and heard - called a group of people "animals."

The group was undocumented immigrants and he said "dangerous people" are trying to get into the United States. He said, "We have people coming into the country or trying to come in (and) we're stopping them. You wouldn't believe how bad these people are. These aren't people. These are animals." (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/16/us/politics/trump-undocumented-immigrants-animals.html>)



Rev. Susan K. Smith

The reaction to what the president said was swift; people and organizations were appalled, which caused the Trump machine and Trump surrogates to clarify that the president was only talking about undocumented immigrants.

That was supposed to make everything all right.

The phenomenon of white supremacy is the core of the American value system. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr said, "A nation that will keep people in slavery for 244 years will

"thingify" them - make them things." From the birth of this nation, those who were running the system of white supremacy made people "things;" black people were thingified, certainly, but so were women, children, native Americans and poor white people. White supremacy is a friend to no one but itself, and it works to keep wealthy, white men in control.

Because those in power, those in control of the white supremacist machine - thingified people in order to exploit their bodies, time and talent for the purpose of making the system the wealthiest in the world, they lost the capacity to see fellow human beings as human and to consider the damage they did as they used people but did not connect with them as human.

So, breaking up the families of Africans brought to this land did not affect them; they could not see the anguish in the eyes of mothers whose babies were being snatched from their arms and they could not hear the screams of those same babies as they were thrust into the arms of an unknown person. They could not relate to the anguish of native Americans as they were robbed of their land; they could not consider the possibility that their treatment of everyone who was not white, male and wealthy had a deleterious effect on them.

And so even though many cringed and are still cringing at the fact that the president of this nation called a group of people "animals," even as he is kissing the feet of a known, murderous dictator names Kim Jung Un, he and his "base" can see nothing wrong. This man, who "thingified" Mexicans at the beginning of his campaign, sees good in white supremacist groups, honors dictators and says this country will "protect" them, sees nothing ironic or wrong in what he is doing or saying. He does not care that the vast number of Americans who heard his "animals" remark will not take the time to distinguish between which immigrants are legal and which are not; he does not realize or will not acknowledge that his words will lead to more violence against innocent people.

White supremacy destroys the spirits of those who adhere to it. This same president refused to apologize on behalf of his administration for a crude remark one of the White House staffers said in regard to Sen. John McCain, the Republican senator from Arizona who is battling terminal cancer. He has thingified everything and everyone he does not like or who he thinks does not like him. He runs roughshod over human decency with nearly everything he says and does, and he doesn't care what carnage he leaves behind.

That is the danger of "thingifying" another human being. Human smallness trumps the capacity to be decent or to even want to be decent. Because of the words of this president and his cronies, many people are going to unduly suffer because in the eyes of the stool pigeons of white supremacy, they will be things, not people.

Only when the tide turns against those who thought they were "in" with the "in-crowd," aka the ruling class of white supremacy, only to realize that they have been "thingified" too will they see the error of their ways. In the phrase of many a mother, "God don't like ugly." To "thingify" any human being is an affront to God, who created all that has been made.

People won't realize that, though, until the process of thingification reaches their own lives, and by that time, God only knows what this country will look like.

Rev. Susan K Smith is available for lectures, workshops and preaching. Contact her at revsuekim@sbcglobal.net, or visit her page at www.crazyfaithministries.org.

RAINBOW COALITION

What to do when just three Americans have as much wealth as 50% of the country

Dr. Martin Luther King's final mission was to build and launch a Poor People's Campaign across lines of race, religion and region. He called for a "revolution of values" to address the "triplets of evil" - militarism, racism and economic injustice.

People should not die from poverty in the richest nation in the world, he argued. It was time to speak out; silence was a betrayal.

What Dr. King taught 50 years ago is even more relevant today. That's why I joined with Rev. William J. Barber II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis and their allies as they build a new Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, calling for nonviolent, moral direction action in state capitols across the country.

The campaign is a moral imperative. Inequality in this country has reached obscene extremes, with the richest three individuals having as much wealth as 50 percent of the country combined. Incomes have stagnated for most Americans, while they

have soared for the top 1 percent who have the resources to rig the rules to help themselves.

Most Americans struggle with rising costs and stagnant incomes. According to a survey by CareerBuilder, more than three out of four Americans - 78 percent - live paycheck to paycheck.

Three in four are in debt; most think they will never get out of it. More than one-third of Americans have no retirement plan beyond Social Security.

Thirty-two million Americans go without health insurance. Medical bills are the No. 1 cause of bankruptcy. More than half of minimum wage workers must work more than one job to make ends meet. According to the official Supplemental Poverty Measure, 140 million Americans live in poor or low-income households, including 38 million children.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

We see the toll in the shocking reality of declining longevity, as drugs, suicide and despair wreak a rising toll among the struggling. We see the toll in the deaths of young people shot in their own schoolrooms, or on their streets as they go to school.

Even as inequality has grown worse, and the incomes of most Americans haven't kept up, we've witnessed a harsh purposeful reaction, playing on our fears, using race and religion to divide us and blind us to the reality of our shared struggles.

We see that in the hateful language that insults immigrants, slanders Muslims, extols neo-Nazi and neo-Confederate race groups. We see it in the systematic efforts to use voter repression, gerrymandering and big money politics to keep power in the face of majority demands for change. We see it in the priority given to military spending and endless wars to police the world while our infrastructure grows decrepit, depriving more and more people of affordable water, public transport, safe roads, modern communica-

tions.

This reality is too often ignored in the posturing about America's greatness, or the bragging about the low unemployment rate. We need a moral revival in part because we need to see and speak the truth, and act together to make America better.

If we turn from racism to embracing each other and loving one another as God has loved us, if we will share together and sacrifice together, we can create an army for justice, a coalition of conscience. We can become the heartbeat of our nation leading a true revival.

The new Poor People's Campaign is not a closed organization. It is an open movement, calling each of us to stand up, to speak out and to act. The reality we face is not written in stone. It is the result of the power of special interests and the passivity of the true majority. If we come together, and act together, Dr. King taught us, we can create

JACKSON

Continued on this page

Manifest Destiny in modern America

One weekend evening in 1966, while traveling from Camp LeJeune in Eastern North Carolina to Myrtle Beach, S.C., my Marine buddies and I began to see roadside signs advertising a "Fish Fry" near the South Carolina border. It was late, we had not eaten dinner, and fried fish sounded like a pretty good idea. We followed the signs that led down a dark country road to a point where cars were turning into an open field.

We fell into the long line of cars and pickup trucks and inched forward until we could see a man directing the vehicles where to park. It was then we realized that we had a big problem. The man directing traffic was wearing a white Ku Klux Klan robe and conical headgear. My three traveling companions were white, and I was in the back seat, so we were able to pull out of line and head back to the main road without anyone noticing that there was an African-American in the car.

No one in our car said a word when we saw the Klansman. No one needed to say anything. We all knew that we had come very close to entering a particular type of "White Space" where my presence was not welcome. We all knew we had to get out of there.

Later, we joked about it - after we had put several miles between us and the fish fry and were certain no one had followed us. We continued our drive without any more problems.

Once we got to Myrtle

Beach, my friends and I split up, thinking that we each could do better meeting girls on our own, rather than in a "pack." But it did not take long for me to realize that I had entered another white space. While there was no one walking along the shore in Klan regalia, in 1966 Myrtle Beach was resistant to accommodating Black folk, no matter what the recently enacted Civil Rights Act said.



Oscar H. Blayton

Black folk are not welcome in white spaces. And recent events have demonstrated that some white people will not tolerate us invading those spaces. Recent instances of white people calling the police to come and control the presence of a Black person have startled many Americans. But for many African Americans, this behavior by white people is nothing new.

If we give sufficient thought to what race means in America, it is easy to understand why white people always call the cops on Black people. In the minds of many white people, all the space around them belongs to them. This goes back to the notion of Manifest Destiny and beyond. It was this way of thinking that allowed the "American" settlers to massacre the Indians and take their land. "American" became a code word for "white," otherwise "Native" Americans would

have as much right to the land as any other Americans.

Many white people, from Christopher Columbus to Donald Trump believe they have a God-given right to claim whatever space they want. And it is in those space where they expect to exercise their white privilege.

In years past, white spaces were the front seats of Southern buses, movie theatres and railroad cars reserved for whites only. A classic white space was Levittown, N.Y. in the 1950s, a community where Blacks were not allowed to live even though the homes were subsidized by federal loans. While some of the vestiges of a meaner time have faded away, the fetid stench of white spaces and white privilege still linger in America.

That stench has wafted into our nostrils each time a Black person is made to feel unwelcome by someone who calls the cops to prevent them from sitting in a Starbucks, playing a round of golf, moving into their apartment, moving out of an Airbnb or riding on the Napa Valley Wine Train. And the list goes on.

Those people who call the cops do so because their white privilege feels threatened. To them, white space is where white Americans expect to enjoy "the good life" and the bounty of this country. But as with an exclusive country club, most people of color need not apply.

The tragic death of Trayvon Martin can be explained in these terms. George Zimmerman saw Trayvon as someone who did not have per-

mission to be in his gated community, and Zimmerman took it upon himself to enforce that white space.

The truth of the matter is that for some white people, a person of color is not entitled to be anywhere in America; their presence is tolerated only at the discretion of white people. There are those white people who will look into a television camera and declare that America is a "white Christian" country, and there are those white people who will not make such public declarations but will call the police when Black men sit in their Starbucks for less than three minutes without ordering anything.

Once people of color come to understand that many white people believe that the totality of America belongs to them, then we will have a better understanding of why they are so quick to call the police. Ignoring the fact that they are all descended from different groups of immigrants with different cultures, they believe the "other" has no entitlement in this country. No right to look differently or speak differently. No entitlement to worship differently or to have a different sexual orientation. Our very existence is a discomfort to them and the more prestigious the white space, the more virulent the objection to the presence of people of color.

Just as their cultural forefathers before them, these white Americans believe that it is their manifest destiny to have all that is to be had.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

JACKSON

Continued from this page

a better world.

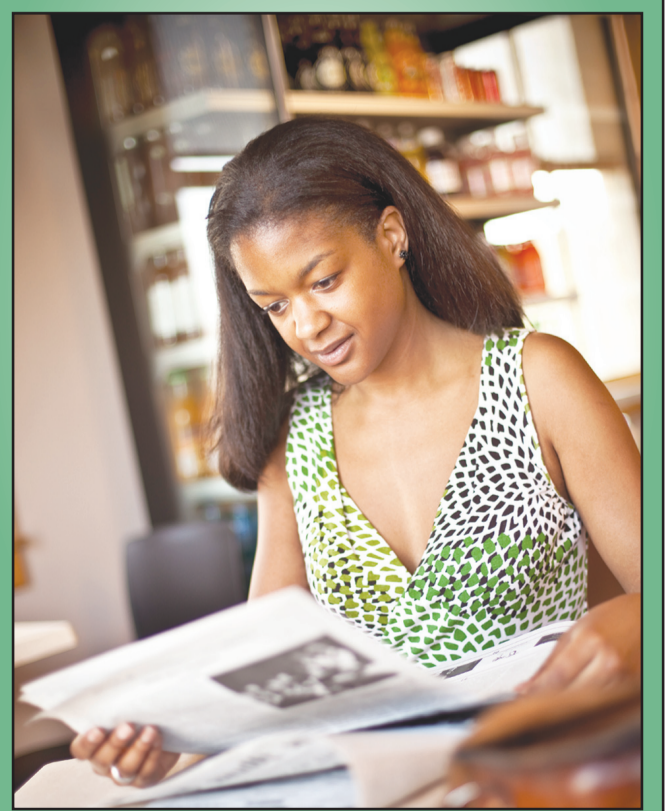
Now is the time to act. The Poor People's Campaign - at

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org> - calls us to complete the mission Dr. King began so long ago.

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

THE BLACK PRESS:

USE It or LOSE It!



New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on vital community and state issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

Community Briefs

New Hanover County Veterans Council will hold Memorial Day Services at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 28th in the Wilmington National Cemetery. The guest speaker will be Mr. Bill O'Brien.

Brunswick County

The Town of Belville is now accepting applications from citizens who are interested in serving on the Belville Parks and Recreation Board. The appointee will begin serving on the Board in July of 2018, to fill a vacancy until the term ends in January of 2019. Applications are available online at www.townofbelville.com under the Town Forms tab or at the Belville Town Hall, located at 63 River Road, Belville, NC. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday. The submission deadline is Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 4 pm. For additional information regarding the vacancy, please contact Athina Williams, Town Clerk, at (910)371-2456.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Brunswick County

Solid Waste & Recycling visits CUMC Preschool

Bolivia, NC – Brunswick County Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Micki Bozeman visited Camp United Methodist Church's preschool in Shallotte recently to talk about recycling with a little help from special guest Bottle Girl.

Bozeman and Rebecca Ladson, playing the role of Bottle Girl, spent time reading with the preschoolers and talking about the importance of recycling and litter prevention. The preschoolers also received coloring books and packs of crayons to take home.

While many items can be recycled, either through curbside collection or at drop off sites throughout the County, it

is important for recyclables to not be bagged, as plastic bags can become tangled in recycling machines and cause them to jam. Plastic bags can be returned to many grocery and retail stores and recycled there. Similarly, Styrofoam, hardcover books, light bulbs, and electronics cannot be recycled in single stream (mixed) recycling collected curbside or at convenience centers, though electronics and lightbulbs may be recyclable in specially-marked containers at convenience centers and the landfill.

For more information about recycling locally, visit <http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/solid-waste-and-recycling/recycling/>.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

History: Present, past, and future

History has been defined as the branch of knowledge that records and analyzes those events which have taken place in the past, those events which form all the subject matter of history. History is being made all around us each day and each night. History is being made at this very moment. We are a part of history, and history can be repeated in numerous ways. Sometimes, to repeat history is to have harmful consequences. Sometimes those consequences can be helpful. Sometimes, history doesn't get recorded. Sometimes, history has not been for publication at all and has been completely destroyed.

We teach history in our schools today. Students are taught North Carolina, United States, and, even, world history. Sometimes, however, students see this history as meaningless regarding our current problems or those facing us in the future. Sometimes, this causes additional behavioral and academic problems in the classroom. They, many times, fail to make the connection that brings together the past and the present and helps us envision the future.



Verniece Stanley

We must be ever aware of our schools, our teachers, our students, and the problems they used to face and still face and use whatever means we have to see that the old problems are remedied and that we are ready to deal with those which are to come.

Our schools must offer children good guidance and problem solving skills. We must prepare our youngsters to acquire the best of jobs. Then we need to teach them the skills necessary to experience success on these jobs.

There are various ways in which we can offer ourselves to help our young people develop and mature, not only academically, but also socially, spiritually, recreationally, etc. Some of the churches in the area allow the youth to play basketball in their parking areas when they are accessible. With proper permission to be on the premises and to use the facilities, there is no problem with using these areas most of the time. When using these areas, it is expected that those using the areas will

leave them clean. This is only way in which we, as a community can reach out to young people and help them be the best they can be. This is one way in which we help shape the course of history.

One person who comes to mind as I write about people who have helped shaped, in some positive way, the course of history is Mr. Edward Daniel Davis. Back in 1935, he founded the Florida State Teachers' Association. Under the auspices of this association, he began a movement to foster the equalization of salaries. He filed the first suits demanding the equalization of salaries for all teachers in the area in state and federal courts.

In 1935, working along with various others, Mr. Davis was the first to demand a nine month school term for Black students. Up until this time, the school year for Blacks consisted of only six months, unlike the nine month year for Whites. Blacks were expected to work for six months in the farmers' (mostly Whites') fields and to go to school the remaining six months.

There are still problems in the present, and there will be problems in the future.

Teachers are still "way down the ladder" on the pay scale. The need is still great for funds to purchase instructional supplies and supplementary materials for the classroom. No wonder many teachers and sympathetic supporters came together in a special teacher rally to call attention to salaries, working conditions, job satisfaction, etc. in North Carolina. We hope this is the beginning of a movement in educational advancement.

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.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

The Evaluation... HOW MUCH IS IT REALLY WORTH?.....

Real Estate value is determined by a few factors and this week I want to enlighten you on how it's obtained. One thing for sure is that personal opinions of how much it's worth are usually far greater than market value.

Realtors & appraisers call it Personal attachment or Emotional attachment evaluation. If it's a property that holds a lot of memories or been in the family for generations, many tend to think very highly of it. I truly understand as to why you would because those things are precious, but the challenge comes when the comps do not line up to support it.

So, what are COMPS? Comps is a real estate appraisal term referring to properties that have sold in the last 12 months or less with characteristics that are

similar and close proximity to subject property (your property) whose market value is being sought. Further broken-down: It can be a home, land, building, etc that sold within last 12 months that was in the same block, community, 1-mile radius or as close as possible that has same or very close features of the property that it is being valued it's worth. Example: If your home is a 3 bedroom brick home on 1/4 acre lot, built in 1991 on Castle Street, then the appraiser is not going to look at a 3 bedroom log cabin home on 2 acres built in 1991 in Castle Hayne to determine how much it's worth. The properties are too far apart in distance, the land sizes and features of the homes are nowhere similar. Therefore that log cabin home would not be a good comp to determine how much your brick home is worth. Same goes for land. If your land is 5 acres in Leland, the appraiser will not use a 5-acre tract of land in Wilmington to come up with a value. Also, if your property is a 5-acre tract in Leland with a residential zoning, then a 5-acre tract in Leland with a commercial zoning

would not be a good comp. I recently had a client contact me about possibly listing a commercial property that had a re-zoning of the area and the new zoning did not allow for as many commercial uses as the old zoning did when they brought it some years ago. That caused the value of their property to go down. Needless to say, that did not feel good but those are the types of things that can happen over time that can negatively affect the market value. I'm sure you got the picture by now so let me tell you about the difference between Realtors and Appraisers. Realtors use comps as well to do a Market Analysis for individuals looking for some indication of what they can list a property for sale. The difference is that Realtors are encouraged to give "a range" of what it could list for and we do not provide a certified report for that opinion whereas a licensed appraiser will. A Realtor may say, "your property is worth between 100,000-115,000" and the appraisal can say, "my certified opinion of market value is \$112,000".

So any Realtor can help you only if considering list-

ing property for sale and together you and your Realtor can determine what amount to list it for. If ever need or want a certified report of market value for any other purpose, you definitely need to hire an appraiser. However, be mindful that an appraisal is an "individual person's opinion of value". Yes, even if 2 different appraisers are looking at same comps, they sometimes can come up with a value totally different from one another. Go figure, strange but it does happen more than you know especially if using bank an appraiser that lives in Swansboro NC to appraise a property within the city limits of Wilmington. Smh, I just lived that nightmare with a buyer. The take away lesson is to make sure the appraiser knows the area they are evaluating. Until next week, share this article with 3 people and reach out for your FREE personalized action plan to OWN in 18 mos or less.

Brenda Dixon, Dixon Realty Since 1991, 27 yrs. F/T expertise. Contact Brenda@getthatdeed.com. or at 910-262-4836.

Kids Community Day!

Free Admission - Bring a Friend!!

Saturday | June 2nd, 2018 | 3pm-6pm
Douglass Academy - 507 N. 6th Street



FREE Food | Door Prizes | Music
Games | Snow Cones | Bouncy Castle!



Now Enrolling K-1st Grade!

Take a Tour!
910-763-1976 ext. 100
www.DouglassAcademy.net
507 N.6th St, Wilmington, NC 28401

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE U.S. 74 AND U.S. 17/U.S. 421 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY

TIP PROJECT NO. U-5731

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the U.S. 74 and U.S. 17/U.S. 421 intersection improvements in New Hanover County. NCDOT is looking at options to improve traffic flow through the intersection and accommodate projected future traffic volumes in the project area.

The meeting will be held on Monday, June 4 at the Battleship North Carolina located at 1 Battleship Road in Wilmington from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public may attend at any time during the meeting hours.

At the meeting, maps of potential improvement options will be available for viewing along with project team members who will discuss the project, answer questions, and provide feedback. Please note there will be no formal presentation. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops. The opportunity to submit written comments will also be provided at the meeting or can be done via telephone, email, or mail by July 5, 2018.

As information becomes available, it may be viewed at the NCDOT Public Meeting Webpage: <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>.

For additional information please contact NCDOT Project Manager, Brian Harding, P.E., by phone at (910)341-2000 or by email at bjharding@ncdot.gov or Consultant Project Manager, Charles Cox, P.E., by phone at (919)926-4126 or by email at charles.cox@rsandh.com

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Lauren Putnam via email at Inputnam1@ncdot.gov or by phone at (919) 707-6072 as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

May 24, 31, 2018



Brenda Dixon

Wilmington Chapter of
Las Amigas Prayer Brunch

Saturday, June 2, 2018
Doors Open at 9:30am
Program Begins at 10am until 1pm

Arab Shrine Club
4510 College Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

Theme: Continuing to Build on Our Founders

Speaker:

Acquinetta Rochelle Beatty

Entertainment:
St. James Devine Mime
and
Calyn Lawson
Door Raffle and
Silent Auction

TICKETS ARE ON SALE
NOW FOR \$20

For Ticket Information Contact:

Any Wilmington Chapter
Las Amigas Member,
Anechia Wiggins
(910)264-1908
Or
Wanda Pugh-Trice
(910) 200-8014

Mr. Billy Joe Brown, Sr.

Elder Billy "Juke" Brown, Sr. was born April 24, 1943 to the late Phillip and Bertha Brown. He transitioned this life peacefully Sunday, May 13, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bobby Brown.

Elder Brown attended Williston Sr. High School and later enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

He spent most of his adult life in business for himself fixing and repairing electronics and appliances of all types. If it was broken and needed to be fixed he was your man.

Elder Brown entered Ministry at Murph's Chapel here in the city on April 24, 1979. Years later he received his elder's license on July 20, 1992 at Canty Memorial COGIC. To say he was a theologian was putting it mildly. He knew and understood the bible backwards and forwards and his love for the word was immense.

He was united in Holy Matrimony on August 31, 1968 to the love of his life Grace Stevens Brown. This union of fifty years was blessed with five children: Hugh Stephens, Keith Brown (Kayla), Billy Brown, Jr. (Marcella), Nicole Shannon (Brian), and John Brown (Brandi); also left to cherish his memory eight grandchildren, Tamia Jones-Brown, Bryce Shannon, Ryan Shannon, Samantha Brown, Sebastian Brown, Seth Brown, Solomon Brown, and Storm Brown; one great-grandchild, Nevaeyah Brown, one brother Phillip Brown, and three sisters: Irene Hooper, Dortha "Cuda" Brown, and Cynthia Simpson.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Haggins

Mary Elizabeth Haggins was born on January 29, 1929 to Inez Beatrice Quick-Haggins and Archie Haggins in Wilmington, North Carolina. Mary received her education through the public schools of New Hanover County and was a graduate of The Greatest School Under The Sun aka Williston Industrial High School Class of 1946. She attended college briefly but soon returned home. Mary and her sisters traveled north. Mary, along with her sister Cornelia worked for a shoe factory in Boston. They looked so young that they had to send for their birth certificates to prove they were of age for employment. They were even offered employment at the Atlantic City Casino in New Jersey. The money paid so well in the north that Mary remained and her sister Cornelia returned home to the south. Eventually, Mary moved to Brooklyn, New York. Her oldest sister, Auldrie, and children lived there as well. Mary met and married Frank Odum, who

was in the Navy and continued their life in New York. They relocated to Philadelphia, PA where she was sworn in as a US Postal Worker and remained in the Philly area until retirement. Many years after retirement in Philadelphia, she returned to Wilmington, followed by a divorce, and as an entrepreneur worked from her home as a licensed beautician until deficits of age interfered. She also worked in the nursing homes of Wilmington and Leland.

Mary had a passion for great gossip, fashion, furs, parties, spirits, and later on in life, her dogs. After the death of her favorite dog, she purchased another. The dogs ate fast food and received better healthcare than most humans. Blindness and failing health eventually required her to be placed in the Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation Center.

Mary's father, mother, oldest sister, Auldrie H. Croskey, and only son, Archie Marvin Saunders, preceded her in death. Shortly after Mary's demise her adopted granddaughter, Antoinette Saunders, experienced an untimely quietus. Mary leaves to cherish her memory: a middle sister - Cornelia H. Campbell (city); a nephew - Elmer Edward Campbell, II (California); 3 nieces - Dr. Harriet Croskey (Wisconsin), Cornelia Christina Campbell-Murrill and Inez Campbell-Eason (city); 5 grandnephews; 2 grandnieces; 3 great-grandnephews; 3 great-grandnieces; 1st cousins, Lillian Quick-Smith (Leland), Robert D. Moore, III (city); Frederick Quirk (Fayetteville), John Spencer, Jr. (Charlotte); Daughter-in-law, Beverly Saunders; other close cousins, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Mrs. Gwendolyn "Honkie" Toomer

Mrs. Gwendolyn "Honkie" Toomer died May 10, 2018. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Mt. Zion AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Gwendolyn was born March 13, 1935 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Louise Merrick and Walter Gause. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Earl Toomer and a sister, Lillian Willis. She grew up in the Mt. Zion AME Church where she remained and worked faithfully. At Mt. Zion she served as an usher, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Stewardess and a member of the D. Morrison Choir.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: children, Ronald Toomer, Alonzo Toomer (Juanita) and Raymond Toomer; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; siblings, Barbara Dorlus, Walter Gause (Sylvia), Gail Tyler (Roderick) and Michael Washington brother-in-law, Russell Willis; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Charlie Henry Bell

Mr. Charlie Henry Bell died May 13, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at St. James AME Zion Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the St. James AME Zion Church Cemetery.

Charlie, known as "Charles Bell", the son of the late Raleigh and Mary Bell, was born on July 15, 1935. Charles was educated in the Brunswick County Public School System. He accepted Christ at an early age and was raised in St. James AME Zion Church. He would say to his friends, "I'm like my daddy, the less I say, the less I have to take back." He never complained. If you asked him how he was doing, his response was, "I'm doing ok, no need to complain."

In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his son, Charles Bell; a sister, Ethel Bell Galloway and a brother, Raleigh Bell, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory: one son, Tommy Bell of Whiteville, NC; one brother, Treadwell Bell (Edith) of Leland, NC; three sisters, Vanneal Waddell (Fred) of Leland, NC and Susie Moore and Mary Bordeaux both of Winnabow, NC; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including a dear and special cousin, William Holden. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Joe Clyde Robinson

Joe Clyde Robinson funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018 at St. James AME Zion Church, Leland, NC. Burial in the church cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Acy Thompson

Acy Thompson visitation will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018. Funeral services will follow at 4:30 p.m. in the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Tomar M. Bloodworth

Tomar Malik Bloodworth departed this life Tuesday, May 8, 2018. He was born August 24, 1998 in Columbus, Georgia. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home.

He leaves to mourn: his parents, Barbara and Tony Bloodworth; brothers, Tony Jr., and Travon Bloodworth; grandmother, Pauline Bloodworth; godmother, Sheila Green, six uncles, seven aunts and a host of cousins 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.

Winnie Waddell

Winnie Waddell, age 99, of Leland, passed away Sunday, May 13, 2018. A celebration of Ms. Waddell's life was held on Friday, May 18, 2018 at Blackwell Chapel AME Zion Church. Interment followed in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Winnie Waddell was born on January 20, 1919 to Mary Lillie Waddell. She lived in the Chappell Road Community with her children, Annie Mosley, Carl (Sharolyn) Waddell, Marie

Waddell, Dennis Waddell, Vernell (Morris) Neal, Denise Waddell, Adrian Waddell, and Roderick Yeoman (deceased).

Winnie was a faithful member of Blackwell Chapel AME Zion Church for all of her life. She loved to cook and was a great biscuit maker. Most days she could be found sitting on her front porch. For a young lady of "99", Winnie's conversations avidly followed today's current events.

Winnie was a doting grandmother to Alphonsa Mosley, Trena Mosley, Anthony (Kristan) Mosley, Althea (Scott) Wilson, Adrene (Brian) Peacock, Melissa Neal and Brian Waddell. She especially loved her great-grandchildren, Jordin Mosley, Ayden Wilson, Addison Wilson and Maurice Neal. She also enjoyed her 4 nieces and 6 nephews, and a special friend, Oreda Waddell. 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.

Lee A. Walker

Lee Andrew Walker was born on May 12, 1947 to the late Joseph Green and Ruth Elizabeth "Liz" Cotton in Norfolk, VA. In Lee's early teenage life, his mother "Liz" met and married Timothy Lee Cotton who cared for and raised Lee as his very own up to the day of Lee's departure. He quietly went to rest on Monday, May 14, 2018 in Wilmington, NC. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at New Beginning Christian Church.

After graduating Barringer High School, Lee joined the US Army and served in the Vietnam War. After being discharged from service, he relocated to New Jersey where he worked as a Corrections Officer for the New Jersey Department of Corrections and a shift supervisor at the Ford plant. Thereafter,

he was later employed at a number of different companies.

Lee was incredibly athletic and enjoyed all kinds of sports. Basketball, martial arts, golf, and boxing were some of his favorites. He was an avid reader and an excellent cook. Lee loved to dance and was truly the life of every party. It was at a party where he met Christophere "Chris" Sykes. They married and had two daughters, Shamonique and Aliya. Lee was intelligent, funny and had a great sense of humor. He never knew a stranger and made friends effortlessly. Lee was very generous and above all, he loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Ruth Elizabeth Cotton, his father Joseph Green, and two sisters, Delores Walker and Yvonne Brown.

Left to cherish his memories are: two daughters, Shamonique Brantley (Harkeem) of Wilmington, NC and Aliya Walker of New Brunswick, NJ; six grandchildren, Brandi James (Johmachi), Harkeem Jr., Malcolm, Jazmin, Israel and Rachel Brantley; one great-grandson, Prince Iain Lee James; his stepfather, Timothy Lee Cotton of Wilmington, NC; two sisters, Cynthia Cotton of Raleigh, NC and Yvonne Copeland of Norfolk, VA; two brothers, Brian Cotton of Wilmington, NC and Charles

Booker of Norfolk, VA; a special friend, Renee Herring and a host of 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.


Ruth Curl


Ruth Curl, age 83, of Leland (Northwest Community), passed away Sunday, May 20, 2018. A memorial service will be held at a later date. 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.

Ronald W. Hall

Ronald William Hall, age 74, of Leland, passed away Monday, May 21, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ronald's life will be conducted at 12 noon, Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 219 Snowfield Rd. SE, Leland, NC 28451. Interment will follow in Jones Family Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.


Cape Fear Caskets and Urns
 The affordable alternative, accepted by all NC funeral homes. Free delivery to Brunswick, New Hanover, and Columbus Counties.
Caskets starts @ \$ 900.00
 18/20 Gauge • Metal/Wood • Gasket/Non gasket Standard/Oversized
 Call for more info 910-523-7395
 Also Find Us Facebook @ cape fear caskets & urns

John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home
 "A Temple of Service"

 1895 2018
123 Years of Continuous Service
 520 Red Cross Street - Wilmington, NC 28401
 Phone (910) 762-2635 - Fax 910-762-8060
shawfuneralhome@msn.com
 "The Test of the Years Is Your Proof of Our Dependability"
William O. Boykin, Manager


DAVIS FUNERAL HOME

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money... Compassion and Integrity."
French I. Davis, Jr.
The Legacy Continues...

901 S. 5th Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401
Office: 910-762-6181
Fax: 910-763-2440
Email: info@davisfuneralhomenc.com
www.davisfuneralhomenc.com


Jennifer A. Terrell & Javoke S. Terrell

Adkins Drain Funeral Service

Peace of Mind for you and your family

Confidence in knowing that our professional, knowledgeable and compassionate staff is always available to help you with difficult decisions brings comfort at the time of need. Planning in advance of need brings relief from worry and stress by allowing you to...

Pre-Plan...
 Arrangements that honor your personal desires
 Pre-Pay...
 Financial arrangements that meet your needs
 Prepare...
 Having personal affairs in order is a gift of love to loved ones.


Pre-funeral arrangements can be made in the privacy of your home or at Adkins-Drain Funeral Home


Whether planning in advance or at time of need
 You can depend on us to be there for you.

Providing Quality Service And
 Personal Assistance

Because We Care

Adkins-Drain Funeral Service
 515 South 8th Street
 Wilmington, N.C. 28401
 Office: 910.763.7117
 Fax: 910.763.7133
 Email: adkinsdrain@att.net


Samuel Drain, Jr. Allene and In Memoriam


**Connie Drain Green
 Funeral Director**

New Hanover County

St. Phillip AME Zion Church will hold an evening of gospel singing on Saturday, May 26th at 4:30 p.m. There will be several choirs and groups. Also on Sunday, May 27th at 3:00 p.m., the church will hold an evening of fellowship, praise & worship with Pastor Tony McGee, Senior Pastor of Liberty Bible Church along with his Praise Team and Congregation at 3:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by our deaconesses. For more information you may call 910-540-4406.

Religious Briefs

Brunswick County

Bryant Swamp Missionary Baptist Church will hold its pastor's anniversary on Wednesday, May 30th- Friday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. nightly and on Sunday, June 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries are now accepting gently used clothing donations and non-perishable food items. Drop off location is 1757 Stanley Rd., Suppy, NC. Please call 910-294-0656, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Johnson, III for further information.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

In Loving Memory Of



Joan Dixon
May 21, 1947
71 years old

Mom on your birthday I celebrate you being you my extraordinary mother
You have made such a difference and created so much good in my life!

I celebrate your smart mothering, your clever creative methods of gently molding your beloved child, into your vision of me a strong, capable adult
An unselfish person of a good character.

I celebrate your boundless physical and emotional energy..

Loving me, leading me, supporting me, lifting me when I fall.

On your birthday Mom I celebrate the best thing about my life...having you as my mother.

Love your children,
Tanya M. Dixon, Torrence Dixon,
Rodney Dixon and Keisha William

NBCI pleads to find a way to help young White mass murderers before they kill us all

17- Year Old Dimitrios Pagourtzis, another mass murderer

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

WASHINGTON DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, is stunned that this society continues to ignore the obvious. We have a problem with white males between the ages of 15 and 21 who are committed to committing mass murder because either they are angry, they suffer from poor mental health or they harbor irrational hatred. We do not know what drives this population because society refuses to identify this subgroup as a problem because they are white. Race is not the issue here, we need to get them some help.

We must find the most humane way to help this subgroup of young white males.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, "I am not sure what it would take for the clinical community to take this historic threat as a real threat to humanity, but we will continue to point it out no matter what people think. We believe that we are right because we are concerned about this subgroup of young white males who are bent on committing mass murder anytime they are angry, mentally ill or under the influence."

The National Black Church Initiative is sure that if young African American males were killing at the rate of these young white males, the country would mobilize in a way to find them and kill them.

But, because they are young white males we refuse to even recognize, in language or actions, this particular subgroup of white mass

murderers. Why is that? From a clinician's perspective, this represents a derelict of duties. The Black Church, because of its deep love for humanity, is trying to call attention to this historic issue. This is not an emerging trend, this is a historic issue that continues to happen over and over again.

On March 24th, in a similar press release that we issued, we called on the Center for Disease Control to release a study on why 99% of the mass murders are committed by white males. We are sure that many viewed this press release as racist or even controversial but, that is not the intention. The intention is to call attention to this emerging problem that continues unabated to be undiagnosed, unrecognized and completely ignored mainly by white mental health clinicians.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino Churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, Churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting-edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltBlackChurch.com.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

God understands

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

On a clear day, one can see a long distance! We, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship saw clearly today and attended our meeting as usual, and, as usual, we were glad to be there.

Our meeting was called to order by Vice President Gladys Taylor. Mr. George Hill, our choir director, asked the choir to come forth, and the opening song was "O How I Love Jesus!" Mrs. Thelma Gates led us in prayer. The next song was "Down Through the Years."

Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone and asked for encouraging and motivational expressions. Minister Peggy McGlenn was our speaker for today. She started with "He'll

Understand and Say Well Done" and read from I Corinthians 3:16. So many feel they are more important than others. God loves everyone. God is a good God. He says that all we have to do is trust Him and let Him fix it for us. He will fix it in His own time. By faith, we give, and, by faith, He will fix it. Are you accepting what others say or what the Lord says? We must use the gifts God has given us. We need to look up and not down.

Nobody is perfect. All of us have to rely on God and put our trust in Him. We need not worry about what others think of us. Only God can put us where we need to go. God is not pleased with the world today, but He is raising up a nation. We need to be in that number. Only God is able to fix what is wrong. Regardless of

who we are or what we've done, God loves us all.

Minister McGlenn was thanked for such a great message, and such a great message was needed.

There were expressions regarding "Fun Day," the Royal Wedding, and graduations. We seniors talk only about grandchildren. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. We had one visitor, Mrs. Bonnie Murray. She was welcomed by Mrs. Frances Burney Matthews. The roll was called by Mrs. Cherry Pearson. Also trip information was given out, and we were reminded that birthday celebrations will be on June 5. This will also be our last meeting for the season, and we will resume our meetings in September.

The Callers made their

reports. There was a tie between Mrs. Janice Gordon and Mrs. Mary Martin. Each of them had nine members present. All Callers were given a great hand clap and a big "thank you." The announcements were given. The sick report was presented by Mrs. Annie Haskins. She reported that she had visited the Moores and some of our other members and made a special request that we continue to pray for them. Smiles and laughter were brought by Mrs. Mary Martin. Minister Peggy McGlenn did "If You're Happy and You Know It" and "God's Amazing Grace."

Our circle was formed. We sang "Bind Us Together." Prayer was offered by Minister McGlenn. The meeting was adjourned, and there were 50 present today.

NBCI commends the Royal Duchess Of Sussex for continuing the African royal line in the House Of Windsor

Bishop Michael Curry gave them a foundation of love

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

WASHINGTON DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, commends both the future King of England, Harry and the new African Duchess of Sussex Megan

Merkel, in their Holy nuptials. It was a spectacle for the world to witness that African blood has now invaded the royal lineage of the House of Windsor and no one can do anything about it other than what Bishop Curry says -- love.

The Black Church is never naïve to the hatred of the races. Even among all of this beauty and pageantry, those white English subjects and former subjects (Americans) are filled with hatred because

an African woman with the blood of her ancestors, which represents the first human on earth, is now permanently in the royal line of the House of Windsor. But, the African royal line is the first.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, "Marriage is God's Commandment and love is the foundation of all marriage. Those who were married outside of God and outside of love do not have a marriage. The National Black Church Initiative has always advocated for a Biblical marriage between one woman and one man. This is why it breaks our heart for those young women who have decided on homosexuality. There is no way that they can become a princess and they would have married outside of God's love. The importance of mar-

riage is to signify the love of God. It is not to defy the will of God."

Bishop Michael Curry, in his sermon, spoke eloquently about the power of love. One of the essences of the character of love is that it is so powerful and so transforming that as mere humans we can only possess a portion of storge, philia, eros, and agape. As a man of God, I must challenge all those who will wish this union their hatred because of the presence of African blood that they will never fully understand the power of God's love, and love in general because they are blocking it with their hatred.

The sermon by Bishop Curry was divinely inspired so that the whole world could hear him because God is love.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coal-

ition of 34,000 African American and Latino Churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, Churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting-edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltBlackChurch.com.

TELL SOMEBODY

Memorial Day

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." John 15:13

Memorial - Something intended to celebrate or honor the memory of a person or an event.; Designed to keep remembrance alive.

One of the most important national holidays is Memorial Day. Memorial Day, is celebrated by every state in the U.S. and is commemorated on the last Monday in the month of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates the death of U.S. men and women who died while in military service.

Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the civil war, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fire-



Sylvia Hooper

works, trips to beach, etc.

To insure the sacrifices of American fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the US Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act", creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nations.

A hero is defined as a man distinguished by exceptional courage, nobility, and strength. Joseph Campbell stated, "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." A hero is also one admired by many people for his brave deeds. We can all agree that soldiers who have died while in military

service are considered by many to be heroes.

While the world is looking for heroes to remember, there is One Greater, than any hero this world has ever known! This Hero of heroes, is named Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our nation and entire world, while demonstrating exceptional love, obedience, courage, nobility, and strength far beyond the call of duty of any mortal man.

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man, some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:7-8

He said, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." St. John 10:18a

"This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19b

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4,5

Let's celebrate Memorial

Day in honor of all servicemen and women who died in the military. If possible, let's attend family get-togethers and embrace our loved ones. . . Lest we forget, let's remember the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose unselfish devotion and obedience to God, opened up the way for our deliverance, healing, and our Salvation. John 3:16 Tell Somebody!

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

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

**HONOR YOUR GRADUATE IN
THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL'S
GRADUATION EDITION
TO BE PUBLISHED
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018**

**For more information,
call Shawn Thatch
at 910-762-5502 or
stop by the office at
412 South 7th Street.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2018

CLASSIFIED

PLACE YOUR AD

...By Phone
910-762-5502
Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
...By Fax
910-343-1334
24 Hours/7 Days
...By Email
wilmjournads@aol.com
24 Hours/7 Days

Rates: \$20.00 Per Column Inch.
All Ads Are Payable In Advance Unless You Are An Established Advertiser.

FAX & EMAIL ORDERS:

Include the following information:

- Full Name, billing address, and phone number
- Date(s) you want the ad to appear
- Name and daytime phone number of contact for any questions or clarifications

We accept



LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA :
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO. 18 E 491
In the Matter of the Estate of
Edgar W. Sessoms, Deceased.

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Edgar W. Sessoms**, deceased, this is to notify all creditors of said Estate to file their claims against the same on or before **August 3, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of same. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make payment of such indebtedness at once. All claims against said Estate are to be filed with, and all debts owed to said Estate are to be paid to, the undersigned in care of Marshall, Williams & Gorham, L.L.P., 14 South Fifth Street, Post Office Drawer 2088, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402.

This the 3rd day of May, 2018.

WILLA R. SESSOMS Executrix of the Estate of Edgar W. Sessoms, Deceased
ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE:
Lonnice B. Williams, Jr.
MARSHALL, WILLIAMS & GORHAM, L.L.P.
P.O. Drawer 2088
Wilmington, NC 28402-2088
Telephone (910) 763-9891

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 30th day of October, 2017, as Executor of the Estate of **MADGE H. BARHAM**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Wm. Bruce Jones, Jr., at 1784 Masters Drive, Franklin, TN 37064, on or before the **8th day of August, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 3rd day of May, 2018.

BRUCE JONES, JR,
EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

May 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 30th day of October, 2017, as Executor of the Estate of **ROBERT C. BARHAM, III**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Wm. Bruce Jones, Jr., at 1784 Masters Drive, Franklin, TN 37064, on or before the **8th day of August, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 3rd day of May, 2018.

BRUCE JONES, JR,
EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

May 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Virginia Lavinia Woody,
Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Virginia Lavinia Woody**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **August 13, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of April, 2018.

E. Carolina McEachern,
Executor of the Estate
of Virginia Lavinia Woody
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **James Edward Shepherd Dempsey**, deceased, late of 221 Cypress Pond Way, Apt. 107, Wilmington, NC 28411, 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 418 Marlowe Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609, on or before the **August 17, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th, day of May, 2018.

Patricia Ann Dempsey Garrabrant
Administrator of the Estate
of James Edward Shepherd Dempsey
File #: 18-E-591

May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Dolores M. Miller**, 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 **24th day of August, 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 24th day of April, 2018.

Gabrielle Marie Collins, Executrix of the Estate of Dolores M. Miller
93 Grace Church Street
Rye, NY 10580
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Max Kahn, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Max Kahn**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **August 13, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of April, 2018.

Rachel Kahn Wofford,
Executor of the Estate
of Max Kahn
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018 AT 4:00 P.M., OR THEREAFTER, IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 24 NORTH THIRD STREET, ROOM 301, WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA. A COPY OF THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, ALL BRANCHES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ON THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY WEBSITE: www.nhcgov.com/Budget.

Kymberleigh G. Crowell
Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners

May 24, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Susan Dianne Crawford**, 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 **10th day of August, 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 10th day of May, 2018

Sandra L. Moore, Administrator
6610 Old Bridgegate Road
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Sharon P. Magnetti**, 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 **10th day of August, 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 10th day of May, 2018

Anthony J. Magnetti, Executor
8537 Galloway National Way
Wilmington, NC 28411

May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Barbara Diane Miller Spahr AKA Diane Miller Court Spahr**, 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 **24th day of August, 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 24th day of May, 2018

Joseph Roger Miller, III, Executor
POB 999
Leland, NC 28451

May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
COURT FILE NO:
18 CV 001532

Robert LL Lewis, IV, Plaintiff
v.
Evelyn Lewis, 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 an absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than **June 20, 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 10th day of May, 2018

Robert Lewis
306 North Hampton Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

May 10, 17, 24, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the estate of **William Preston Roberts, Jr.**, 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 **24th day of August, 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 24th day of May, 2018

Frankie Roberts, Ancillary
Administrator
121 Hargrove Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2018

INVITATION FOR BIDS
SOLICITATION NO.:
WHA17.14

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF WILMINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
RE- BID ELECTRICAL
SERVICES
AUTHORITY-WIDE

(One or more contracts might be awarded)

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below. Bids will be publicly opened and recorded immediately thereafter at the Central Office, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

•Pre bid conference/tour: Wednesday, May 30th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., beginning at the Central Office.
•Bid Opening: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
•Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pickup beginning 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25th at the Central Office.
•Fee: non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or you can Download Project Manual at no cost -- www.wha.net (under Business Opportunities/IFB)
•Questions: E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than Friday, June 8th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net

Upon written request to the Contracting Officer, bids will be available after contract award. NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE. FAX NEITHER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The WHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

May 23, 31, 2018

Attention Attorneys
and
Government Agencies

When it comes to legal advertising, *The Wilmington Journal* is qualified to meet all your needs in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 1-597. Notice to Creditors, Notice of Bids, Service by Publication, Divorce, Foreclosures, Notice of Sale, Etc. **OUR PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE!** Contact us for special rates at (910-762-5502)Ext. 22 or wilmjournads@aol.com

EMPLOYMENT

Licensed Electrician
Wilmington International Airport
See flyilm.com for details.

LICENSED PLUMBER

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington is accepting applications for a LICENSED PLUMBER. Salary: \$56,000 per year based on qualifications. Applicants must submit a letter of interest, current resume, copy of license and three references to LICENSED PLUMBER SEARCH, Attention: Human Resources Department, PO Box 899, Wilmington, NC 28402 or email to jobs@wha.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For a detailed position description, please visit www.wha.net

NEWSPAPERS DELIVER

Newspaper media content and advertising rate as the most trusted, most valuable and most engaging. The numbers tell our story.

Newspaper media reach a **HUGE AUDIENCE**

59% OF YOUNG ADULTS READ NEWSPAPER MEDIA WEEKLY (AGE 18-34)

Mobile audience +158% (vs 2017)

Across platforms, **7 in 10** Americans read content from newspaper media each week. **THAT'S 158 MILLION U.S. ADULTS.**

144 MILLION OF THOSE ADULTS READ A PHYSICAL COPY EACH WEEK

ENGAGED AUDIENCE

Not only do newspaper media reach a HUGE audience, they also reach an **ENGAGED AUDIENCE**

Newspaper-generated content is so valuable it's taken and repeated, condensed, broadcast, tweeted, discussed, posted, copied, edited and e-mailed countless times throughout the day by others.

NEWSPAPER MEDIA ARE MOST TRUSTED

56% trust newspapers

Newspapers and their websites rated **12%** higher than other media on how engaged audiences were with advertising.

Newspaper print ads drive the **highest purchase intent—a 35% higher score** than local television, cable television & local music radio.

Adults who name local newspapers as the **most effective** place to learn about Black Friday sale and store information.

This is a **37% higher score** than microblogs and a **58% higher score** than local TV.

52% trust local television

NEWSPAPERS ARE TRANSFORMING.

Fueled by creative, fresh ideas, very real, very positive changes are afoot in the industry.

40% INDUSTRY REVENUE FROM NON-ADVERTISING SOURCES

A host of new revenue sources that did not exist a few years ago grew by **8%**, which now accounts for close to **1 in 10** dollars coming into newspaper media companies.

5% CIRCULATION REVENUE GROWTH

Sources: Across Platforms: 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013)
The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)
2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
[@NAUpdates](https://twitter.com/NAUpdates)
[Facebook.com/Newspaper AssociationOfAmerica](https://www.facebook.com/NewspaperAssociationOfAmerica)
www.naa.org

It Pays To Advertise In
THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL
For Information Call Us At
910-762-5502

HERE ARE OUR CARDS ...

Whatever you're looking for, consider these local businesses

FIRST

St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church
 Reverend Dr. Mary C. Nixon
 Pastor



2913 Acorn Branch Rd.,
 Wilmington NC 28405
 Church: (910) 251-9892
 Home: (910) 675-1250 | Cell: (910) 540-4406
 Email: 3n1bailbondingco@bellsouth.net



3-N-1 BAIL BONDING Co.

Home 910-675-1250
 Cell 910-540-4406
 Office 910-675-3840

P.O. Box 12831
 Wilmington, NC 28405
 NC LICENSE #2473
 NATION WIDE SERVICE

Owner/Operator
 Mary C. Nixon
 Bail Bonding Agent

EAGLE ISLAND FRUIT & SEAFOOD



"Biggest Little Store You Ever Saw"


LIVE BAIT & TACKLE

Highway 421 North
 Wilmington, NC 28401

762-1193

Dudley's Hair Products
 Welcomes the public @
 Dottie's Beauty Court
 1018 North 4th Street
 Wilmington, NC
 910-617-7398/763-2228

Ask your stylist about Dudley's fantastic colors, **Mador Red, Regal Blue, Deep Plum, Flaming Auburn, Bronze** and many more, for the new look you deserve. Dudley products are the only company that is in partnership with your profession.



"Triple H Shoes & Accessories"
 Featuring
"Stacy Adams Shoes and Men's Clothing"

Crossroads Shopping Center
 890-2A South Kerr Avenue
 Wilmington, NC 28403
 (910) 769-1380

Shop at 'Triple H' for:

- ~Stacy Adams Dress Shoes: \$120 Shoes now \$99, \$89 Shoes now \$69
- ~Stacy Adams Suits 15% off
- ~Steve Harvey Suits 15% off
- ~Kangol Hats 15% off

~We also have Vest Sets, Linen Sets, Walking Sets, Clergy Shirts, Dress Shirts, Rounded Collar Shirts, Casual Shirts, Neck Ties, Bow Ties, Belts, Socks and jewelry accessories for men.

Open Mon-Sat (10am-6pm)

SAM'S RAPID RESPONSE Mobile Auto Repair



- On site mobile repair
- All minor and major repairs
- Foreign and Domestic
- New and used tires
- Valet service

OIL CHANGE \$27.95
BRAKES \$40.00 + PARTS

SAM NEWKIRK

1611 Castle Hayne Rd.
 Building D5
 Wilmington, NC 28401
 910-233-7977

Act 1 HATS AND ACCESSORIES
 FOR WOMEN & MEN

419 S. College Rd. Unit 34
 University Landing
 Wilmington, NC 28403
 *** 910-791-0909 ***




MEN'S:
 - FEDORAS
 - GENUINE PANAMAS
 - HATS & CAPS
 - DRESS HATS
 - TIES & BOW TIE SETS
 - ACCESSORIES

LADIES:
 - FEDORAS
 - SCARVES
 - FASHION JEWELRY
 - CHURCH HATS
 - HATS & CAPS
 - ACCESSORIES

THE BENEFIT CONNECTION
 We can help you!

We specialize in:
 Health, life, disability, dental, group and individuals
 Roth IRAs, 401-k's, 403-b's, annuities
 Long term care and Medicare supplements
 Regardless of your health or age
CALL US TODAY.



We can help you save money!
 Personal and professional service for over 30 years.

The Benefit Connection
 321 North Front Street
 Wilmington, NC 28401
 910.763.3777 Phone
 910.297.6997 Cell

Owen E. Metts, Sr., Licensed Agent

When experience matters, Call us today!
Monday - Friday 9 am-5 pm * 910.763.3777

We represent several insurance companies

"Trust me for all your life insurance needs... permanent, term, universal & retirement."



CALL ME
Henry B. Brown
 Agent



2816-A South College Rd.
 Wilmington, NC 28412
 Bus.: 910-395-2300
 Home: 910-794-9359



State Farm Insurance Companies
 Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois

Peter Grear, Attorney at Law
 272 N. Front Street, Suite 300
 Post Office Box 2279
 Wilmington North Carolina 28402-2279

Email: pgrear@grearlaw.com
 Phone: (910) 763-4671
 Facsimile: (910) 763-0925
 Toll Free (800) 222-8009



Areas of Practice:
 New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick, Columbus, & Duplin Counties

Appointments only:
For cost and details: www.grearlaw.com

- CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY
- AUTO ACCIDENTS
- WORKERS COMPENSATION
- SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY
- TRAFFIC TICKETS
- WILLS & ESTATES
- POWERS OF ATTORNEY
- DEED PREPARATION
- BUSINESS FORMATIONS
- CREDIT REPAIR (Nationwide)
- ELDER LAW

LegalShield
 Total access. Total freedom.



John Wilder
 Independent Associate
 Executive Director
 Small Business & Group
 910-297-0925 or 888-286-0168
 Opportunity Info 206-209-2022
 www.Jwilder1.com

Identify Theft: America's Fastest Growing Crime!
Think you're not at risk? Unfortunately you are.

Do you...
 hand your credit card to servers at restaurants?
 sign your credit cards?
 supply personal information over the internet?
 keep your Social Security number in your wallet or purse?
 leave mail at your home or business for the postal carrier to collect?
 throw away mail with personal information without shredding it?

Have you.....
 thought about writing or revising your will?
 been audited by the IRS?
 purchased a home?
 been a defendant in a civil lawsuit?
 signed a contract of any kind?
 paid a bill you thought was unfair?
 received an inaccurate credit report?
 received a moving traffic violation you thought was unjustified?
 had any type of legal question?

LEGAL EMPOWERMENT FOR YOUR LIFE
 Your Family • Your Will • Your Money • Your Retirement • Your Car

OWEN METTS REALTY
 We can help!



We specialize in the following services:
 • Buying, selling, or investments real estate
 • Real estate consulting services
 • Loan modifications, foreclosure counseling
 • Credit and budget counseling
 • HUD Register Agent
 • Estate Planning

OWEN METTS REALTY

NEW LISTINGS NEEDED
DO YOU WANT TO SELL OR RENT YOUR PROPERTY?
WE MAY HAVE A BUYER OR RENTER WAITING FOR YOUR PROPERTY
DO YOU WANT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY?

Please call us first
TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT
 321 North Front Street • Phone: 910-763-3777
 Cell: 910-297-6997
 Email: ometts@yahoo.com
 www.owenmettsrealty.com
OWEN E. METTS, SR.,
 Licensed Realtor/Broker, Certified Housing Counselor

The RIGHT CHOICE BARBER SHOP

The former **Washington's Barber Shop** has opened on the Northside, located at 1016 North 4th St. Owner Darren Davis started his career as a barber in 2002. This is a family-oriented business serving adults, male and female, and children. Your patronage is greatly appreciated. Come and get your cuts.



Darren Davis
 Owner and Barber

