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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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

**STATE BRIEFS**

**RUSSIAN SPY SHIP SEEN 100 MILES OFF COAST OF WILMINGTON**

[WILMINGTON] What was the Viktor Leonov, a Russian spy ship, doing 100 miles off the coast of Wilmington Monday? US military officials would like to know. They ordered the USS Cole and other naval vessels to track the Leonov. CNN reports that the Leonov had been traveling up the eastern seaboard near US naval installations at Cape Canaveral, Kings Bay, New London and Norfolk.

**STATE PRISON SYSTEM PUTS "INCARCERATION" BOOK BACK ON SHELF**

[RALEIGH] Faced with a possible lawsuit from the NC American Civil Liberties Union, the NC prison system has decided to unban a controversial book it had previously removed from its library shelves. "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander, was the book prison inmates were not allowed to read. However, a terse letter from the NACLU to prison officials made it clear that it had no legal grounds for banning the book, and to continue to do so would be unconstitutional. NC State Director of Prisons Kenneth Lassiter says he will now review the system's list of "disapproved publications" to determine what other titles can be unbanned and placed back on prison library shelves.

**REV. WYATT TEE WALKER, MLK ADVISOR, DIES AT 89**

[CHESTER, VA] The Reverend Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, a close advisor to civil rights leader The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., died Tuesday morning, January 23, 2018, at an assisted living facility in Chester, Virginia. Family members say Dr. Walker had been in failing health for several years. Under Dr. King, Dr. Walker served as Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization Dr. King founded. Prior to leading the SCLC, Rev. Walker was a well-known civil rights leader in Virginia. Rev. Walker is also credited with assisting Dr. King with his historic, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

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**EXCLUSIVE PROPOSED 1898 HISTORIC MARKER LANGUAGE RELEASED**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Nothing becomes official until the NC Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee meets on May 22 to formally review, and, ultimately, if it sees fit, approves it, but, as of now, the proposed 1898 historical marker planned for Market Street between Fourth and Fifth streets later this year, has new language.

And that new language eliminates the previous guesswork of exactly how many African-Americans were killed on Nov. 10, 1898 - the day the Wilmington race massacre began.

Titled "WILMINGTON COUP," the new proposed language for the approved historical marker reads:

*Armed White mob met, Nov. 10, 1898, at armory here, marched 6 blocks and burned office of Daily Record, Black-*

*owned newspaper. Violence left untold numbers of African Americans dead. Led to overthrow of city government & installation of coup leader as mayor. Was part of a statewide political campaign based on calls for White supremacy and the exploitation of racial tensions.*

The initial language of the marker that caused considerable controversy inaccurately stated that "Violence left up to 60 Blacks dead..." but research by the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission in 2006 determined that the true number of Blacks killed during the massacre on that first day, let alone ultimately during the entire racial siege of Wilmington by White supremacists, was "unknown," and may never be known.

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**Armed White mob met, Nov. 10, 1898, at armory here, marched 6 blocks and burned office of Daily Record, Black-owned newspaper.--EXCERPT FROM PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

**Hidden photo of Obama and Farrakhan released in new book**



PHOTO COURTESY TRICE EDNEY NEWSWIRE  
**THIS PHOTO BY ASKIA MUHAMMAD THAT WAS HIDDEN FOR 12 YEARS HAS NOW BEEN RELEASED IN THE JOURNALIST'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: MINISTER FARRAKHAN'S SON-IN-LAW, LEONARD FARRAKHAN MUHAMMAD; HIS SON AND SECURITY CHIEF, MUSTAPHA FARRAKHAN; U. S. SEN. BARACK OBAMA; MINISTER FARRAKHAN'S SON JOSHUA FARRAKHAN; MINISTER LOUIS FARRAKHAN, AND THE REV. WILLIE F. WILSON, PASTOR OF D.C.'S UNION TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH.**

**In autobiography, Askia Muhammad tells why and how the photo was kept a secret**

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY OF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

It was during a mid-2005 Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) meeting on Capitol Hill when award-winning journalist Askia Muhammad captured one of the most significant photos of his career.

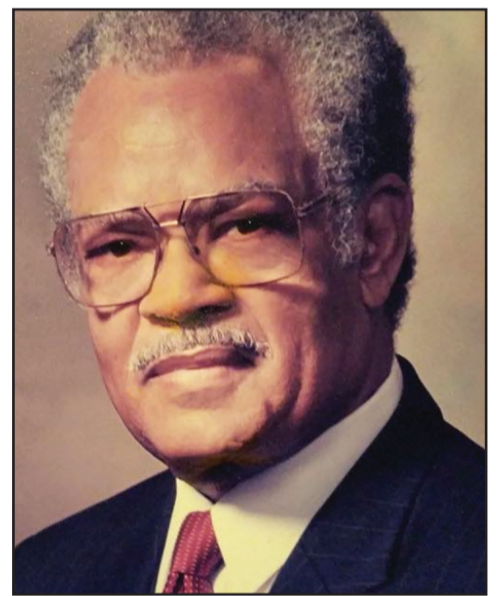
Muhammad had doggedly covered then Chicago Sen. Barack Obama since he "first laid eyes on him" at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Now, here was the Senator in a warm conversation with constituent and fellow Chicagoan Minister Louis Farrakhan. As leader of the Nation of Islam, Farrakhan is another star in Black America, but

one whose name is synonymous with controversy.

Wasting no time, Muhammad snapped the news photo. But moments later, he faced a dilemma.

Obama had already become the darling of national Democratic politics. And the scent of a presi-

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**DR. TALBERT O. SHAW**

**Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, former Shaw University president, dies at 89**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

He will forever be known as "the man who saved Shaw University."

Dr. Talbert Oscall Shaw, the 12th president of Shaw University, died last week in Boca Raton, Florida. He was 89.

Dr. Shaw served as president for 15 crucial years in the school's history - from 1987 to 2002. During that time, he literally saved "the oldest historically Black university in the South" from closing due

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**Will U. S. Supreme Court stay legislative maps ruling too?**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A federal three-judge panel has ruled that the NC legislative redistricting maps produced by its special master will be used for the upcoming 2018 midterm elections - the candidate filing period for which is scheduled to begin on Feb. 12 unless officially delayed, and that delay very well may happen. Republican legislative leaders have vowed to, once again, appeal yet another negative redistricting ruling they don't like to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It is a shocking move for one of the same judges just reined in by a bi-par-

tisan U.S. Supreme Court less than 24 hours ago to again attempt to create chaos and confusion in an election process set to begin in just three weeks," wrote Rep. David Lewis [R-Harnett]

and Sen. Ralph Hise [R-Mitchell], co-chairs of the joint Redistrict Committee, referring to U.S. Fourth Circuit Court Judge James Wynn, who served on both separate three-judge panels that ruled

against Republican NC redistricting plans for both congressional and legislative districts.

It was just two weeks ago when Judge Wynn, an Obama appointee,

led two other District Court judges in ruling that the NC Legislature's partisan congressional redistricting was unconstitutional, and ordered that they be immediately redrawn. State Republicans peti-

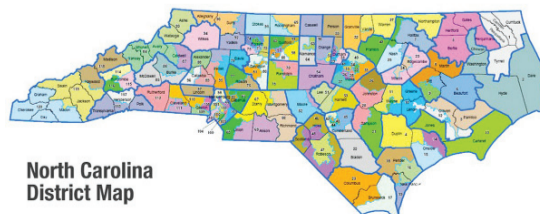
tioned the U.S. Supreme Court to stay that order, which it did last week, pending review.

NC Republicans are hoping the U.S. High Court will also stay the legislative map order.

"It is now up to #SCOTUS to preserve the role of State Legislatures under our Constitutional System," tweeted Dallas Woodhouse, Executive Director of the NC Republican Party.

Some legal analysts say that, while SCOTUS stayed the NC congressional redistricting ruling because the

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## SHAW

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to fraud and fiscal misman-  
agement; dramatically  
increased the endowment;  
doubled the enrollment; ren-  
ovated various buildings on  
campus; and constructed the  
Talbert O. Shaw Living  
Learning Center.

Per the curriculum, Dr.  
Shaw, an ordained minister  
in his native Jamaica prior  
to coming to the United  
States in the late 1950's,  
implemented an ethics and  
values course that was  
hailed as trailblazing.

In a Dec. 2002 interview  
with the Black Press, shortly  
before he retired, Dr. Shaw,  
then 74, said he never

dreamed of becoming the  
president of a distinguished  
HBCU. He had earned his  
M.A. and Ph. D. in Ethics from  
the University of Chicago,  
going on to become the inter-  
im Dean of Howard  
University Divinity School  
and tenured Dean of Arts and  
Sciences at Morgan State  
University (where he said he  
was "quite comfortable")  
when he was approached in  
the late 1980s by a member  
of the Shaw University Search  
Committee.

Shaw said "no" at first but  
later relented. However, he  
had no idea just how large  
the challenge would be, given  
the dire financial condition  
the school was in.

"Yes, Shaw was in dire  
need when I got here," the

then outgoing president con-  
firmed, "dangling on the  
[edge] of extinction, but I  
came with a vision and  
courage."

The IRS had filed two liens  
against the school because of  
\$750,000 owed in unpaid  
withholding taxes, interest  
and penalties. There was no  
endowment. Employees  
weren't being paid. Over \$1.2  
million in federal loans was  
in default, and the university  
was drowning in over \$5 mil-  
lion of red ink.

Slowly but surely, under  
Dr. Shaw's leadership, facul-  
ty, staff and students  
embraced his school credo,  
"Strides to Excellence. Why  
Not The Best and it wasn't  
long before the Shaw  
University was on solid foot-

ing again. Funding was  
raised, debts were paid off or  
restructured, and the busi-  
ness community began  
investing.

Even the major White  
newspaper in Raleigh, *The  
News and Observer*, which  
had been publishing stories  
on why Shaw University  
needed to be closed, switched  
gears after Dr. Shaw confront-  
ed publisher, Frank Daniels  
Jr., who then gave the school a  
\$100,000 donation.

Shaw alumni from all over  
North Carolina and the  
nation reacted to the news of  
Dr. Shaw's death with sad-  
ness, but also with pride that  
they attended the school dur-  
ing his tenure.

"He planted the seed of  
becoming a college president

in me when I was 19 years-  
old," says former Shaw  
University President Tashni-  
Ann Dubroy. "He is someone I  
respected, loved, cherished  
and endeared, she continued.  
"Rest in peace, Uncle Talley.  
The Shaw family was blessed  
to have you as our president."

"This institution has a  
purpose," Dr. Shaw said  
before stepping down in 2003.  
"It is deeply rooted in the  
Christian faith."

There will be a public  
viewing from 6 to 8 p. m. at  
The Gardens of Boca Raton  
in Boca Raton, Fl. for  
President Emeritus Talbert  
O. Shaw on Saturday. The  
funeral service will be held  
Sunday at 12 noon at the  
Deerfield Beach SDA Church  
in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

## 1898 MARKER

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The new draft language  
also leaves off the name of  
Alex Manley, the publisher of  
the *Daily Record* (primarily  
because there already is a  
marker with his name at the  
spot on Seventh Street where  
the *Daily Record* was burned  
down). The new proposed  
marker language also deletes  
the name of Alfred Moore  
Waddell, the coup leader who

was ultimately installed as  
mayor after the violent  
takeover.

The term "race riot" is also  
removed from the previous  
language.

In a recent exclusive inter-  
view with *The Wilmington  
Journal*, Michael Hill,  
Research Supervisor at the  
NC Office of Archives and  
History, a division of the NC  
Dept. of Natural and Cultural  
Resources, confirmed that  
staff at the NC Highway  
Historical Program deter-

mined that some of the proposed  
language of the planned 1898  
marker needed to be changed  
before it is unveiled.

"We wish to seek input  
from the local community.  
We've received several emails,  
including from the local  
NAACP, and probably about a  
half dozen others," Mr. Hill  
told *The Journal*.

Ansley Wegner, the admin-  
istrator of the NC Highway  
Historical Marker Program,  
developed several new drafts,  
based of community input.

"The next stage will be to  
share the new drafts with all  
interested local parties," Hill  
continued, including Rend  
Smith, of the nonprofit group,  
Working Narratives, which  
made the original application  
for the 1898 marker, and  
Deborah Dicks Maxwell,  
President of the NHCNAACP.

he New Hanover African-  
American Heritage Com-mis-  
sion will also be included.

Smith, as the applicant,  
will then have the right of  
first appeal to the marker

advisory committee when  
they meet on May 22.

*Editor's note - Those wish-  
ing to write the NC Highway  
Historical Marker Program to  
express your thoughts about  
the proposed inscription on  
the 1898 race massacre marker,  
should address your corre-  
spondence to: 4610 Mail  
Service Center, Raleigh, NC  
27699-4610 to the attention of  
Ansley Wegner, Administrator;  
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ley.wegner@ncdcr.gov.*

## MAPS

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question of partisan gerry-  
mandering is one yet to be  
decided by the US Supreme  
Court (a case involving  
Wisconsin was heard late last  
year, and a similar case in  
Maryland has yet to be  
heard), North Carolina's leg-

islative redistricting case  
was already proven to involve  
racial gerrymandering,  
which the High Court had  
already declared unconstitu-  
tional, and sent back to the  
three-judge panel to remedy  
after concurring.

Part of that remedy was  
ultimately ordering the spe-  
cial master redrawing on  
new legislative maps because

the judicial panel determined  
that 9 of the 28 districts  
redrawn were still legally  
problematic.

Republicans are arguing  
that the State legislature  
should have been given the  
opportunity to fix those nine  
districts, not the special master.  
The GOP adds that the court  
had no right appointing the  
special master to do their job.

In its 92 page order, the  
three-judge panel, this time  
led by federal District Court  
Judge Catherine Eagles,  
firmly disagreed.

"The [U.S.] Supreme court  
long has held that, when a  
federal court concludes that a  
state districting plan violates  
the [U.S.] Constitution, the  
appropriate state redistrict-  
ing body should have the first

opportunity to enact a plan  
remedying the constitutional  
violation, but, after finding  
unconstitutional race-based  
discrimination - as this Court  
did here - a district court also  
has a "duty" to ensure that  
any remedy, "so far as possi-  
ble, eliminate(s) the discrimi-  
natory effects of the past as  
well as bar(s) like discrimina-  
tion in the future."

## PHOTO

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dential run was strong.

Muhammad and others  
almost immediately realized  
that the public release of this  
photo could mean major trou-  
ble down the road. Mainly  
because of bigotry and fear-  
mongering, the public  
release of that photo could  
doom America's chances of  
electing Obama as its first  
Black President.

Muhammad had not even  
left the scene when he  
received a call and the photo  
was being summoned by a  
member of the Congression-  
al Black Caucus. Muham-  
mad ultimately surrendered  
the disk to Minister  
Farrakhan's chief of staff.  
And it remained one of  
America's best hidden  
secrets for the next 12 years.

For the first time, more  
than a decade later, the glow-  
ing photograph of now for-  
mer President Barack Obama  
and Minister Louis  
Farrakhan has been pub-  
lished in a book by  
Muhammad to be released  
Jan. 31 - "The Autobiography  
of Charles 67X". Muhammad  
and some political observers  
still believe that if that photo  
had been released, it could

have drawn enough fire -  
even from some of Obama's  
supporters looking for excu-  
ses - to dent his chances of  
becoming President.

"I gave the picture up at the  
time and basically swore  
secrecy," Muhammad said in  
an exclusive interview with  
the Trice Edney News Wire  
this week. "But after the nom-  
ination was secured and all  
the way up until the inaugu-  
ration; then for eight years  
after he was President, it was  
kept under cover."

As for any debate that the  
photo could have made a dif-  
ference in the outcome of the  
Obama presidential election,  
Muhammad is emphatic: "I  
insist. It absolutely would  
have made a difference."

He has agreement in high  
places.

"I do believe that it would  
have had a very, very negative  
affect in that given moment as  
far as the candidacy of candi-  
date Obama at that time," says  
Dr. Shayla Nunnally, president  
of the National Conference of  
Black Political Scientists. Her  
opinion was based largely on  
the "negative stereotypes about  
Muslim Americans about  
Black people and about their  
allegiance to the United States,"  
which have often been twisted  
and used to fit bigoted agendas  
- especially after the terrorist

attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"On top of that," Nunnally  
said, "people have always  
characterized Minister  
Farrakhan as being a com-  
bative figure in American  
politics. That adds another  
layer."

Nunnally, a professor of  
political science who also  
teaches in the Africana Studies  
Institute at the University of  
Connecticut, specializes in  
public opinion, political behav-  
ior, race and politics.

She questioned what the  
release of the photo will  
mean "even now because  
there's so many conspiracy  
theories still floating."

Obama, who is a Christian,  
has constantly been the tar-  
get of bigoted attacks,  
Nunnally pointed out. When  
a woman called him an Arab  
during a public forum, even  
his re-election opponent Sen.  
John McCain retrieved the  
microphone and corrected  
her, saying, "No ma'am. He's a  
decent family man."  
Nunnally also recalled how  
former Secretary of State  
Colin Powell once weighed in  
against negative stereotyping  
of Muslims saying, "He's a

Christian...But the really  
right answer is, what if he is"  
a Muslim?

Nunnally concluded,  
"There are many, many, many  
layers of what that picture  
can represent to people in  
their various perceptions. So,  
I say this to mean that I can  
see that the release of that  
photo in that given moment,  
it would have been highly  
controversial."

Also, pictured in the photo  
are Minister Farrakhan's son-  
in-law, Leonard Farra-khan  
Muhammad; His son and secu-  
rity chief, Mustapha  
Farrakhan; Minister Farra-  
khan's son Joshua Farra-khan;  
and the Rev. Willie Wilson,  
executive producer of the pro-  
gram for Farrakhan's Million  
Man March in 1995 and a chair-  
man of the 20th anniversary.

In an interview, Wilson  
says he doesn't recall the  
photo and didn't know he was  
in it. But hearing the descrip-  
tion, he also was certain it  
could have hurt Obama's  
campaign.

"I'm sure it would," Wilson  
said. "Given all of the furor  
related to the sermon that his  
pastor, Jeremiah Wright did,

I'm sure that it would more  
than likely have had a tremen-  
dous effect on his candidacy."

Wilson says Farrakhan is  
so controversial because, "He  
speaks truth and this is a  
country that has in so many  
ways attempted to cover up  
the realities of its wrong  
doings of which Minister  
Farrakhan is quite vocal in  
bringing to light."

The book tells of other  
notables who knew about the  
photograph and never  
divulged it. In addition to  
narratives of pivotal  
moments of his life, the auto-  
biography is also a book of  
Muhammad's poetry.

Columnist and political  
observer A. Peter Bailey,  
anticipating the book release,  
says he believes the photo  
would have created contro-  
versy for Obama, but could  
not have caused him to lose  
the election or his re-election  
because of the groundswell of  
Black voter support for him.

"It could have done some  
damage," Bailey said. "But  
nothing could have stopped  
the election because Black  
support would have coun-  
tered it."

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# CBC chair predicts Democratic victory because of Trump chaos

## Vows to 'bust our butts' to take back House in November

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY  
OF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - U. S. Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-La.), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, has vowed to "bust our butts" to win back the House for a Democratic majority in the Nov. 6, 2018 election.

"I think it's a real possibility. For the first time since I've been in Congress I think it's a real possibility," he said in a recent interview with the Trice Edney News Wire.

Richmond predicts a Democratic win mainly because of the chaos and reputed bigotry and racial insensitivity of the Trump administration.

He listed gains for Black America that the Trump administration has

attempted to turn back.

"If you look at Jeff Sessions in the Attorney General's office rolling back to the war on drugs; rolling back the fight against voter suppression; maybe even enhancing voter suppression," he said. "When you look at the President's comments - that's not a person who's trying to be a partner with the Black Caucus nor appreciate African-American issues."

The CBC executive committee leaders met with President Trump March 22, but declined a second meeting saying their concerns fell on deaf ears.

"We presented a 130-page policy paper. And we never got a response; nor to the eight follow up letters we got talking about issues. So until there's

some substantive issues I can't see it," he said.

Trump has also asked to meet with the entire Caucus, but Richmond says that's totally out of the question.

"We're not here to drink wine, eat cheese and have a reception. We're here to advance policies," Richmond said. "The Caucus overwhelmingly; almost unanimously voted not to go. Only one or two people. ... We've gotten no real outreach from this president."

Richmond told of how Democrats have had to fight back by making policy.

"Trump zeroed out Trio (educational programs); he zeroed out Upward Bound; he zeroed out CDBG (Community Development Block Grants), all of that in this budget.

What did we do? We passed a budget that increased Pell grants, we added summer Pell, we added more money to HBCUs, we added money to block grants," he listed. "He got rid of the Minority Business Development Agency. We added money to them."

All 435 House seats are up for votes in November. Currently the party break down is 239 Republicans, 193 Democrats, and three vacancies. This makes it necessary for Democrats to win approximately 27 seats in order to dominate the House.

Meanwhile, Richmond said CBC and Democrats will continue to fight back where possible.

"And then we're going to bust our butts to make sure we take back the house next year and then we'll have some checks and balances."



U.S. REP. CEDRIC RICHMOND

# Rep. Danny Davis introduces bail reform bill

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During a recent press conference on Capitol Hill, Rep. Danny Davis (D-Ill.) said that at any given time there are roughly 500,000 people sitting in local jails waiting for their day in court.

"These are people who have been charged with a crime, but are not convicted," said Davis. "Many of the people waiting in jail are forced to wait simply, because they cannot afford to post bail."

On January 18, Davis introduced the Bail Fairness Act of 2018 to alleviate some of the burdens associated with the cash bail system.

The Chicago congressman was joined on Capitol Hill by Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) and Dwight Evans (D-Pa.) and Chicago businessman and philanthropist Dr. Willie Wilson. The four of them were flanked by two large posters; one poster read: "Taxpayers Spend \$17 billion on Pre-trial Detentions"; the other poster simply said, "Bail Fail" in large letters. Wilson said that he has paid the bails of non-violent Cook County Corrections inmates who were too poor to bail themselves out.

Davis' legislation would require states to release individuals charged with a non-violent misdemeanor on non-monetary conditions prior to their court date.

Civil rights groups and lawmakers are increasingly putting pressure on businesses operating in the cash bail system and becoming more vocal about problems in the industry.

As more cities begin to do away with the cash bail practice, some federal legislators are taking notice. Senators Kamala

Harris (D-Calif.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) have voiced similar concerns regarding the problems of money bail in the Senate. In September 2017, Harris joined with Republican Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) on the Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act. The bill would overhaul America's bail system just as Rep. Davis' legislation hopes to do.

A May 2017 report by Color of Change and the ACLU entitled, "Selling Off Our Freedom: How Insurance Corporations Have Taken Over Our Bail System," outlined the for-profit incentives behind the bail system in America.

The report revealed that there are fewer than 10 companies involved in the administration of over \$14 billion in bonds posted by for-profit bail each year. The bail industry collects approximately \$2 billion in profit, annually.

"The result of bail corporations' control is that millions of people are no longer free: people stuck in jail and families stuck in debt to create profit for these corporations," the report read. The study also pointed out that, "the national median for bail for a felony arrest is now \$10,000, while the Federal Reserve has found that nearly half of Americans would be unable to pay for an unexpected expense of \$400."

The United States remains number one in the world in the rate of incarceration, with over two million people behind bars, in large part, because poor people are unable to pay their way out of incarceration. The money bail system disproportionately impacts the poor. There are currently over 43 million Americans living under the poverty line; nearly 30 percent of African Americans live in poverty.

"The original purpose of bail was to serve as an incentive to return to court when a person is arrested, released, and their case proceeds. However, the current money bail system has little to do with this original intent...people with money can almost always buy their way to freedom, regardless of the charges against them," wrote ACLU Deputy National Political Director Udi Ofer on December 11, 2017.

Rep. Davis has continued to focus on justice reform issues during his 20 years in Congress.

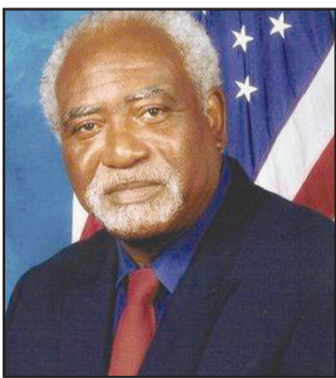
Davis' "Second Chance Act" was signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2007. The legislation assisted formerly incarcerated individuals to successfully re-enter society.

In November 2016, after his

15-year-old grandson was murdered in Chicago, Rep. Davis pushed for more funding for neighborhoods struggling with poverty. His focus was on the "10-20-30" policy proposed by South Carolina Rep. Jim

Clyburn. The "10-20-30" plan would focus cash on 10 percent of all government funding to be allocated to areas where 20 percent of the residents have lived in poverty for over 30 years.

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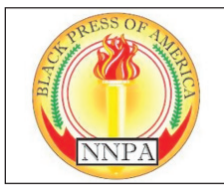
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GUEST EDITORIAL

### Behind the Black unemployment rate

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When the unemployment rate dropped and economic conditions improved under the leadership of President Barack Obama, 45 derided the gains as "fake news".

He suggested that the monthly Employment Situation (www.bls.gov) reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics were inaccurate and "made up". These are the monthly reports that detail employment statistics, including unemployment rates. Now that 45 is in charge, he can't crow often enough about the statistics that he described as "phony" just 18 months ago.

For the last week, we have heard 45 and his surrogates crowing that "the Black unemployment rate is lower than it has ever been." And, with a Black unemployment rate of 6.8 percent, they are right that the rate is at its lowest since the Bureau of Labor Statistics started disaggregating data to report unemployment by race. Is this something worth crowing about? Does 45 deserve to get credit for it? The answer to both questions, from my perspective, is a resounding "no".

First of all, the 6.8 percent unemployment rate African Americans experienced was exactly TWICE the White unemployment rate of 3.4 percent. Suppose that white men had an unemployment rate of 6.8 percent? Would 45 and his minions be celebrating if whites had the same employment situation as African-Americans? I think not. So, celebrating the 6.8 percent rate without speaking of the inequality it is based on is like celebrating the inequality.

Secondly, the unemployment rate is an imperfect measure of the employment situation. The employment-population ratio is a far more accurate way of measuring how fully employed a population is. It measures the percentage of people who are employed. While 69 percent of white men are employed, just 63 percent of Black men are employed (the numbers for women are closer; with African-American women actually working MORE than White women, with an employment-population ratio of 59 percent for Black women and 55 percent for white women).

The employment-population ratio and labor force participation rates show racial disparities among men that are alarming. Differences in the employment-population ratio suggest that some African-Americans have stopped looking for work because they don't think they can find it. When the Black unemployment rate is adjusted to reflect these realities, it is closer to 10 percent than to the 6.8 percent 45 and his team are crowing out.

Furthermore, the 45th President inherited an economy that was improving. Falling unemployment rates are a result of the Obama expansion. Let's say it again, the Obama expansion. An economic expansion will naturally move unemployment rates downward, no matter who is the President. While 45 can only legitimately claim stock market gains for the last two months, as his regressive tax bill has handsomely rewarded corporate interests, stock market gains in the first month of this year might also be considered a result of the Obama expansion.

Will 45 take credit for the stagnant wages that plague all workers, but especially African-American workers? While unemployment rates have dropped, wages have not risen by very much (less than 2 percent last year). Sure, some workers got tax bill-related bonuses, and Walmart will raise their wages for some workers to \$11 an hour. Most workers are stuck making the same amount of money they made three years ago.

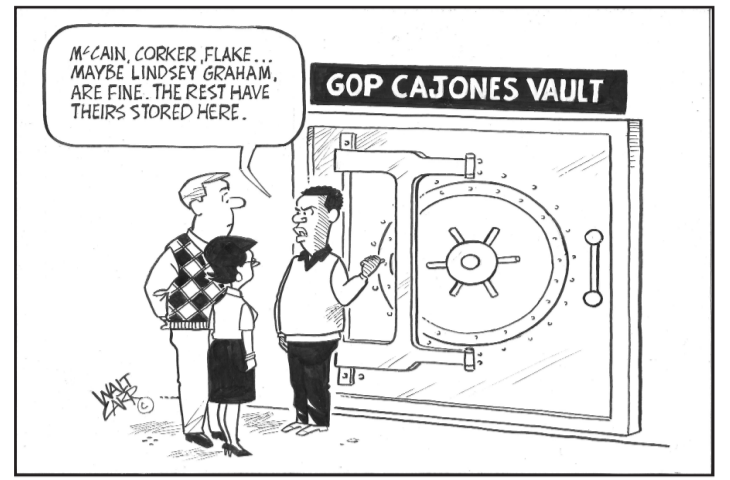
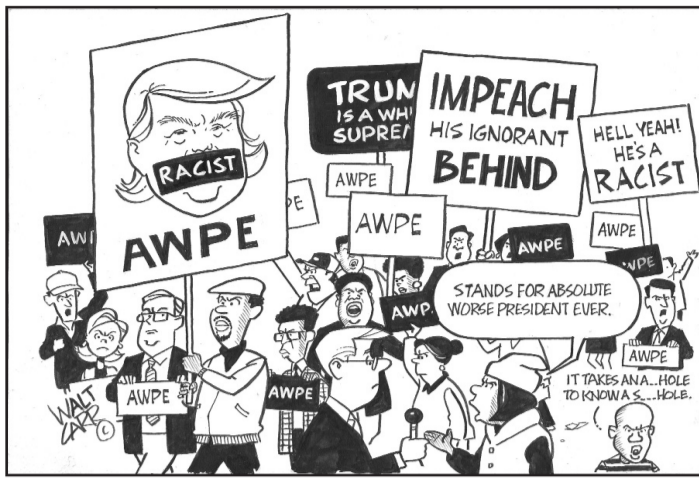
Does 45 take credit for income and wealth differences between African-Americans and whites? The average white family has a \$65,000 income, compared to just \$39,000 for African-Americans. And the average African-American household has just \$17,000 in wealth, compared to \$171,000 for Whites.

When 45 crows about a 6.8 percent unemployment rate for African-Americans, he normalizes the fact that African-Americans should have a higher unemployment rate than whites. And when he talks unemployment out of context and ignores income and wealth disparities, he is suggesting that the current conditions of African-Americans are something to celebrate.

If this President were really interested in the economic status of African-Americans he would have produced a different tax bill, ceased his attacks on health care, and directed his secretary of education to stop attacking public education and HBCUs. But 45 isn't interested in the economic status of African-Americans. He is interested in bragging about data he once dismissed as "phony".

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## MATTERS OF OPINION

### TO BE EQUAL

### Shutdown allowed Trump to play poisonous political game

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump had the government shutdown that he wanted. No one should be confused about this. The shutdown allowed Trump and Republicans to play their poisonous politics of division.

And the shutdown provided occasion for a shake-down of Democrats, with Trump

willing to shut the government down until he got billions for the wall that he had preposterously promised the Mexicans would pay for.

The record here is quite clear. Long before the deadline, Trump tweeted that a "good shutdown" might be necessary to "fix mess!" His White House and the Republican Congress have utter scorn for federal employees, so treating these public servants shabbily is, to them, a feature, not a bug.

When Americans find public services less available, Social Security claims delayed, water systems fouled, that's a benefit too - because it just provides fuel for Trump's attack on government. The blowup was

utterly unnecessary. Trump postured publicly as a supporter of the Dreamers, the hundreds of thousands of innocents, brought here as infants, who now - because of Trump's executive order - face deportation to countries that they have never known. Trump claimed he was ready to support a bipartisan agreement.

Democrat Dick Durbin and Republican Lindsay Graham, representing a bipartisan group, brought him that agreement. That's when Trump purposefully blew up the process, scorning immigrants from "s-hole countries."

Even when Democratic Senate leader Chuck Schumer agreed with Trump's demand for billions for the wall, there was still no deal. He "couldn't take yes for an answer," Schumer concluded. Why would Trump and Republicans force the shutdown?

The Trump campaign made that clear; rolling out a vicious television ad calling Democrats "complicit" for slayings committed by undocumented immigrants. The White House and Republican legislators repeated endlessly scurrilous talking points that they knew were a lie: Democrats favor protecting illegal immigrants over funding our soldiers, supporting our veterans and providing services for Americans. This is ugly, race-based politics at its

worst. Republicans reveled in it, claiming they had the upper hand. It's worth remembering that many recent mass murders in America - in Newtown, Orlando, Las Vegas, Charleston and Sutherland Springs - involved U.S.-born assailants. Are Republicans, who in league with the National Rifle Association block any reform of our ridiculous gun laws, responsible for all of those murders?

That's the logic of the Trump campaign ad slurring Democrats on immigration. Now a deal has been reached to reopen the government, at least until Feb. 8. In theory, Democrats will gain relief for the Dreamers that is favored by some 85 percent of Americans.

Trump will probably shake out billions to waste on his wall. Government will reopen, with the same distorted priorities. Whether the government will finally get a real budget for the remainder of this fiscal year (which ends on the last day of September) remains to be seen.

Will Trump finally take yes for an answer? Trump and his campaign aides clearly see the political gain from parading as tough on immigration over and over again. He said in the public meeting he held that he'd be willing to "take the heat" of a bipartisan immigra-

tion deal. But he has preferred constantly to sow division rather than solve problems. The second obstacle is the House leadership and caucus. There's a majority in the House for good immigration reform, but the Republican leadership refuses to take up a measure that would pass unless a majority of Republicans alone support it. That makes the leadership hostage to the most right-wing faction in the party. And a large number of them don't want any deal, period.

Trump's aides say he is the great dealmaker. There's no question if he wants a deal, there is one available. The question remains is he prepared to make a deal. Now, he'll have until Feb. 8 to make up his mind. The sad product of all this is that America's politics will grow uglier and more divisive.

The White House and Republicans see themselves as having profited by appealing to our fears, by playing race-bait politics, by peddling hate. They will surely keep doing what they think works. Trump will continue to drive Americans apart - until we come together to call him and the Republicans who echo him to account.

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## When someone tells you who they are, believe them!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Why are we having all these people from sh\*thole countries come here?" Trump said, according to these people, referring to African countries and Haiti. He then suggested that the United States should instead bring more people from countries like Norway, whose prime minister he met Wednesday. -Post January 11, 2018

When someone tells you who they are you should believe them. President Donald Trump has once again made it very clear; he is a racist. Before he decided to insult Haitians and immigrants from African countries he efficiently targeted Mexican's and African



Dr. Wilmer Leon

Americans in the same Tweet, "Sadly, the overwhelming amount of violent crime in our major cities is committed by blacks and Hispanics..." We can never forget one of Trump's most infamous forays into bigotry, "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best...They're bringing drugs...They're rapists." The late Dr. Francis Cress Welsing defined racism/White Supremacy as, "The local and global power system structured and maintained by persons who classify themselves as White...This system consists of patterns of perception...thought, speech, action and emotional

response..." Trump's historic patters of thought expressed through his words, actions and policies fit this definition to a "t".

When someone tells you who they are you should believe them. President Donald Trump is also a sexual predator. Again, the well-publicized foray into misogyny, "You know, I'm automatically attracted to beautiful - I just start kissing them...I don't even wait. And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything...Grab 'em by the p@%y. You can do anything."

When someone tells you who they are you should believe them. President Donald Trump is a liar. According to The New York Times, after admitting that the voice on the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape was his and making a feeble attempt to apologize for it, "Mr. Trump told a Republican senator that he wanted to investigate the recording that had him boasting about grabbing women's genitals. "We don't think that was my voice..."

This recent demonstration of Trump's racism has many people shocked but few are surprised. Most of us are just disgusted. It is interesting to watch those hacks at FOX News attempt to spin this into a them vs. us or partisan creation "...to distract Americans from Trump's accomplishments".

America, the international global hegemon, the waning empire - finds itself dealing with the reality that its presidency has once again inferred that he sees Europeans as superior and people of color as inferior, "...the United

States should instead bring more people from countries like Norway." He sees people of color as "other". It is an "us vs. them" binary world. Racist rhetoric is the language of racists. When someone tells you who they are, believe them.

This "Trumpian" mindset is not new. During WWII President Roosevelt was asked why Italian Americans were not being interned like Japanese Americans, he replied, "I don't care about the Italians...They are a lot of opera singers..." The Japanese Americans were "other"; Italian Americans being of European decent were like him. Even though Italian and German Americans did suffer indignities, they were never interned and mistreated like Japanese Americans.

As I have listened to the debate about Trump's latest comments, many pundits and analysts are outraged about his "shithole country" reference. However, few are asking the more fundamental question, "what made these countries "shitholes" (and not to say that they really are)?" The answer, American foreign policy and European settler colonialism. Haiti struggles to this day simply because after the Haitian Revolution (1791-1804) it was the first Black republic in the world to overthrow a European power. America and France never want Haiti to be the shining example of successful liberation and freedom that it should be. People should be asking the Clinton Foundation what happened to the \$13B in aid that went to Haiti after the earthquake.

Mineral and resource rich

African countries such as Zimbabwe and Congo will never be allowed to organically develop. They will always be oppressed by America and European forces because these colonists and neo-colonialists will never allow the strategic minerals held in these countries to be controlled by Africans.

Another question to ask is where is the outrage from Republican leadership? When engaged in analysis historical context is very important. Trump and his base did not develop in a vacuum. Sen.'s McConnell and Graham, et al's failure to condemn Trump's "shithole" comment is consistent. They were conspicuously silent in 2010 when Tea Party members spat on Rep. Emanuel Cleaver called Rep. John Lewis a "nigger" and Rep. Barney Frank a "faggot." Their inability to condemn Trump is not necessarily because they agree with him (even though in my opinion they probably do) it's because they are afraid. They fear what Dr. King called "the white backlash" and what Dr. Walters called "the politics of resentment. They fear the well-financed echo chamber called The Tea Party and the Freedom Caucus.

The ethnic demographics of America are changing. This change is striking fear in the hearts of many White Americans. Looking back at the rhetoric it is even easier to see that when Trump discusses "protecting the American worker" and bringing in highly educated wealthier "English speakers"

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with "higher job skills" he's is speaking to White people about White people. Therefore, even though many Americans are appalled by Trump latest raciest display, the White House is defending it. According to CNN, "The President's 'shithole' remark is being received much differently inside of the White House than it is outside of it. Though this might enrage Washington, staffers predict the comment will resonate with his base, much like his attacks on NFL players who

kneel during the National Anthem did not alienate it."

As we move closer to the 2018 mid-term elections the ideological lines are becoming clearer and clearer. Just when the good people of Alabama dispatched the alleged pedophile Roy Moore, Arizonians will now be faced with the anti-immigrant, racial profiler and birther Joe Arpaio and his bid for the US Senate. These mid-terms will be a true litmus test. Will the bigotry and hatred of Trump's base continue to carry the day, wreak havoc on our system of justice and control the Republican Party? Or, will people of good

conscience and good will come to the polls in record numbers to reject Trump's politics of racism and hate in an effort to truly Make America Great Again instead of making America White again?

People have been apologizing for Trump since he announced his candidacy, saying, "he's not a politician" and "it will just take time for him to grow into being presidential". This is the same guy who was sued by the DOJ in 1973 for housing discrimination. He had his employees secretly mark the applications of minorities with codes, such as "No. 9" and "C"

for "colored," according to government accounts filed in federal court.

I have always known, when someone tells you who they are, believe them. The key is to act on what they tell you.

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**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**  
**The rampant hypocrisy of the GOP**

In spite of being in charge of "everything Washington," the GOP was unsuccessful in saving the government from shutting down. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said moments after midnight on Friday voiced disappointment, blaming the Democrats for not caring about "the American people." Specifically, he said, "We'll vote again so the American people know who cares about them." (<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/video/2018/jan/20/mitch-mcconnell-democrats-got-their-very-own-government-shutdown-video>)



**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

It was hard to listen to.

Nothing this GOP has done over this past year has indicated that it cares about the masses of American people. From its work to repeal the Affordable Care Act to its specious process for passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, ramming it through the Congress with no hearings, this Congress, which has shamelessly sanctioned everything the current president has done, it has shown that it cares about American people - as long as they are the correct race, the correct religion and fall into the correct economic class. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/19/us/politics/tax-bill-vote-congress.html>)

In voicing his disappointment over the government shutdown, McConnell sounded almost human. Had one not known his role in making sure the struggling masses continue to struggle, one might have been fooled.

But clearly, what this GOP government wants to do is be "loyal" to the president, who is trying desperately to honor his "base" - reportedly about 30 percent - and leave rest of Americans alone. They have watched and stood by silently for the most part while he has attacked Muslims, the press, the FBI and the Justice Department and members of America's security detail. They have said very little about the president's obvious racism, shown by racist remarks he made following the eruption of violence in Charlottesville, and his most recent comments about immigrants from so-called "shithole countries," which include, in his opinion, Haiti and African countries.

They have virtually given him a pass to be an arrogant white male who says he wants to "make America great again" which is a euphemism for his desire to "make America white again."

The Congress - both House and Senate - has shown its lack of spine, principles and Christian morality. Even the Evangelicals, who once stood for a strict morality that one could respect even if one did not agree with it - has jumped on the president's bandwagon. Even as this president has revealed his racism and sexism and homophobia and Xenophobia, his arrogance and ignorance, frankly, about the issues which he must deal with, they have been silent.

McConnell has not ever, to my knowledge, supported the right of all Americans to have health care; he and the GOP have voiced no concern about the masses of people who work not one, but two or three jobs, making minimum wage, if that, and still cannot make ends meet.

The GOP has come off as a "good ol' boys" club, led by a jock-type bully who cares about nobody but themselves. The GOP is coming off as being very concerned with the military and is making what is happening about "putting immigration before the military." That sentiment will enrage the vast numbers of Americans and will help the GOP gain traction to do what it wants as concerns immigrations, including making the children who have been allowed to flourish in this country bait for their ultimate goal. The GOP wants more people from white countries to be allowed in this country, and the number of people of color to be vastly reduced.

The preoccupation of white people with the so-called "browning" of America is not new. Benjamin Franklin voiced concern about it in 1751; He asked, in a document he wrote that year, "Why increase the sons of Africa by planting them in America, where we have so fair an opportunity, by excluding all Blacks and Tawneys (sic) of increasing the lovely White and Red?" (<https://emahiser.christogenea.org/benjamin-franklin's-stance-race-1751>) The history of the world is full of the cries of white people trying to keep the world white - ironic, since the majority of peoples in this world are people of color.

The administration does not want people of color in this country; the GOP will work to make it more and more difficult for people of color of any religious persuasion to come to this country and to stay in this country. It (the GOP) has shown and will not show compassion or a desire for mercy for tax-paying immigrants to be deported. The dog and pony show of shutting the government down seems to be a theatrical ploy to make it easier for the administration's immigration policies to be passed. In their political minds, they are hearing the man who is now president say, "Built that wall" while he was a candidate.

They like that and they want that. So, McConnell's statements of caring for "the American people" sound particularly hollow. Honesty and civility has not ever been a part of politics; politicians uses the people in order to catapult them into power, and then they ignore the cries and the needs of those same people as they increase their wealth and power.

It is no different now. McConnell's words after the shutdown began were sickening to listen to, coming from a man who has shown no regard for the masses for the last eight years. He and the GOP are destroying democracy as we have known it. They have shown they have no courage, no morals and no ethics, even as they waddle behind a president who cares for nothing and no one but himself.

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**Infidelity**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Not surprisingly, one of the latest revelations about #45 is the report that, in 2016, his lawyer, Michael Cohen, paid adult film star, Stephanie Clifford (AKA "Stormy Daniels")



**Dr. E. Faye Williams**

\$130,000 to secure an agreement preventing her from disclosing the details of a 2006 sexual liaison with Trump. Unfortunately for #45, Clifford had already memorialized the details in a 2011 magazine interview.

She disclosed that a year-long affair began four months after Melania delivered Barron, #45's youngest son. The most ardent Trump supporter must admit that these circumstances fall well within the definition of "Infidelity."

That this \$130,000 payoff has caused so little public concern is also not surprising. After all, Trump offered that he could shoot someone in Times Square and lose no support.

Maybe I have become inured to his bad acts, but I find that any discussion of his behavior only informs or reinforces my evaluation of the nature of his character. Or should I say lack of character!

The definition of Infidelity is: a breach of trust or disloyal act. Using that, infidelity is not uncommon to the personal life of Donald Trump. Trump's affair with Marla Maples while still married to his first wife, Ivana, is an event that's been well-publicized and enshrined in the public record. Later, while married to Marla, he began an affair that ultimately led to his marriage to Melania. Since becoming a public figure, news reports and self-admissions have connected him with numerous affairs and improprieties with random women.

His tawdry behavior shapes my evaluation of his relationship with his wife/wives. This same behavior shapes my evaluation of the character of one given the sacred responsibility of making decisions for the well-being of 324 million-plus Americans. In that context, I have determined his character as devoid of any moral compass. He has shown himself to be a narcissistic opportunist without values that aren't con-

ned to his own enrichment. More disturbing is the fact that any Infidelity involving his wives or family is insignificant when balanced against the Infidelity to which he has subjected the nation. Let me explain.

Every president swears an oath "to protect and defend The Constitution of the United States from all enemies, foreign and domestic" and adhere to "The Rule of Law." As Chief Executive, #45's job is to provide for the lawful defense and security of all citizens of this nation without regard to race, gender, religion, creed, color or national origin. It is his job to preserve the institutions that form the foundation and provide for the orderly conduct of the nation's business.

In these responsibilities #45 has demonstrated Infidelity far worse than that which he has shown his family. Most commonly, he has:

- Inflamed and fomented racial hostility and divisiveness with his rhetoric and actions.

- Violated emolument laws and continues to use the influence of his office for the enrichment of his family and himself.

- Demeaned and discredited every Branch of Government,

agency or person who would not acquiesce to his demands for special favor or consideration.

- Attempted to shape the legal process in order to evade prosecution for violations.

- Failed to protect our national electoral process from the threat, as identified by national security agencies, of tampering by a hostile foreign adversary.

Viewed in the aggregate, his conduct suggests his intent to move our government away from democracy to the establishment of an authoritarian regime akin to the nature of his businesses. That effort must not succeed!

We must not forget that #45 was rejected by a margin of three million votes in 2016. If it were not for the outdated Electoral College, we wouldn't have to endure this ongoing atrocity. We must take the recent lessons of the value of our votes and use them wisely.

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**TO BE EQUAL**

**Haiti slur: Reprehensible, but not surprising**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*"Since 1804 Haiti has maintained national independence. I fling these facts at the feet of the detractors of the Negro and of Haiti. They may help them to solve the problem of her future. They not only indicate the Negro's courage, but demonstrate his intelligence as well. No better test of the intelligence of people can be had than is furnished in their laws, their institutions and their great men. To produce these in any considerable degree of perfection, a high order of ability is always required. Haiti has no cause to shrink from this test or from any other."* **Frederick Douglass, American Abolitionist, "Lecture on Haiti," January 2, 1893**

President Donald Trump's timing could not have been more ironic or revealing. On the eve of the eighth anniversary of the January 12 earthquake that devastated the island nation of Haiti (and the start of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend), President Trump sat in a bipartisan meeting on immigration reform and publicly questioned



**Marc Morial**

why the United States-a nation founded and built by immigrants-should continue to accept immigrants from Haiti, El Salvador and Africa. With a slur heard round the world, President Trump is quoted to have uttered an obscenity to describe those countries-and Haiti, in particular.

This would not be the first time Haiti has been on the receiving end of President Trump's ridicule and contempt. Only weeks before, it was reported that during an earlier cabinet meeting on immigration, the president allegedly complained that immigrants from Nigeria would "never go back to their huts," and that people coming from Haiti "all have AIDS." And despite then-candidate Trump's pledge at a Miami rally to be the "greatest champion" of Haitian people, the Trump administration has given 60,000 Haitians living in this country under temporary protected status-granted after Haiti's catastrophic 2010 earthquake-until July 2019 to leave or be deported.

The slur is reprehensible and deeply disappointing, but it is not surprising. It lives in a universe of targeted travel bans with discriminatory religious preferences, a candidacy kicked off slandering Mexicans, sympathizing with white supremacists, attacks on protesting Black athletes, and so on. The reported obscenity is, quite frankly, in keeping

with past and current sentiments the president has expressed publically and via proxy through his administration's policies.

The true obscenity is that our nation's president is shaping immigration policy, not based on purported American ideals of inclusiveness, but based on the demonization of countries that are primarily Black or Brown; not based on facts, but by stoking fear; and not based on knowledge, but influenced by a narrow-minded worldview.

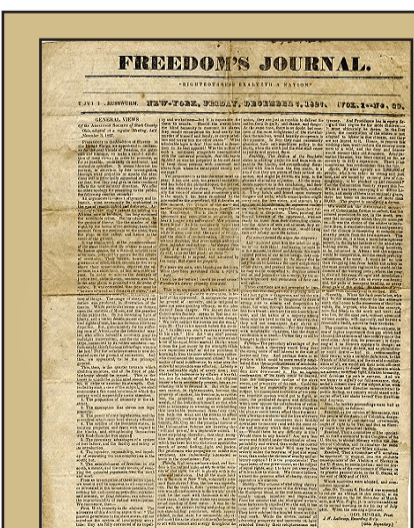
Haiti is not a slur. It is the first Black republic in the world. It is the second oldest independent nation in the Western hemisphere after the United States. Haiti achieved its independence by launching the only successful slave revolt in history. But Haiti's fight did not end on the battlefield. It moved to the global arena where external forces would punish and destabilize the young island nation for claiming its freedom, resulting in lasting economic and political turmoil. France forced Haiti to pay more than \$20 billion in today's dollars as reparations for losing a profitable slave colony-drowning Haiti in debt. The United States, which provided aid to the French to help stop the rebellion, subjected Haiti to a crippling economic embargo until it recognized its independence in 1862. Over the years the United States would

go on to invade and occupy Haiti, as well as play an oversized role in its politics and elections.

Nonetheless, Haiti is deeply woven into the fabric of America's history and founding. Haitians fought in the Revolutionary War. The city of Chicago was founded by a Haitian immigrant from St. Marc. Haitian music, art and food transformed and shaped the city of New Orleans. And the Haitian slave rebellion was directly responsible for the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States.

As a citizen who believes Trump's slander is inconsistent with who we should aspire to be, I abhor the president's misrepresentation of America. As a former mayor of New Orleans, a city richly cultivated by the presence of Haitians, I am distressed by the president's miseducation of the valuable contributions of Haitian immigrants. As the proud descendant of a family who emigrated from Haiti in 1805, I will always challenge the president's wrong-headed assumption that immigrants are the living embodiment of the flaws and failures or upheavals of their countries of origin and cannot contribute positively in their adopted homes.

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



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City of Wilmington Community Development will be hosting Home Buyer Education classes on Saturday, February 10, 2018, 9 am – 3 pm and Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 115 N. 3rd Street, 5th Floor Conference Room, Wilmington, NC. For more information or to register, please call 910-341-7836.



## Community Briefs

**Port City Playwrights' Project**, a community of writers for stage and screen, meets 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3rd at the Myrtle Grove branch of the New Hanover County Library, 5155 S College Rd, Wilmington. The agenda includes reading and discussing new scripts as well as planning for future productions. Newcomers at any stage of experience are always welcomed. For additional information, email portcityplaywrightsproject@gmail.com or visit <https://portcityplaywrights.wordpress.com>.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Aquinetta Beatty, Director of Coastal Women's Ventures, part of the Carolina Small Business Development Fund, will be the featured speaker. There will also be information on and the opportunity to sign-up for the Historic Thousands on Jones Street People's Assembly Coalition 2018 Moral March on Raleigh, Saturday, February 10: "Taking the Resistance to the Ballot Box". A seat on the New Hanover NAACP bus is available with a donation cost of \$20. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men—and their partners—who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

**WILLISTON SENIOR HIGH CLASS of '61:** The Class of '61 will have its 2018 First Quarter class meeting on Sunday, JANUARY 28th (Fourth Sunday). SITE: Mount Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall (1001 S. 7th Street). TIME: 4:00 pm. We are inviting all graduates to participate in the meeting, as well as others who were "on track" with us at Williston but graduated from somewhere else. Also, we extend a special invitation to out-of-town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 28th.

Wilmington Precinct 29 will meet Tuesday, February 13th at Williston Middle School, 401 South 10th Street at 6:45 p.m. This will be a reorganizing meeting.

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Friends School of Wilmington (NC) is seeking a dynamic Lead Kindergarten Teacher beginning August, 2018

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## It's time for walking exercise outside

It's been very cold lately. It has not been the best time to go walking outside, especially for senior citizens.



Verniece Stanley

There are some worthwhile programs on television. Therefore, watching special television programs is a good option to going outside and braving the cold weather. Warm weather will be soon, and the weather will be more conducive for getting out and walking. As more "walkers" get out to enjoy the exercise, we hope that all will be mindful of the appearance of the roadsides and will refrain from throwing litter down along the roadsides. We thank those who are working hard to improve our roadways so that traveling will be more safe on the highways and, and, at the same time, the roads and roadsides will be

less of an eyecore. We should be able to see notable changes for the better by the summer. We don't know for sure how long the cold weather will be with us, but we do know that it is flu season, and a dangerous strain of the flu is very widespread across the United States this year and has even been blamed for several deaths, at least twenty-six in North Carolina. We need to stay warm and make every effort familiarize ourselves with all the helpful medical tips to avoid the flu. With the weather having been as cold as it has been all over this season and, with more cold weather on the way, heating bills will be greatly affected. No doubt, some of the more fortunate among us will be moved to assist some of the less fortunate pay their utility

bills. We are living in trying times. Let's lend a helping hand to help others along the way!

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.

## Brooklyn Arts Center announces Sports City Corn Hole Classic

Tournament to benefit Brigade Boys & Girls Club

Wilmington, NC, January 2018 - The Brooklyn Arts Center (516 North 4th Street-the corner of Campbell and North 4th streets) and Sports City are thrilled to announce The Sports City Corn Hole Classic, an indoor corn hole tournament that benefits Brigade Boys & Girls Club, on Saturday, February 3, from 5-10 p.m.

Sports City, a local, recreational sports league, and the Brooklyn Arts Center are creating and presenting what promises to be the coolest and most fun community fundraiser of the winter. BAC

events are renowned for being outstanding, full-scale, community occasions, with food trucks, coffee shop, and the BAC cash bar. Attendance at our events, locally and regionally, is outstanding. Admission to the event is \$5 at the door (kids 12 and younger are free). Parking in our North 4th neighborhood is free.

For more information about the Sports City Corn Hole Classic and registration, please visit [www.sportcityrec.com](http://www.sportcityrec.com) or [www.brooklynartsnc.com](http://www.brooklynartsnc.com) or contact BAC Event Coordinator Austin Levitan at (850)549-7890 or at [austin@brooklynartsnc.com](mailto:austin@brooklynartsnc.com).

About Brigade Boys & Girls Club - Established in 1896, the Brigade Boys & Girls Club is the oldest club in North Carolina and has been at the forefront of youth development since its inception. The Club works with a diverse group of at-risk youth in New Hanover, Pender and Onslow Counties. Brigade programs ensure that the community's children have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures. For more information about Brigade, go to [www.brigadebgc.org](http://www.brigadebgc.org).

Levitan at (850)549-7890 or at [austin@brooklynartsnc.com](mailto:austin@brooklynartsnc.com). About The Brooklyn Arts Center at St. Andrews-Located near the Cape Fear River, BAC is a beautiful, iconic church, built in 1888, that has been spectacularly refurbished as a multi-use event venue that hosts weddings, concerts, fundraisers, upscale vintage flea markets, and other awesome events. For more information about Brooklyn Arts Center, please contact Executive Director Richard Leder at 910-538-2939 or [rich@brooklynartsnc.com](mailto:rich@brooklynartsnc.com) or visit [brooklynartsnc.com](http://brooklynartsnc.com).

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## USE IT or LOSE IT



**Mr. Samuel Lee Moses**

Samuel Lee Moses was born August 1, 1932 in Bishopville, South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucius and Corine Moses and his wife of 46 years, Mrs. Mary Lee Johnson Moses. Also preceding him in death were five brothers; J.C., Eddie Lee, Jimmie "Skinner," Reese, Herbert Lee and one sister Mary Moses-Watson.

Samuel was educated in the Bishopville School System where he grew up. As a young man, he arrived in Wilmington, North Carolina and worked as a construction laborer. He later met and married his late wife Mary Lee Johnson Moses, Samuel known to his family and friends as "Sammie" or "Dick" will truly be missed.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories, three sons: Richard (Wilma) of Wilmington, NC; Ronald (Armeta) of Knightdale, NC and Lawrence (Leisha) of Wilmington, NC and a special daughter Tashina of Wilmington, NC; three brothers; Halley Moses, James Moses, and Richard Moses and one sister; Ethel (Charles) Walker all of Newark, NJ; twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial 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](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Mr. Thomas Nixon**

Thomas Nixon was born on July 4, 1961 in Brooklyn, New York to Ruby and Edward Nixon. Thomas Nixon entered eternal rest on January 9, 2018, the anniversary day of Phi Beta Sigma Founders Day.

Thomas Nixon attended elementary school in Brooklyn, New York. He later graduated from Laney High School in Castle Hayne, North Carolina, where he was the voice of the Buccaneers. After high school, Thomas attended Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina and became a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Thomas received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. After college, Thomas married his college sweetheart, Doris Lewter, and from their union they raised two wonderful sons.

Thomas had a notable personality that made people gravitate towards him no matter where he went. It was amazing to see the love so many had for him. He had a unique way of getting his nieces and nephews to share their candy. He would tell them that the candy had a little dirt on it and he needed to get the dirt off for them. He achieved many accolades and titles in his life, such as "Uncle T" and "Bling Bling." Among the titles he received, the one that he aspired

the most was Daddy and Granddaddy.

He is survived by his daughter Latosha McLeod of Whiteville, NC; his son Thomas Bakari Nixon of Knightdale, NC; daughter-in-law Jasmine Nixon and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his parents, Ruby and Edward Nixon of Stone Mountain, GA; his brothers Lewis Nixon, Stone Mountain, GA, Joseph (Sharon) Nixon, Conyers, GA and Frederick (Pamela) Nixon, Brooklyn, NY. His sisters Cynthia Nixon, Stone Mountain, GA, Carmen Nixon, Stone Mountain, GA, Paula Nixon, Tucker, GA, Yvonne Nixon, Tucker, GA, Sharon Nixon, Stone Mountain, GA, Beulah Boney, Castle Hayne, NC, Thedocia Shaw, Castle Hayne, NC, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Thomas was preceded in death by his son, Isiah Hardy Nixon.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Carrie O. Canty**

Carrie Orlene Canty, age 91, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2018. A celebration of Ms. Canty's life was on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Bowens Chapel AME Zion. Burial followed in Masonboro Cemetery (Westchester Community). Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

**Austin J. Wilson**

Austin James Wilson, 18, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep January 9th, 2018 due to a preexisting condition in Orlando Florida. He was born February 5th, 1999 to Tracy-Ann Shirley and Andrew Wilson in Port Charlotte, Florida. In July of 2004, Tracy-Ann Shirley moved her family to Wilmington. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

In his adolescence, Austin was in The Community Boys and Girls Club Drum and Drill Team and learned to play the cymbals, snare drum, bass drum, and quads. He developed his love of working with others and his interest in building at DREAMS of Wilmington.

At the age of 12 he became a member of Kids Making It Woodworking Program which fueled his passion for architecture and building. Before completing high school, he was able to successfully complete a sum-

mer employment program with Kids Making It that further confirmed his devotion to work in construction with his Running-Man Crew. He also enjoyed working with Dan at Plantation Builders in preparing his Senior Project.

Austin graduated from New Hanover High School where he enjoyed his woodworking electives, continued to participate in Kids Making It, and was in Band.

After graduation, he was one of hundreds who applied to be an apprentice on This Old House. Because of his hard work and determination, he was selected to join This Old House's crew in the summer of 2017. It was an amazing experience for him. Austin was a student at Cape Fear Community College, working towards his Associate's in Applied Science with a concentration in Construction Management. Austin was thankful for all these opportunities that helped him reach his goals and make his dreams come true.

Austin was also very blessed to know God and have a very supportive Church Family at The Lord's Church of Wilmington.

Austin is survived by his Mother; Tracy, Grandmother; Claudia, Sisters; Nikieta, Natasha, Ny'Ashia, Ny'Iesha, and Brother; Michael Jr., as well as additional family members, aunts, uncles, 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.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

**George R. Fennell**

George Robert Fennell, the son of the late Annie Ruth Fennell and William Henry, was born May 10, 1957 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He departed this life January 15, 2018 at his home. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

George grew up in Wilmington and attended the public schools of New Hanover County. He graduated with a high school diploma from John T. Hoggard High School. Following high school he worked as a loyal employee of New Hanover Regional Medical Center until his health began to decline. George also worked as a taxi driver for many years.

George married Carolyn McMillian Fennell, who preceded him in death, November 22, 2005. There were two beautiful daughters born to this union. George accepted Christ as his personal savior and united with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church under the headship of Rev. Dr. Terry Henry.

George was a loving and kind person who was blessed with a great sense of humor. He had an outgoing personality and enjoyed the company of many friends. His past times

were watching his favorite basketball teams on television and eating out at Ronnie's Crab Shack.

Loved ones left to cherish memories of him are: two daughters, Yolanda Freeman of Florida and Shonta Gethers of Wilmington, NC; one brother, William Henry (Ruth) Fennell of Midlothian, Va.; one sister, Helen (Jeff) Sidbury of Wilmington, NC; four grandchildren, Taneisha Silver, Markee Freeman, Brandon Freeman and Arkema Gethers; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

**Arcelia Wicker, Sr.**

Arcelia Wicker, Sr., age 77, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, January 19, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Wicker's life will be conducted at 12:00 pm, Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Saint Luke AME Zion Church. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to services. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting all memorial contributions be directed to the Johnson C. Smith University Class of 1967 Endowed Scholarship Fund at [https://www.jcsu.edu/giving/give\\_now](https://www.jcsu.edu/giving/give_now) or mail to Johnson C. Smith University, 100 Beatties Ford Road, Atten: Institutional Advancement, Charlotte, NC 28216. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

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**James Linberg "Cateye" Galloway**

James Linberg "Cateye" Galloway died January 12, 2018 at his residence. Funeral service was held Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

James "Cateye" as he was known by family and friends, is survived by eighteen children, 89 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Pastor Beatrice "Pastor B. J." Smith**

Pastor Beatrice "BJ" Smith died January 12, 2018. Her funeral service was held Friday, January 19, 2018 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Pastor Smith was born September 19, 1922 to the late Auther Murray and Eleanor Johnson in Wilmington, NC. She devoted her life to teaching and helping others. She was Pastor of Holy Ghost Deliverance Tabernacle of Prayer on 4th Street in Wilmington.

Pastor Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Ernest Smith; her son, Ernest Smith, Jr., and her granddaughter, Chantell Liddell. She leaves to cherish her memory two brothers, Thaddeus Johnson and Harry Lee Johnson; one sister-in-law, Mary Johnson; two great-grandsons, Jermaine Liddell and Jafaith Archer; a host of nieces, nephews, and very close friends who will miss her. John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Ollie M. Lofton**

Ollie M. Lofton died January 18, 2018. Her funeral service was held Thursday, January 25, 2018 at St. Matthews Church, Phoenix Community, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the Williams Cemetery. John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Jerome Patterson**

Jerome Patterson died January 19, 2018. Funeral service will be 4:00 PM Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Sidney Graham**

Sidney Graham died January 18, 2018. Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Gwendolyn Hankins Guerrant**

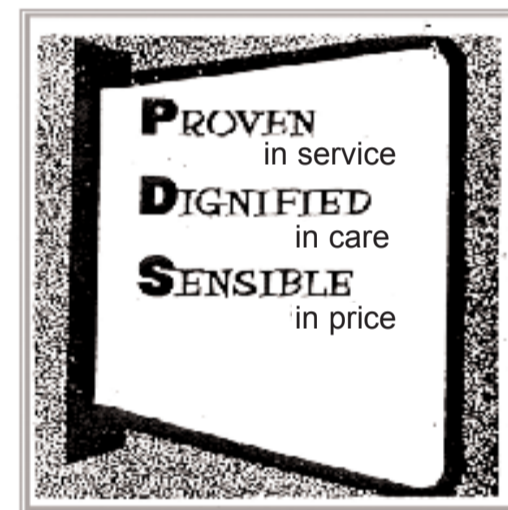
Gwendolyn Hankins Guerrant died January 20, 2018. Funeral Service will be 2:00 Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Mt. Carmel AME Church, Southport, NC. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow in the Hankins Cemetery, Winnabow, NC. John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Elmer Maurice Edge**

Elmer Maurice Edge died January 22, 2018. Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC. Burial will follow in the Haw Hill Cemetery, Winnabow, NC. John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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## New Hanover County

**Church Women United** will hold our Human Rights Celebration on February 2, 2018. The guest speaker will be City Councilman Clifford Barnett. The celebration will be held at St. Steven A.M.E. Church, located at 501 Red Cross St., Wilmington NC. This year Human Rights Award Recipient is Katrina Knight, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Center.



## Religious Briefs

**St. Andrew AME Zion Church**, 9th and Marstella St., will hold a free community luncheon on Saturday, January 27th from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m.

**St. Phillip AMEZ** will hold their Annual 7 Up Program Saturday, January 28th at 3:00 p.m.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## Oh Happy Day! Edwin Hawkins goes home to his Father's house

BY BILL CARPENTER  
FOR THE BAY VIEW

Pleasanton, Calif. - Edwin Hawkins, the four-time Grammy® Award-winning leader of The Edwin Hawkins Singers' 1969 million-seller "Oh Happy Day," died Jan. 15 at his home in the Bay Area, after a bout with pancreatic cancer. He was 74 years old.

"It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Edwin Hawkins - a celebrated artist, innovator and music icon. Though he will be greatly missed the world over, the message of love, life and encouragement that he incorporated into his music gives us all the same hope that we'll join him in heaven and sing 'Oh Happy Day,'" the Hawkins family said.

"Edwin Hawkins was not only a musical hero to me but he came to be a mentor and a close friend," said Grammy® winning singer-producer Donald Lawrence. "His group also had a huge influence on Richard Smallwood, who has known Edwin since Richard was 19 years old." Smallwood adds, "Edwin changed the face of gospel music and helped create a fresh sounding genre that spread around the entire world. He was a humble and kind spirit who not only encouraged others who were privileged to meet him, but also inspired millions to be daring in their creativity."

One of eight children, Edwin Hawkins was born Aug. 19, 1943, in Oakland and raised in the Campbell Village projects. He discovered music early and began playing the keyboards in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) denomination at the age of 5.

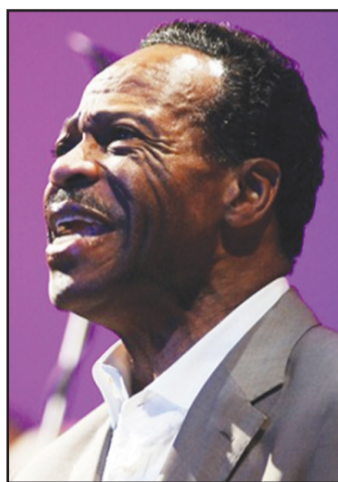
He and his friend Betty Watson co-founded the 46-member-strong Northern California State Youth Choir in 1967 so that they could attend the annual COGIC convention. They recorded an album, "Let Us Go into the House of the Lord," to finance the trip.

The 500 copies they ordered didn't come in time for the trek but one of the LPs eventually fell into the hands of a rock music DJ, Abe "Voco" Kesh, at KSAN-FM Radio. He began to play the hippy-soul song in the Bay area and soon the song's success spread East.

"It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Edwin Hawkins - a celebrated artist, innovator and music icon. Though he will be greatly missed the world over, the message of love, life and encouragement that he incorporated into his music gives us all the same hope that we'll join him in heaven and sing 'Oh Happy Day,'" the Hawkins family said.

"My mother had an old hymnal and I had a knack for rearranging hymns," Hawkins once said. "Oh Happy Day" was an old hymn and I rearranged it. It was actually one of the least likely songs to become a hit. There were some much stronger songs on there."

Record executive Neil Bogart picked up the song



Edwin Hawkins performs at Oakland's Paramount Theatre.

and distributed it through Buddha Records. "Oh Happy Day" reached No. 2 on the Billboard R&B Singles chart and No. 4 on the Pop Singles chart in 1969. Their rendition won them a Grammy in 1970 for Best Soul Gospel Performance.

The tune has sold over 7 million copies to date and it established Hawkins' career. "I wasn't planning to go into the music business and I wasn't looking for a record deal," he said in the book, "Uncloudy Days: The Gospel Music Encyclopedia." "The record's success decided my fate."

Hawkins often toured with his younger and equally successful singing brother, Walter, and Walter's then wife, Tramaine, as The Hawkins Family in the 1970s. Their energetic stage show filled civic centers and concert halls across the world, including D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Edwin Hawkins, with his group and as a soloist, continued to make gospel radio hits throughout the next two decades including, "Worship the Lord," "God Will Take Care of You," "Give Me a Star" and "To My Father's House." In recent years, Hawkins recorded occasionally and toured largely in Europe.

He also sponsored the Edwin Hawkins Music & Arts Seminar to teach the next generation of musicians the business of music. "This is a sad day in music," says Liz Black, midday radio host for WLIB, a gospel radio station in New York City. "I knew and loved Edwin Hawkins' music even before I was in the church and I know that I'm not alone in that."

In 2001, The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) ranked "Oh Happy Day" No. 63 on its Top 365 Songs of the 20th Century listing. The song has been covered by dozens of artists, including Quincy Jones, Johnny Mathis, Glen Campbell, Aretha Franklin, Jason Mraz, Susan Boyle, The Oak Ridge Boys and Elvis Presley. The tune was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1999 and it was included in the National Recording Registry in 2005.

Hawkins is survived by his siblings Carol, Freddie, Daniel and Lynette. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Journalist and publicist Bill Carpenter can be reached at [carpenterbill@me.com](mailto:carpenterbill@me.com).

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## "It takes a church"

My fellow seniors,

I just read an article in the *Wilmington Journal*, titled "The Black Church Must Help Save Our Media." To that I say, "Hallelujah!" The problem is, when we read the paper, we read alone, and that's as far as it goes. What we need is group discussions, based on



Ruth Johnson

articles found in the newspaper.

Reading the *Wilmington Journal* is like having a college education in the palm of your hands and making a fist. If the church really wants to help save our media, we should read and discuss the newspaper on some Sunday mornings instead of our usual Sunday School Quarterly.

Those magazines are made up of pleasing quotes from the Bible, which lead us to assume all of it is God's Word, but the next generation is not going to believe it, and the church is

going down. Some of the most violent orders given by a commander ended with "We must do this, as the Lord commanded Moses." The Bible says so, but I know better.

Anyway, if the church wants to preserve our media, we should bring the newspaper to the church and have an open discussion on a regular basis. Centuries ago, our forefathers said, "It takes a village." This is the same as saying, "It takes a church."

Reading the newspaper alone will get us nowhere. We need group discussions. This

would bring more people into the church and also help support the press, as there would probably be a special collection.

There are professional people in the church who can lead any discussions, whether it's the White House, the jail house, or anything in between. These "bench warmers" are able to shed light on any situation, but they are never invited to speak. Have a good day.

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Gifts

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

There was a dampness on the outside, but there was warmth on the inside. The meeting of the Senior Citizens' Fellowship was called to order by Mrs. Eloise Purdie. She said, "It is great to be here!" Mr. George Hill, along with the choir, came forth and sang, "This Little Light of Mine." A very fervent prayer was prayed by Minister Sharon Pollock. Next we sang "The Lord Will Make a Way." Minister Doris McQuillan said, "It is great to know that the Lord will make

a way. Our speaker for the day was Mr. George Hill. He asked the question, "What gifts have you received growing up and even into adulthood?" He said, "Some gifts we are not happy with. John 1:17 says that 'every good and perfect gift comes from above.' God allows us to receive things from up above. John 3:16 teaches us that God gave us the ultimate gift that no one else could give us. God, in His love, will give us life everlasting. We can benefit from God's love. Yet, while we were yet sinners, God gave us the perfect gift. We should do the best we can with the gift God gave us, which is His son. We should

not sin against God or our fellow man. We should take the greatest life we have, which is in Jesus Christ."

Mr. Hill was thanked for a great message. We then had expressions. There was one visitor, Mrs. Helen Sutton. She was welcomed by Marie Stitt. Vice President Gladys Taylor greeted us. The minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby and approved by the group. Mrs. Patricia Nixon will be the chairman of the Special Activities Committee. Mr. George Hill gave us a report on Elderhaus. Mrs. Cherry Pearson gave us information on our trip to Savannah, June 25-29. The

Callers report was done, and there was a tie between Mrs. Gladys Taylor and Mrs. Mary Martin. Each had nine. Mrs. Ann Haskins gave the sick report. Ms. Ethel Hamilton had surgery, and Mrs. Sandra Sloan is doing well. We were asked to keep all our sick and shut in our prayers. Announcements were done. Smiles and laughter were shared by Mrs. Mary Martin. She was thanked for the laughs. Mrs. Marron Malone came into our meeting. Our circle was formed. We sang, "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. There were 42 present.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "When Jesus Comes"

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17

When Jesus comes into your life, he brings about a change. Through the process and privilege of covenant relationship between sinner and Savior, change will happen!



Sylvia Hooper

Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:6-7, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

When a new Believer is in Christ, he is a new creation. Even though his outer appearance is the same, his spirit has changed. He has a new way of

speaking, thinking and doing things that reflect on the outside the change that has taken place on the inside. Proverbs 20:27 says, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly."

"Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I will tell you of them." Isaiah 42:9

Before Jesus comes, we are unaware many times of what spirit of bondage we are operating under. Before Jesus is Lord of our lives, many, most, or possibly all of us were oppressed or possessed by demonic spirits of negativity and toxicity which caused us to behave in unseemly and ungodly ways. At times we may have been the victim, and at other times, we were the perpetrators. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 ...

When Jesus comes into our lives, he brings the spirit of

adoption (Romans 8:15) spirit of glory, spirit of knowledge, spirit of grace; spirit of meekness; spirit of understanding; ...love, power, and of a sound mind. When Jesus comes in to stay, he sends the Holy Spirit to empower us to walk in the newness of life and to worship God in Spirit and Truth. Our prayer to God is to give us a right spirit and and to uphold us with his free spirit. We realize, we cannot do this without Christ in our life.

When Jesus Christ fully comes into our lives, he gives us a new heart and a new spirit. (Ezekial 18:31). In Psalm 40:3, David said, "He put a new song in my mouth." This is only to mention a few of the great things that happen to us when we allow Jesus to come to stay with us. The truth is, we need Jesus Christ to come, not just for a visit for healing or deliverance....We need him to come and stay forever in our heart, mind, and soul!!! "Christ in you, the hope of

glory" Colossians 1:27b

Prayer: Even so Lord Jesus, Abide forever! Live eternally in our soul!!! Amen.

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!*

PRESENTS A

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**For more information contact:**  
**Rev. Kojo Nantambu @ 704-641-7951**



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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Catherine S. Diab**, 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 **11th day of April, 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 11th day of January, 2018.

George Stephen Diab, Executor of the Estate of Catherine S. Diab  
7 0 5 Planters Row  
Wilmington, NC 28405  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Nancy G. Pardue**, 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 **18th day of April, 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 18th day of January, 2018

Lisa P. Holland AKA Lisa C. Pridgen, Executrix  
219 St. Luke Ct.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

January 18, 25, February 1, February 8, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Alice Mae Wilson**, 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 **18th day of April, 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 18th day of January, 2018

Emma Jean Jones, Administrator  
1405 King St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 18, 25, February 1, February 8, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Barbara Blue**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of April, 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 4th day of January, 2018

Thomas Blue, Administrator  
316 Cypress Grove Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Vanessa Alene Patrick**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned Executrix at 1611 Gander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina 28411 on or before the **9th day of April, 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 4th day of January, 2018.

Ricky Wendell Patrick  
1611 Gander Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Peter Grear Attorney for the Estate  
PO Box 2279  
Wilmington, NC 28402-2279  
Ph. 910-763-4671  
State Bar Number: 7134

January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Morgan E. Lewis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of April, 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 11th day of January, 2018

Jean A. Lewis, Executrix  
4242 Appleton Way  
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 17 JT 41**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
R.J.H. (dob: 8 August 2014)**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER**

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to R.J.H.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, January 25, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, March 19, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of January, 2018.

Jennifer G. Cooke Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3612  
(910) 798-3772 \* fax

January 25, February 1, 8, 2018

**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

The Board is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The Board sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Tracy Manning at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

January 25, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Earlease Baker (18-E-43)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 27, 2018** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of January, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Marshburn  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Gina Rae Daye**, 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 **27th day of April, 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 25th day of January, 2018

Gloria W. Sasser, Administrator  
4210 Tillson Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 25, February 1, February 8, 15, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 16 JT 132**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
J.P.S. (DOB: 5/08/2016)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS: CANDACE SMITH, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; JOSHUA SMITHEY, PUNATIVE FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO CANDACE SMITH**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following January 25, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Dawn Oxendine has been appointed to represent Joshua Smithey and she can be contacted at 4932 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403 or 910-397-7979.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of January, 2018.

Karen F. Richards, Contract Attorney New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Box 81  
Wilmington, NC 28402

January 25, February 1, 8, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
17 SP 781**

**In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of JNJ NC Enterprises, Inc. to F. Darryl Mills, Trustee, dated July 1, 2014, and recorded July 3, 2014, in Book 5824, Page 1970, as assigned to Amsat Holdings, LP by instrument dated and recorded December 1, 2017, in Book 6106, Page 875, New Hanover County Registry, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 6106 at Page 2626 of the New Hanover County Registry.**

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by JNJ NC Enterprises, Inc. dated July 1, 2014, and recorded July 3, 2014, in Book 5824, Page 1970, as assigned to Amsat Holdings, LP by instrument dated and recorded December 1, 2017, in Book 6106, Page 875, New Hanover County Registry (as assigned, "Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 31st day of January, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess St., Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property (including any improvements thereon) more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The physical addresses of the properties are: Arthur Court at numbers 100, 104, 108, and 112; and, Evening Road at 3000, 3000A, and 3008, all being in Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

**Exhibit A**  
Lots 292-298, Section 9, River Knolls at Walnut Hills, as the same is shown on a map thereof recorded in Map Book 53 at Page 177, New Hanover County Registry, said map being incorporated by reference herein.

The real property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS".

Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed on the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the real property being offered for sale and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements, and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recording of the Deed of Trust. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. If the property is single-family residential and occu-

pled pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

The record owners of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice are JNJ NC Enterprises, Inc. and BRRRT Properties, LLC.

Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty Five Cents (\$.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308 (a)(1). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This the 3rd day of January, 2018.

/s/ Elizabeth Wright  
Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee  
Counsel of the Carolinas  
310 N. Front St., Ste. 4-147  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 200-2677

January 18, 25, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
18 E 15  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
Phyllis Baker Edens  
Decedent.**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Phyllis Baker Edens**, late of 122 Point Drive, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 616 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, on or before the **25th day of April, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of January, 2018.

Phillip Alan Edens, Personal Representative of the Estate of Phyllis Baker Edens, deceased  
By and through his undersigned counsel:  
Russell D. Nugent  
The Humphries Law Firm, P.C.  
616 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
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January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 17 JT 351**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
E.K.D. (DOB: 12-12-17)**

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following January 25, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR February 12, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of January , 2018.

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**IN THE MATTER OF:  
N.A.D. (DOB: 07-22-2017)**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN BOLIVIA, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following December 28, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR February 5, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 28th day of December , 2017.

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