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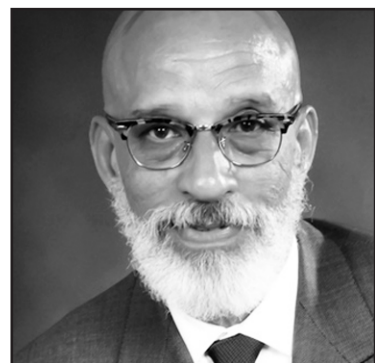
EBONEE SPEARS

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

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OUR VOICE



CHARLES O'NEAL

GUEST EDITORIAL

"HELP!"

The Black Press is dying?
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BERNEST HEWETT

NO PLACE FOR RACISM

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Today my phone was ringing off the hook! People were asking questions and complaining about the President Trump and his openness about race and minorities. I can't write anymore than you see and hear him say on national news. He is not trying to hide his opinion on Blacks and minorities. He also makes poor Whites look bad. If you are a Black Republican and love your party, it's time you do one of two things. Either change parties or begin to talk with your Republican brothers and sisters. You cannot continue to go along with the philosophy Donald Trump and his followers are subscribing to and the hate that it is causing.

Brunswick County has had a rise in the number of Black Republicans in the last eight years and that's your choice. However, if I were thought so little of by the Republican party as to have me go along with the factions that they are prospering, I would ask the question I ask the Democratic Party. Is there a place for me

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Adams calls Trump "A racist who is unfit to serve"

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The last time North Carolina Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12) said anything about the possible impeachment of President Trump, it was May 19, when she issued a statement which ended, "Impeachment is not off the table."

Adams was one of those who, because of the findings of the Mueller Report, felt that Trump "...has demonstrated a clear disregard for the rule of law and must be held accountable."

Since then, the Mecklenburg district congresswoman has held her fire, agreeing with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) to maintain a steady process of fact finding before formally voting to congressionally indict the controversial commander-in-chief.

However, last weekend, that may have changed, once Trump took to



NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS (D-NC-12)

Twitter again and spewed what many have described as "racist" attacks on four of Rep. Adam's Democratic colleagues - four progressive women of color - effective-

ly, but falsely saying that they were not American citizens because of their constant criticisms of his administration.

"It's been more than twenty-four

hours since the President's hateful, un-American tweets..." Adams said in a statement, issued Monday, "...and there has been no apology. Instead, the President has doubled down on his dangerous rhetoric, proving that he is a racist who is unfit to serve."

Adams was closer to calling for Trump's impeachment than she's ever been, calling him "...a racist who is unfit to serve," and what he said during a public event at the White House Monday didn't help matters. "They hate our country. They hate it, I think, with a passion." That diatribe followed an explosive tweet on Sunday, wherein the Republican President accused Reps. Ayanna Pressley (Mass.), Rashida Tlaib (Mich.), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Omar (Minn.) of "racial hatred" and demanded that they apologize to

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CONGRESSWOMEN AYANNA PRESSLEY (D-MASS), ILHAN OMAR (D-MINN.), ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ (D-N.Y.) AND RASHIDA TLAIB (D-MICH.) AT MONDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE

U. S. House votes to condemn President Trump's 'racist' remarks

BY **HAZEL TRICE EDNEY**
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The U. S. House of Representatives, this week, voted to condemn as racist, remarks made by President Donald Trump after he tweeted Sunday morning that four women of color in the House of Representatives should "go back" to "the crime infested places from which they came."

He was speaking of Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York; Ilhan Omar of Minnesota; Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts, and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan - all Americans and all of whom have called for Trump's

impeachment.

The vote by the majority Democratic House is the first time members of Congress have taken a unified stance against the racist postures and outrageous language used by Trump. The Democrats were joined by four Republicans and one Independent in the 240-187 vote.

Civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis (D-Ga.) was among the members issuing strong rebukes toward to the president from the House floor. From the standpoint of his civil rights experience, Lewis not only identified the remarks as racist, but also described the impact of those kinds of words when coming from the president of

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AMIR JAHARI WEBB

NC School of the Arts accepts Amir Webb

BY **BEVERLY SMALLS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Amir Jahari Webb the sixteen-year-old son of Rev. Daniel Webb and wife Bridgett will leave Hoggard High School to matriculate at the prestigious University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

The Upright Bass player has wowed orchestral enthusiasts from coast to coast. A resident of Seattle, Washington until his sophomore year in Wilmington, Webb's earliest musical interest was as a violinist.

Though he was skilled and a fifth grader in the school's orchestra, by

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State redistricting case begins; GOP files admitted

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A three-judge Superior Court panel last week agreed with the nonpartisan group, Common Cause NC, and allowed 35 pertinent files from the late Republican mapmaker, Thomas Hofeller, to be used in a court case this week, wherein the 2017 legislative redistricting map drawn for the GOP legislative majority by Hofeller is being challenged as unconstitutional.

Hofeller died in 2018. His computer files containing his work for NC Republican legislative leaders and, in this case, Rep. David Lewis, chair of the House Redistricting Committee, are the main

exhibits in the Common Cause NC lawsuit, charging that, even though Democrats in 2018 elections won more votes, Republicans, with Hofeller's expertise, created skewed voting districts wherein they won more seats, effectively making it impossible for Democrats ever to win back their majorities.

That three-judge Superior Court panel, judges Paul Ridgeway, Joseph Crosswhite, and Alma Hinton, will listen to at least two weeks of testimony, which started Monday. If Common Cause NC and the NC Democratic Party win the case, the Republican-led NC General Assembly will be required to redraw the current voting districts in time for the upcoming 2020 elections next year.

Democrats expect that those new districts would

be fairer, and thus they would win a majority of the seats. If that happened, then that would mean that the Democratic Party would be in charge of redrawing the legislative voting maps for the next ten years after completion of the 2020 U.S. Census, which reapportions districts after a national headcount, thus giving them a better opportunity, they hope, to maintain their majority if they should win the lawsuit and the 2020 elections thereafter.

The "meat" for the case for Common Cause NC rests with the Hofeller files, of which only 35 of 75,000 found on hard drives turned over to Common Cause NC by the deceased GOP mapmaker's daughter per-

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The Wilmington Journal is still partially operating from a remote area. Our building has much damage and some of our equipment is still inoperable. Please continue to bear with us as we work to return to normalcy.

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tain to the 2017 NC legislative
maps.

If published reports about
the files are accurate (they had
not been introduced into evi-
dence at press time before this
story) the files would prove that
Republican legislative leaders
and, specifically Rep. Lewis,

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the United States.

"I rise with a sense of right-
eous indignation to support
this resolution. I know racism
when I see it. I know racism
when I feel it. And [in] the
highest level of government,
there's no room for racism,"
Lewis said. "It sows the seeds
of violence and destroys the
hopes and dreams of people.
The world is watching. They
are shocked and dismayed
because it seems we have lost
our way. As a nation, as a
proud and great people. We
are one Congress. And we are
here to serve one house, the
American House, the
American people."

Trump and the Republican
leadership in Congress have
defended his words, staunchly
claiming that neither he; nor
his words are racist. The
Trump tweets continued this
week, saying "I don't have a
Racist bone in my body!" Both
Senate Majority Leader Mitch
McConnell of Kentucky and
House Minority Leader Kevin
McCarthy of California echoed
his denial.

But Lewis, a veteran target
of racist language, said the "go
back" insult is steeped in White
supremacist history from the
Civil Rights Movement when
segregationists became angry
at protestors' attempts to bring
justice.

"As a nation and as a people,
we need to go forward and not
backward," Lewis said. "With
this vote, we stand with our sis-
ters- three were born in
America and one came here
looking for a better life. With
this vote, we meet our moral
obligation to condition hate,
racism, and bigotry in every
form."

Speaker of the House Nancy
Pelosi, avoiding calling Trump
himself a racist, declared his
words to be "disgraceful and
disgusting, and those com-
ments are racist...How shame-
ful to hear him continue to
defend those offensive words -
words that we have all heard
him repeat, not only about our
members, but about countless
others."

lied to a federal court in 2017
about whether the redistricting
maps drawn were already com-
pleted. In fact, they were, plain-
tiffs attest, but GOP legislative
leaders maintained that they
weren't, thus delaying a special
election.

However, Common Cause
NC also maintains that, unlike
the recent U.S. Supreme Court
partisan gerrymandering case,
wherein the High Court's

5-4 conservative majority
ruled that federal courts have
no place in the political elec-
tion questions managed pri-
marily by states and their
courts, thus allowing North
Carolina's partisan gerrymand-
ered 13 congressional dis-
tricts in favor of Republicans
to stand. This legislative parti-
san gerrymandering case is
different because North
Carolina's Constitution specif-

ically outlaws the kind of par-
tisan gerrymandering being
allowed in this case.

Voting precincts were split,
established boundaries were
violated, and "malevolent
intent" in denying voting popu-
lations their state
Constitutional rights was
employed.

Attorneys for Lewis and
the General Assembly count-
er that the files were not part

of the maps Hofeller drew for
the NC General Assembly
and should have no bearing
on the case. They further
defend the 2017 maps, saying
that they passed constitutional
muster then.

Whatever happens with this
case, a ruling is not expected
for some time, and whatever
the decision, it is expected to be
appealed to the NC Supreme
Court.

The stance by the House of
Representatives comes at
what appears to be a tipping
point following a string of
shocking statements from
Trump as President of the
United States during his first
three years. Among the most
memorable were his state-
ments that a clash between
White supremacists and civil
rights protestors in
Charlottesville had "very fine
people on both sides." He also
publicly referred to members
of the National Football
League protesting police
brutality as "sons of b**ches."

A fight ensued over Pelosi's
use of the word racist. Rep.
Douglas A. Collins (R-Ga.)
motioned to have her words
stricken from the record, a rare
move that held up the debate
for more than an hour while

the House parliamentarian
decided whether the use of that
particular word violated stan-
dards of decorum for the
House chamber.

House Parliamentarian
Thomas J. Wickham Jr. ruled
that Pelosi's words had indeed
violated protocol according to
precedent. But - given the
anomaly of Trumpism - the
Congress overruled the parli-
amentarian. Trump's remarks
were official condemned as
racist.

The four Republicans who
voted to condemn were Reps.
Will Hurd of Texas, who is the
only Black Republican in the
House; Brian Fitzpatrick of
Pennsylvania; Susan Brooks of
Indiana; and Fred Upton of
Michigan. Michigan Indepen-
dent Rep. Justin Amash, who
recently resigned from the

Republican Party, also voted for
it.

As fellow house members,
pundits and political
observers defended the four
women; they also defended
themselves at a news confer-
ence on Monday.

Ocasio-Cortez said, "We don't
leave the things that we love,
and when we love this country,
what that means is that we pro-
pose the solutions to fix it." She
said Trump attacks "us person-
ally" because he doesn't know
how to defend his own policies.

Omar said Trump was advo-
cating "the agenda of White
nationalists" in his verbal
assaults on the four members
of Congress, comments during
the Charlottesville rally, as well
as his verbal assaults on the
NFL players and other women
of color.

Tlaib repeated her calls for
Trump's impeachment. Pressly
only warned her fellow
Congressional representatives
as well as the general public to
not "take the bait" that Trump
throws out with his attacks.
She indicates that it's like red
meat to fire up his ultra conser-
vative base.

Pelosi, who had been in a rift
with the four women, immedi-
ately jumped to defend them
from the Trump tweets. She
tweeted that it is clear that
when Trump "tells four
American Congresswomen to
go back to their countries, he
reaffirms his plan to 'Make
America Great Again' has
always been about making
America white again." Pelosi
concluded, "Our diversity is
our strength and our unity is
our power."

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and my people, or do I join the other party?

We have been too complacent with promises and little actions! My people paved my way with blood, sweat and tears! We didn't come looking for a handout. We worked hard and proved ourselves worthy to raise law abiding children. We kept faith in God. Now we have a leader who hates just to hate. This is why it's time to vote and tell your neighbors the way to the polls! We must not back up.

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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NC HIGH COURT LONE REPUBLICAN CRITICIZES DEMOCRAT COLLEAGUES

[RALEIGH] The NC Supreme Court's only

Republican associate justice reportedly has criticized the other six associate justices, all Democrats, in a campaign speech last weekend.

According to WRAL-TV and a tape they reportedly received of the remarks, Justice Paul Newby told a Wake County audience that his six Democratic colleagues are very much like New York Rep. Alexandria

Ocasio-Cortez, the controversial Democratic congresswoman who was recently targeted by Pres. Trump, along with three other newly elected congresswomen of color; with racist remarks. "Imagine seven 'AOC's' on the State Supreme Court," Justice Newby reportedly said.

Newby was angry when Gov. Roy Cooper chose colleague Cheri Beasley, a

black woman, as chief justice over him. Newby has announced that he will challenge Beasley for her chief justice seat in 2020.

NO NC REPUBLICAN HOUSE MEMBERS CONDEMN PRESIDENT TRUMP'S RACIST TWEETS

[WASHINGTON, DC] Eight out of ten Republican members of North

Carolina's thirteen-member Congressional delegation did not vote along with their three Democrat colleagues Tuesday evening when the U.S. House voted for a resolution formally condemning Pres. Donald Trump for his racist "go back home" tweets directed at four Democratic congresswomen of color. Trump, who held a "Keep America Great" rally in

Greenville Wednesday night, maintains that his tweet last weekend and subsequent remarks were not racist, saying, "I don't have a racist bone in my body." Only four Republicans in the House voted to condemn Trump for his remarks.

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the nation, the state of Israel and to him.

Earlier in his weekend tweetstorm, Trump demanded that all four congresswomen of color "go back to your own country."

"Why don't they go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they

came?" he opined.

However, all are American citizens. Pressley, Tiaiband, and Ocasio-Cortez were all born in the United States. Rep. Omar is a naturalized citizen.

The four congresswomen, known in the Washington press corps as "The Squad," did not allow Trump's divisive broadsides to go unanswered.

"This is the agenda of White nationalists," Rep. Omar told reporters

Monday during a press conference at the Capitol. "Whether it is happening in chat rooms, or it is happening on national TV, and now it's reached the White House garden."

"So it is time for us to stop allowing this President to make a mockery out of our Constitution. It is time for us to impeach this President."

At that same presser, Rep. Pressley chimed in.

"He does not embody the grace, the empathy, the compassion, the integrity that that office requires and that the American people deserve," Rep. Pressley said. "That being said, I encourage the American people and all of us in this room and beyond to not take the bait. This is a disruptive distraction from the issues of care, concern, and consequence to the American people."

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-

Cortez (D-NY) promised that Trump's attacks will not dissuade them from their goals for the nation.

"I am not surprised when the President says that four sitting members of Congress should 'go back to their own country' when he has authorized raids without warrants on thousands of families across this country," she told reporters. "I am not surprised that he used the rhetoric that he does

when he violates international human rights and takes thousands of children away from their families.

We can't allow hateful actions by the President to distract us from the critical work to hold this administration accountable to the inhumane conditions at the border that are separating children from their loved ones and caging them up and illegal horrific conditions," she said.

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sixth grade he lost interest.

Introduced formally to the upright bass during a summer camp, Amir eventually chose that instrument and the bass guitar as preferred musical instruments.

The NC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem will offer a high school program and living experiences similar to those for college music majors.

He will live on campus and spend up to half of the time in academic studies.

The campus' immersive music conservatory program is considered one of the best in the nation, according to directors.

In 1963 the late Governor Terry Sanford initiated the N.C. School of the Arts founding, and it is recognized as the first public co-educational arts conservatory in the United States.

"During the eighth grade my favorite bass player was Esperanza Spalding," Webb said admitting he also liked her large afro.

He grew up favoring inspirational songs and beats from a variety of 90s R&B artists like Whitney Houston, Bobby Brown.

Like Webb, Esperanza Spalding also played violin prior to the upright bass. In spite of her Grammy award winning status, few African-American students have modeled her behavior or sought to play the bass.

"I haven't seen many (blacks), at most three," Webb said of his teen years in Washington state and N.C.

Rarely can African-American students be seen as participants in orchestral or symphonic settings. Required rehearsal hours after school and on weekends, costs of instruments, travel to events and auditions, private lessons and other typical needs are cited

as reasons.

Though Amir is one of three children from a middle working class family, his parents found a way.

"When God's finger points the way, He will make a way," Rev. Daniel Webb said. "First parents must ask God what the purpose is for each child."

The parents strongly affirmed that God will be there to help with every resource needed and will bring the right people to supply the needs.

"You have to show up," he said.

Bridgett Evans Webb, the musicians' mother said parents must be involved and expose students to everything from school orientations to special events that are free and linked to a child's specific interest.

Attending Hoggard High student orientation led to the parents introducing Amir to administrators and the orchestra teacher, Alex

Vedder.

Those conversations link to Amir's connections with Wilmington's Youth Symphony Orchestra, UNCW highest ranked student musicians, NC competitions and auditions, and becoming a special guest artist for Hoggard's Voyagers (Chorus) Spring Concert.

"I was blown away," said Voyagers' Director, Benjamin Horrell.

"He played for a special jazz selection, 'I Sing Because,' but it is very difficult for an orchestral musician to play a jazz style."

Webb was also great at improvisations, always practicing and eager to play at every rehearsal, Horrell said.

"God brought the people into our lives that we needed, family and friends," Rev. Webb said. "God will make a way."

Amir and family are active members of St. Luke AMEZ Church.

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD EXTENSION NEW HANOVER COUNTY

STIP PROJECT NO. U-4434

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to extend Independence Boulevard (S.R. 1209) by 1.7 miles from Randall Parkway to U.S. 74 (Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway) in Wilmington. The purpose of the project is to improve connectivity and capacity by providing an additional 4-lane, north-south corridor that would provide an increase in the overall traffic capacity within Central Wilmington.

The meeting will take place on **July 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in the **Rachel Freeman School of Engineering Multipurpose Room** located at **2601 Princess Place Drive in Wilmington**. The public may drop in at any time during the meeting hours. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by **August 19, 2019**. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at www.ncdot.gov/projects/independence-boulevard.

For additional information, please contact Krista Kimmel, NCDOT Division 3, at 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28429. You may also contact the project team through our toll-free hotline at 1-800-233-6315.

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING PROPOSED INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE U.S. 17 AND U.S. 17 BUSINESS INTERSECTION JACKSONVILLE, ONSLOW COUNTY

STIP Project No. U-5951

The N.C. Department of Transportation is proposing to make improvements to the intersection of U.S. 17 and U.S. 17 Business in Jacksonville.

An open-house public meeting will be held at the **Jacksonville Center for Public Safety** located at **200 Marine Blvd in Jacksonville** from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2019**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide interested citizens the opportunity to review maps of the project, ask questions and provide feedback.

Interested citizens may attend at any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation. Maps of the proposed improvements will be displayed at the meeting and staff of NCDOT will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

A map of the proposal is available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings/>.

For additional information please contact NCDOT Project Manager, Brian Harding, P.E. by phone at (910) 341-2000, or by email at bjharding@ncdot.gov. Comments will be accepted at the meeting or by mail or email following the meeting but should be submitted by **August 17, 2019**.

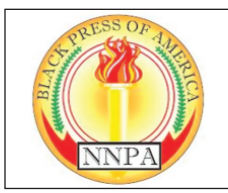
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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

HELP! The Black Press is dying

Okay, okay! I'll admit it! I'm a dinosaur! I still believe there's something magical about holding this week's edition of a Black-owned newspaper in my hand, savoring every page, wincing at every typo, all while reveling as the story of Black America unfolds.

I got the news this week that The Chicago Defender - without question the one-time "granddaddy" of the Black Press - has stopped the presses and gone digital. Publisher Hiram Jackson cited economic reasons (shrinking advertising revenue) as chief among the reasons for the move to cyberspace. I don't question or fault his decision, but I do lament what we've lost in the process.

America's Black Press took root in New York City, March 16, 1827, with the first issue of Freedom's Journal. The sentiment expressed in Samuel Cornish and John Russwurm's first editorial - "... too long have others spoken for us - we wish to plead our own cause ..." - ignited a flame that has burned for 192 years.

From my patron saint, Frederick Douglass, to Ida B. Wells, T. Thomas Fortune, the Vances, Scotts, Murphys and Richardsons, the roll call is impressive of those who battled with the same fervor as Robert Abbott's Defender, shaping and molding not just Black America but all of America into a better (not perfect) place. The chronicles recorded in print by brave Black men and women across nearly two centuries leaves us an undeniable, irrefutable record of the road we've travelled.

The dinosaur in me says it's impossible for the advent of digital-only Black newspapers to replicate the heroic impact of the "Soldiers without Swords" who week in and week out chronicled our challenges, extolled our virtues, announced births and deaths, and showed us (often grainy) pictures of our glorious selves. The fleeting, minute-by-minute changes in news and perspectives that are so, so seductively packaged in the digital space, I'm afraid, are incapable of keeping the flame alive.

The dinosaur in me doubts that an already "miseducated Johnny" will learn to read looking at a screen. I doubt that same Johnny will learn to discern and distinguish news from the digital Black Press from questionable nuggets unearthed in the next "click."

Whether we like it or not, we are truly in the age of "fake news," hacks, data breaches and phishing scams. I see no evidence the handheld screen will match the handheld crispness of the printed page.

I am not advocating a return to the Jurassic age. I am, however, putting a "sticky note" in this moment in the history of America's Black Press/Black America. When we lose control of our communication channel, we lose control of our primary means of conscious-raising nation-building.

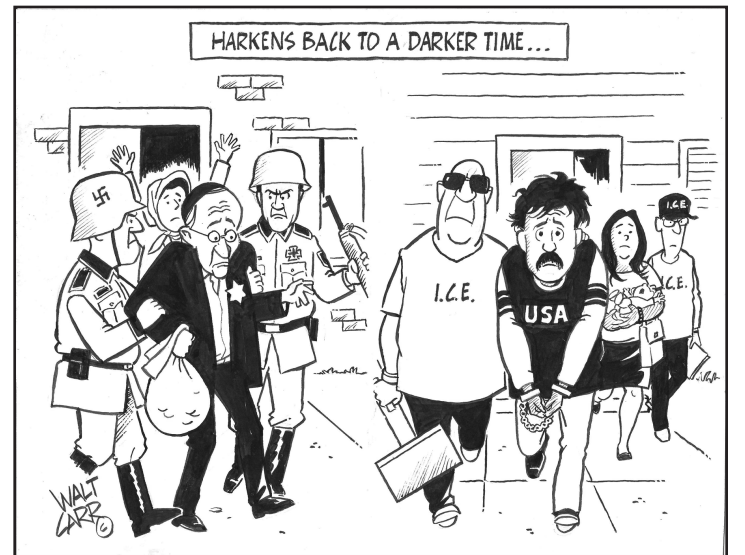
When we capitulate to the salacious lure of cyber everything, we put at risk the written record of our achievement against the odds. When we concede that "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" is the best strategy for survival ... well, you go the way of the dinosaur.

I'm a dinosaur, and I'm crying.
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YOUR VOICE

IF IT LOOKS LIKE A DUCK AND SOUNDS LIKE A DUCK.

I started elementary school in 1952 during legal segregation. I attended St. Thomas Catholic school. We walked to school except if it were raining, then we would ride the

city bus. We had to sit in the back of the bus and listen to some racist whites call us all types of names. I was only seven when I heard one say, "they need to go back to where they came from." Was he telling me to go back to the six hundred block of South 14th Street?

TRUMP told four Congresswomen of color; to go back home. His statement is as racist today as it was in 1952. The U.S. House of Representatives voted to condemn his words. My N.C. 7th District Congressman, David Rouzer, voted to back TRUMP 100%. I am not surprised

because Rouzer worked for and admired the late segregationist U.S. Senator Jesse Helms.
Did your U.S. Representatives vote for TRUMP? Are you registered???

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

A man of many descriptions

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Most of us are known by a first name, maybe a middle name and a last name, but the current occupant of the White House has been "blessed" with so many names!

His most recent description came from the United Kingdom's ambassador who said exactly what he was thinking (and what is rumored to be said in many circles by other diplomats). He described Trump as "inept", "insecure", "incompetent". As if that were not enough, his good friend Lindsey Graham sized him up in 2015 and said, "He's a race baiting, xenophobic bigot" but Lindsey has since fallen in love with him and he can do no wrong in Lindsey's eyes. I won't say who did it, but I just heard him referred to as a "jerk." Rex Tillerson is rumored to have called him a



Dr. E. Faye Williams

"moron."
Ben Parker and Stephanie Steinbrecher referred in "Lest we forget the horrors, a catalog of Trumps worst cruelties, collusions, corruptions and crimes and named the following when referring to Trump: Sexual Misconduct and Harassment, and White Supremacy. Many reporters have called out Trump's more than 10,000 lies—so that would qualify him for another name—Liar!"

In a conversation with a child molester, he was heard saying Jeffrey Epstein likes beautiful women as he does, and on the younger side. I guess that raises the question about whether he's a child molester, too! He's been called "draft dodger" who claimed to have had bone spurs, but can't remember on which foot when asked.

In court documents in 2016, he was accused of being a "sexual assaulter, harasser and groper!" A former beauty queen called him a "sexual harasser." Another one said he was guilty of "sexual misconduct." Lately a very credible accuser has called him a rapist who raped her in a store.

Trump admitted in the Billy Bush tape to being a "grabber" of women's genitals and claimed "I don't even wait. And when you're a star, they let you do it, you can do anything to them..." He admitted to being a predator who walks into women's dressing rooms at beauty contests because as owner he can get away with it. Someone referred to him as a "Diet Coke-swilling television-addicted ... golf aficionado".

It gets worse. Some further remarks from UK's ambassador were "We don't really believe this Administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction driven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept." He was right and we are told many more diplomats feel the same way.

I'm not making this up. He's been called an "idiot man-child." "Global buffoon" has been used, too. After Barack Obama became President, many children wanted to be President. Since Trump has been around, I never hear those words.

He's been called "jailer of

children at the border." He's been called "liar" over 10,000 times. When he went to the United Nations to brag about great things he's done, many diplomats laughed out loud at him.

He's been called cheater on his wives, climate denier, grievance-based person. He's been classified as having the abilities of a child as low as kindergarten. So many people from around the world have given him well deserved less-than-flattering assessments. We know he claims to be the best and only one who ever did many things. I can easily add that he's the only President who has gotten away with so much shameful behavior.

When will more people say, "I've had enough? Trump must be impeached now." Otherwise, stop telling the people that no one is above the law. Trump has violated so many laws that no one is surprised when he violates another one.

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Poverty and the fallacy of long-term economic greatness

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The first week of July produced a somewhat positive Employment Situation report. While the unemployment rate ticked up just a bit, about 224,000 new jobs were created, nearly three times as many as were created in the tepid previous month. There was, of course, the Administration crowing about the strength of the economy, and with wage growth on the rise, an impassioned outsider might agree that the US economy is doing well.

But too many aren't doing as well as they might, and too many, even with wage growth, aren't making enough money to lie on. Rev. William Barber's Poor People's Campaign says that more than 140 million people are living in poverty or near-poverty, nearly 100 million more than the Census suggests. Indeed, the very existence of a Poor People's Campaign, 51 years after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. launched his initial assault on poverty, speaks volumes about the status of our economy.

Poor people have been the volleyball in a partisan net game, with some simply ignor-

ing the realities of poverty, and others vilifying the poor for their poverty. These are the folks who will tell you that the economy has never been better, ignoring the fact that at least 40 percent (and perhaps as many as 60 percent) have not benefited from economic expansion. The average family has yet to recover from the Great Recession. Many have financed their survival with credit cards, and between student loans and consumer credit, our nation's households are \$13.7 trillion in debt. According to the Federal Reserve Bank, 40 percent of our nation's families can't manage a \$400 emergency.

Half of all jobs in this country pay \$18.58 per hour or less. How stable is an economy that pays people so little? Fully a third of all jobs pay less than the \$15 an hour, many legislators want to pay all workers. The minimum wage, at \$7.25, has not increased in a decade, even as the economy expanded, productivity has risen, stock market indices are at an all-time high, and we have a President who crows about economic expansion without paying attention to those on the bottom.

Macroeconomic indicators suggest the economy is healthy, but for how long? How long can we expect our decades-long economic expansion, to continue? A minor blip, an extended trade war or, heaven forbid another kind of war could have devastating effects. This is why our 45th President keeps pick-

ing fights with the Federal Reserve Bank, urging them to cut already low interest rates to fuel economic expansion. Our nation can't thrive when nearly half of its citizens are on the outside looking in. And poverty can be a drag on economic expansion.

The people who are doing well in our economy have a stake in it. They own their homes. They own stocks and bonds. They have retirement accounts and investment accounts. They've seen their asset base soar as the economy has expanded. But the Great Recession cause African American people collectively to lose a third of our wealth. Black homeownership rates grew for thirty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act. Those gains were wiped out mostly during the Great Recession, and today Black homeownership is as low - 41.2 percent - as it was in 1968 when discrimination was legal. In contrast, the overall homeownership rate in 2016 was 63 percent overall and 72 percent for whites.

If this is a stakeholder economy, African Americans have fewer stakes, but we don't occupy the economic periphery alone. Latinos and whites also experience poverty, but not at the disproportionate rate that African Americans do. Racism makes it possible for excessive poverty to exist! As long as some see poverty as a personal, not structural failure, it is easy (and acceptable) to demonize

the poor, and even to criminalize them for their poverty. Thanks to folks like Rev. William Barber, some Americans are awakening to the fact that one person's poverty is another person's profit center; that the prison industrial complex needs to be dismantled, and that a restructured, less militarized (and dare I say green) economy might offer more opportunity for all!

The folks who earn \$18.58 an hour or less aren't benefiting from the expanding economy, but some of them support a wealthy huckster who lies with the same ease that he rises in the morning! He spins economic confusion in jingoistic and confusing terms so that an unemployed manufacturing worker in Ohio will passionately argue that he'd be working if it weren't for illegal immigrants!

Will we buy into the fallacy and let increasing poverty imperil long-term economic expansion? Or will we develop a more inclusive and expansionary economic model? The Presidential campaign offers the opportunity for a dynamic exchange of ideas. What's next?

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New Hanover County

CFRG Double Header Home Bout Saturday, July 27th Doors@ 4:30pm, first whistle @ 5:00pm at The Edge - 7207 Ogden Business Lane Wilmington, NC 28411. Cape Fear Roller Girls All-Stars vs Low Country High Rollers Cape Fear Roller Girls Black Harrits vs Black and Blue Grass Roller Girls After Party - Mac's Speed Shop 4126 Oleander Drive.



Community Briefs

The Class of '61 will have its 2019 third quarter class meeting on Sunday, July 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. The meeting will address two issues: (1) election of officers; and (2) planning our next quarterly laughing-out-loud non-business get-together. We extend a special invitation to out-of-town classmates who will be in the Wilmington area on the 28th.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on important state and community issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch events and activities. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email naacp@gmail.com.

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

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Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation announces First Cohort of All For NC Fellows

Four young innovators each receive \$75,000 for one year to carry out a bold idea for North Carolina

Winston-Salem, NC (July 11, 2019) – Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation (ZSR) is excited to announce its first cohort of All For NC Fellows.

Trustees have awarded All For NC Fellowships of \$75,000 each to four young change makers, all between the ages of 21 and 35, with bold ideas for how to make a difference in North Carolina and its communities. The All For NC Fellowship is a 12-month program designed to provide funding, coaching and mentoring to young North Carolina residents who have a vision and plan that could contribute to a better life for North Carolina's people and communities.

Below is a brief description of each Fellow's proposal:

Danielle Adams, age 35, is a resident of Durham, NC. Through the All For NC Fellowship, Adams seeks to bring a racial and gender equity lens to the emerging, legalized industrial hemp and cannabis industry throughout North Carolina. Her project serves three main purposes including education; agriculture and farming support; and entrepreneurship. Adams wants to ensure that this emerging market will benefit people of color, especially women of color, so as to not reinforce historical inequities.

Stefania Arteaga, age 23, is a resident of Charlotte. She is a community educator and organizer for immigrants' rights and co-founded Comunidad Colectiva – a grassroots group in Mecklenburg County. Through the All For NC Fellowship, Arteaga seeks to build a network of pro-bono/low-bono attorneys who can assist immigrants with legal matters in Charlotte, while simultaneously building community power and resilience throughout immigrant communities in Charlotte.

Cedric Harrison, age 30, is an entrepreneurial and trusted leader who is working



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NC FELLOWS, FRONT ROW, DANIELLE ADAMS, CEDRIC HARRISON; BACK ROW, LYDIA SEE AND STEFANIA ARTEAGA

towards transformational change in his hometown of Wilmington, NC. Through the All For NC Fellowship, Harrison will work towards building up Support The Port – an emerging venture that tackles important issues including gun violence, economic development, racial divisions, and the impact of natural disasters – and focus on developing a program promoting entrepreneurial development and meaningful employment in the Wilmington neighborhoods where those in need live. His vision is to build on his relationships with Wilmington business leaders and the African American community to develop programs and services that result in the creation of more minority-led businesses in Wilmington, increased African American employment, and reduced poverty.

Lydia See, age 34, is an artist and educator, and resident of Sylva, NC. Through

the All For NC Fellowship, See will launch the "Engaging Collections Residency" – inviting creatives to produce collaborative artworks by engaging with local libraries and archives in communities across the state to tell little-known stories about their communities' pasts, including focusing on the narratives of marginalized communities. The residency is committed to equitable funding for artists in the production of new, site-specific artworks, and includes a strong emphasis on community engagement, requiring that each project prioritize a component which seeks to involve those in their communities who might not often have access to artistic and cultural programs.

"ZSR has a history of supporting bold and cutting-edge ideas, so we are thrilled to embark on this new Fellowship initiative that will invest in the next genera-

tion of North Carolinians who are building the North Carolina they want to see," said Joy Vermillion Heinsohn, assistant director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and lead staff managing the initiative. "We are excited to see how their projects will unfold across the state over the course of the year."

ZSR received 361 applications for the All For NC Fellowship and, through a selection committee, narrowed the pool to 11 semifinalists before choosing the four Fellows. ZSR expects to fund three cohorts of Fellows over the course of five years. Up to five Fellows will be selected for each cohort. The All For NC Fellowship is distinctly different from the ZSR Fellowship – a two-year, salaried position at the Foundation.

Over the course of the year, ZSR will document and share more about the work of each Fellow.

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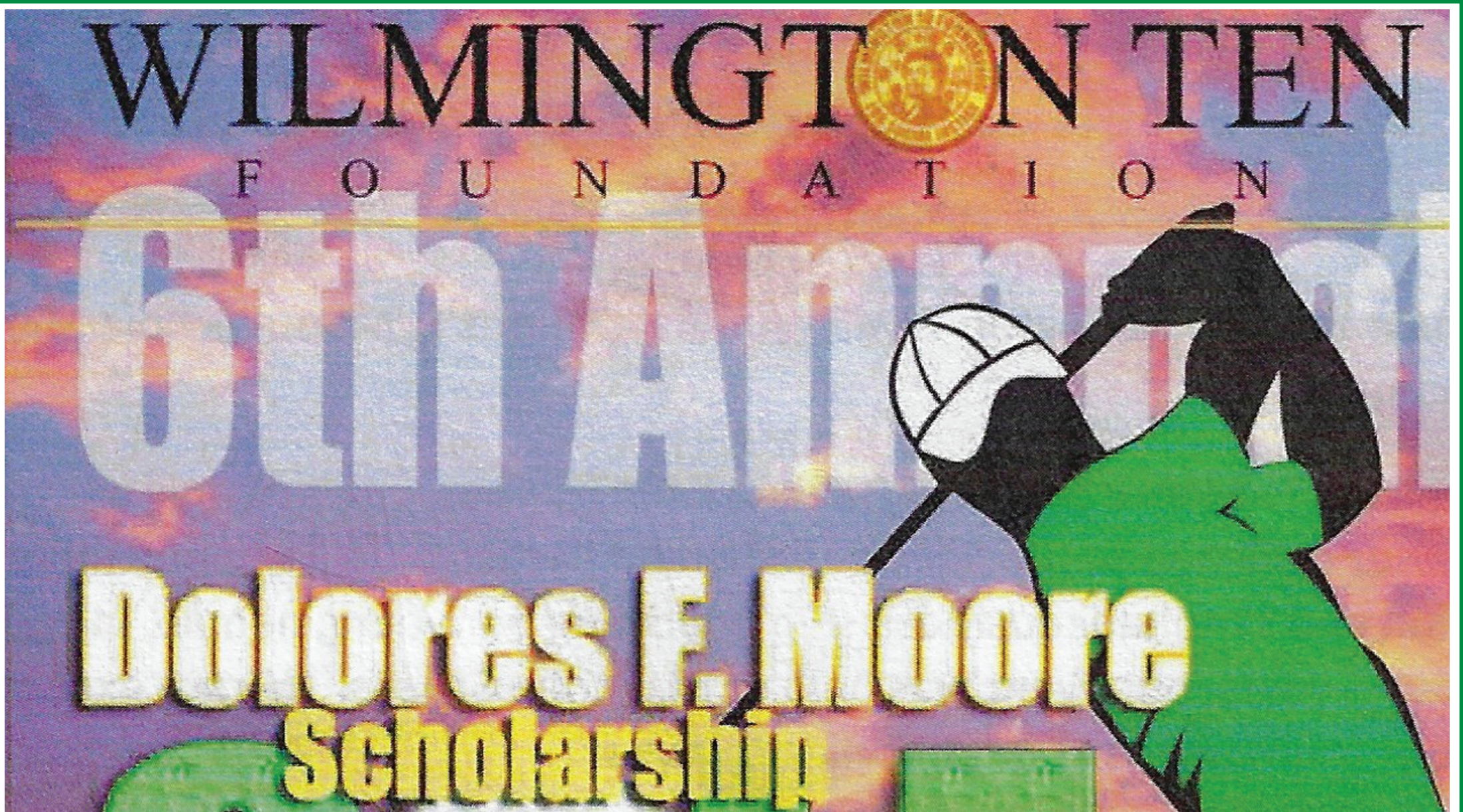


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Breast cancer is the most imperative health issue facing African American women

BY RICKI FAIRLEY
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Though Black women get breast cancer at a slightly lower incidence rate than white women, Black women are 42% more likely to DIE of breast cancer than white women. That is an astounding number and indicative of a variety of factors, many reflecting racial disparities.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among black women, and an estimated 33,840 new cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2019. An estimated 6,540 deaths from breast cancer are expected to occur among black women in 2019.

Women do not need to DIE from breast cancer. It can't be prevented but early stage breast cancer (meaning it has been localized within the breast) has a 99% 5 year survival rate. Note the inequity here: the overall 5-year relative survival rate for breast cancer diagnosed is 81% for black women versus 91% for white women. And, 54% of breast cancers in black women are diagnosed at a local stage, compared to 64% in white women.

To add more fuel to the fire, Black women under age 35 get breast cancer at two times the rate of white women and DIE from breast cancer three times

as often as white women.

So, what's the problem? Why are Black women dying unnecessarily?

Higher death rates among Black women reflect the following:

Black women are not taking action. While 92% of black women agree breast health is important, only 25% have recently discussed breast health with their family, friends, or colleagues. And, only 17% have taken steps to understand their risk for breast cancer.

Black women lack information about the severity of breast cancer, breast cancer symptoms and the need for screening.

Black women take care of others at the expense of their own health.

Black Women are often at a more advanced stage upon detection.

Black women may not have access to health care or health insurance so may have lower frequency of and longer intervals between mammograms.

Because they may not have health insurance, Black women may not follow up on abnormal mammogram results because they can't afford the diagnostic testing.

Black women often don't have access to the same prompt high quality treatment that white women have. They

express that they are often feel disrespected by physicians and staff

Black women face logistical barriers to accessing care (such as transportation issues or not being able to miss work or arrange for child care).

Black women fear a cancer diagnosis.

Black women have the highest odds (2 times more likely) of getting Triple Negative Breast Cancer; a kind of breast cancer that often is aggressive and comes back after treatment. It has the highest mortality rate and is the only breast cancer sub-type that does not have a therapy to prevent recurrence. Note that younger women and women diagnosed at later stages are more likely to get Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

WE MUST STOP THE SILENCE!

Early detection saves lives. Black women of all ages need to check their breasts monthly. We need to know what our "normal" feels like so if there is some abnormality, immediate action can be taken.

Black women need to understand the severity of this health crisis. We need to be talking about our health, our family histories, and educating all of the women in our lives.

The ongoing conversations in this country around access



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Black women need to demand the attention and care of health care professionals.

to affordable health insurance must include acknowledgment and action regarding the inequities for Black women.

Black women need to demand the attention and care of health care professionals.

We at Sisters Network, Inc., a sisterhood of survivors and thrivers, will continue to fight like girls and be the voice of Black women. We are committed to increasing local and national attention to the devastating impact that breast cancer has in the African

American community. We are working diligently to reduce the mortality rate of breast cancer among Black women by generating awareness, garnering attention, providing access to information and resources, and supporting research efforts in the ecosystem.

ABOUT SISTERS NETWORK® INC.

Sisters Network® Inc. founded in 1994 by Karen Eubanks Jackson, 25-year and three-time Breast Cancer

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Elderly falls and fractures can be devastating: How to get rid of the risks

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - It's a common fear among many with aging parents: a dreaded phone call comes in the middle of the night that a loved one has suffered a nasty fall.

The consequences can be devastating.

Falls and fractures in the elderly are among the leading causes of disability and can lead to death for some. In addition to potentially losing their independence, seniors 65 years old and up have a 25 percent chance of dying within six months to a year if they fall and break a hip. According to some estimates, unintentional falls result in about 33,000 deaths of older adults in the U.S. each year.

One of the most serious fall injuries is a broken hip. It is hard to recover from a hip fracture and afterward many people are not able to live on

their own. As the U.S. population gets older, the number of hip fractures is likely to go up. Women experience three-quarters of all hip fractures. This is because women more often have osteoporosis, a disease that weakens bones and makes them more likely to break. This is why it is important for women to be screened throughout life for osteoporosis and treated if needed.

Falls can also cause broken bones, like wrist, arm, head injuries, ankle, and hip fractures.

Head injuries can be very serious, especially if the person is taking certain medicines (like blood thinners). An older person who falls and hits their head should see their doctor right away to make sure they don't have a brain injury.

Not all falls will result in a fracture or injury, but the statistics show that one out of five falls causes a serious injury such as broken bones or a head injury.

Most elderly patients with hip fractures will remain hospitalized for about 2 weeks,

followed by a period of rehabilitation. Sadly, about half of all seniors hospitalized for hip fracture cannot return home or live independently after the fall.

As studies have found that a majority of people over the age of 65 take 5 or more medications, it is important to know that there is a medication risk to falling for seniors and the elderly.

Any medication acting on the brain (psychotropics) or affecting cardiovascular function can increase fall risk.

Psychotropics including sedative-hypnotics, antipsychotics, antidepressants, anticonvulsants, and narcotic pain medications typically increase risk of falling due to their effects on cognitive function; resulting in sedation, slower reaction times, and impaired balance. Cardiovascular medications often either lower blood pressure or affect heart rate. Any drug that reduces blood pressure or slows the heart may cause falls, faint feelings, loss of consciousness, or "legs giving way".

Due to the multitude of unforgiving and slippery surfaces, bathrooms are very hazardous for the home. A study from the National Institute on Aging found that up to 80 percent of falls in the home are in the bathroom. Anyone can stumble and fall in the bathroom but having poor muscle strength and balance, as many elderly do, is strongly associated with increased risk.

Knowing how to get in and out of tubs and showers properly and equipping homes with necessary safety precautions can reduce senior falls, keep them out of the emergency room and possibly extend their life. A shower chair can provide stability for an elder with difficulty balancing and a rest place for those who have difficulty standing for long periods of time. A good shower chair has rubber tips on the legs to prevent sliding. When used with a hand-held shower head, an elder can remain seated while bathing.

One of the most effective ways to preserve balance is to

stay active with an exercise regimen. Ask your doctor about exercises designed to improve balance, stability and overall mobility, such as moderate yoga.

And there is the risk factor that simply comes along with aging: vision and failing eyesight. Have your eyes checked by an eye doctor at least once a year and be sure to update your eyeglasses if needed. If you have bifocal or progressive lenses, you may want to get a pair of glasses with only your distance prescription for outdoor activities, such as walking. Sometimes these types of lenses can make things seem closer or farther away than they really are.

There are some critical things that you must do in the residence of a person at risk for falls and fractures: Get rid of things you or your loved one could trip over. Add grab bars inside and outside your tub or shower and next to the toilet. Put railings on both sides of stairs. Make sure your home has lots of light by adding more or brighter light bulbs.

Keep in mind that falling once doubles your chances of falling again. Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice. The reader should always consult his or her healthcare provider to determine the appropriateness of the information for their own situation or if they have any questions regarding a medical condition or treatment plan.

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE U.S. 17 / N.C. 172 AND U.S. 17 / OLD FOLKSTONE ROAD INTERSECTIONS ONSLOW COUNTY

STIP PROJECT NO. U-6065

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to improve the U.S. 17 / N.C. 172 and U.S. 17 / Old Folkstone Road intersections in Holly Ridge. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow along U.S. 17 and address intersection safety concerns.

The meeting will take place on **July 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at **Folkstone Original Free Will Baptist Church** located at **133 Old Folkstone Road in Holly Ridge**. The public may drop in at any time during the meeting hours. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by **August 30, 2019**. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

For additional information, contact Krista Kimmel, NCDOT Division 3, at 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Haynes, NC 28429, (910) 341-2000, or khkimmel@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Samantha Borges, Environmental Analysis Unit at smborges@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6115 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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

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



NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO N.C. 133 (CASTLE HAYNE ROAD) FROM I-140/U.S.17 (WILMINGTON BYPASS) TO DIVISION DRIVE NEW HANOVER COUNTY

TIP PROJECT NO. U-5863

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting to present information on the proposed improvements to N.C. 133 (Castle Hayne Road) from I-140/U.S. 17 (Wilmington Bypass) to Division Drive in Wilmington.

The meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 25, 2019** at the **Wave Transit Operations Center** located at **1480 Castle Hayne Road, in Wilmington from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Interested citizens may attend at any time during the meeting hours. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the project. Please note that no formal presentation will be made. All comments received will be taken into consideration as the project progresses.

As information becomes available, it may be viewed online at the NCDOT Public Meeting Website: <http://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Brian J. Harding, PE, NCDOT, Highway Division 3 Project Manager, at 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28429, by telephone at (910) 341-2000 or by email at bjharding@ncdot.gov. Comments should be submitted by **August 25, 2019**.

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Marian Gales Crumdy
April 28, 1946-July 6, 2019

Marian Gales Crumdy was born April 28, 1946 in Wake County to the late Bernie Gales and Gertrude Gales. She did not come into this world alone. She was accompanied by her twin sister, Marlyn Mallette, whom preceded her in death.

Marian graduated in 1964 from the "greatest school under the sun," Williston Senior High School in Wilmington, N.C. She continued her education at the illustrious North Carolina A&T State University where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1968. Upon graduation she immediately went to work in the office of Dr. Girardeau Alexander as a nurse. This assignment jumped started a career span of 37 years. Marian spent her life caring for others. That was her passion; along with entertaining, and "talking junk" while playing cards.

She was a faithful member of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church. She also enjoyed Senior Traveler's at Saint Paul Baptist Church.

She leaves behind two daughters Melvina D. Robinson and Joi L. Edwards, both of Greensboro, N.C. One brother Bernard Gales (Ellen) of Bolivia, N.C. One aunt Ruth Robertson of Knightdale, N.C. Four granddaughters: Janay M. Robinson, Janise N. Robinson, Taylor M. Edwards, and Jaly N. Edwards. One great grandson, Aaydn Allston, who affectionately called her "GG," and a nephew Johnathan Mallette. Marian also leaves behind a host of Sister-Friends, adopted children, nieces, nephews and friends.

A homegoing celebration was held on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at Trinity AME Zion, 631 E. Florida Street, Greensboro. Hargett Funeral Service, Inc.

Myrtle Ballard Davis

Myrtle Ballard Davis died July 7, 2019 in Raleigh, NC. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Bethel AME Church, Northwest. Burial followed in the Bethel Church Cemetery.

Myrtle was the gift of life on August 17, 1939. Affectionately known as "Wappy", she was born to the late Eddie and Mary Taylor Smith in Elizabethtown, North Carolina. Her final hours were spent in Hospice care with her daughter by her side. Myrtle was a proud graduate of Lincoln High School in the Class of 1957. She joined Bethel AME Church at an early age and worked faithfully, holding several positions as: Class Leader; Usher; member of the Senior Choir; Missionary and as a Lay Organization member to name a few. She eventually relocated to Raleigh with her daughter and son-in-law. Myrtle was gifted to love and care for the needs of her family. Evidence of this love is visible

in the eyes and hearts of her daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Spoiling Sequoia and Mariah was done on a daily basis while showing no guilt or regret she simply called it love. She enjoyed singing, cooking, traveling and spending time with family and friends, Evette and Lillie Battle. Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband, George Battle in 1996. From this union one daughter, Angela was conceived. Later on in life she was joined in holy matrimony to the late Anthony Davis.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Myrtle was also preceded in death by her sister, Judy Robinson and her brother, JW Smith. She leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved daughter, Angela Arrington (Ricky); grandchildren, William Laceywell, Rashanda Laceywell, Ricky Jenkins and Eva Munn; great-grandchildren, Sequoia Rodwell Laceywell and Mariah Davis; sister, Margaret Pearl Ballard (Linwood), aunt, Janie Smith; sisters-in-law, Laura Harrison (Frank) and Rebecca Pashall; brother-in-law, Isaac Ballard (Carolyn); special children Jen Brunson (Les), Janet Armond, Tony Davis (Barbara), Timothy Davis (Dottie), Wanda Davis, Julian Davis, Guy Davis (Shapria) and Jessica Johnson (Curtis); goddaughter, Olivia Brown; much loved nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Leonard Waddell

Leonard Waddell died July 8, 2019 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 15, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the St. Thomas Cemetery.

Mr. Leonard Waddell, son of the late Rose Lee Hayes Waddell and Wilbur "Ash" Waddell was born on January 12, 1955, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Leonard was educated in the Brunswick County School System, graduating from North Brunswick High School in the Class of 1973. In high school he was known as an above average basketball player and a cool dresser. Leonard was a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church. He sang on the Male Choir and was a member of the Security Ministry. Leonard was joined in holy matrimony to Alma Lewis on June 17, 2002. Alma has been a faithful and devoted wife, continually by his side until his demise.

In addition to his parents, Leonard was preceded in death by his brother, Wilbur Waddell, Jr. and his sister, Mary Moore. He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Alma Lewis Waddell of the home; four sons, Leonard Waddell, Jr., Darius Waddell and Anthony Lewis all of Wilmington, NC and Samuel Lewis (Monica) of Kernersville, NC; four daughters, LaShanta Brown of Leland, NC, La'Quana Randall (Andre) of Atlanta, Ga, Shakira Waddell and LaTonya Lewis both of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Elwood Waddell; eight sisters, Evelena Henderson (Ricky), Willa Vernon, Barbara Brown (Marvin), Lenette Burst (Freddie), Carolyn Thonues and Jennifer Gibbs, all of Leland, NC, Shirley Waddell of Wilmington, NC and Carol Martin of Bronx, NY; sisters-in-law, Patricia Bell (Mack), Bonnie Lewis and Quessie Jones all of Wilmington, NC; brothers-in-law, James Lewis, Leroy Lewis and Anthony Lewis; twenty-two grandchildren; eleven great-grandchild-

ren; three aunts; two uncles; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friend, including special friends, Craig Suggs and Dennis Waddell. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Shanita Reid Devone

Shanita Reid Devone died July 10, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 13, 2019 in the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Shanita was born on January 6, 1982 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Alan Reid and Mary M. Gause. She received her education in the New Hanover County Public School System. She traveled from city to city, meeting and gaining relationships. Shanta was a true soldier in any situation. She was a very outspoken, loving and caring person. If she called you a friend, you better believe you were. She had a million dollar smile that will never be forgotten.

In addition to her father Shanita was preceded in death by her son, Amelion Hansley. She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Amoni Shaw (Rippy), Realeti Hansley (Penny), three sons, Alk'Kwon "Sugar Head" Hansley, Al'Juwon "Bug" Reid, and Atif "BooBoo" Shaw, all of Wilmington, NC; mother, Mary M. Gause of Wilmington, NC; grandmother, Elizabeth Reid; great-grandfather, Ben Nelson; sisters, Shante Gause of Wilmington, NC and Shanell Hines O'Bryant of Swansboro, NC; nieces, Raasheena Reid, Nyaisia Gause and Tatyana Lawson; nephews, Dre'Quan Gibson, Dymon Green and Lorenzo Hines; great-niece, Kinslee Rose Allen; a very special friend, Shari Brown (they called themselves, Thelma and Louise); special cousins, Leitia Gause, Troy Gause and Theodore Gause; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Pauline DeVaughn

Pauline DeVaughn died July 9, 2019. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jacqueline Pollock

Jacqueline Pollock died July 11, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Zion Church, Wrightsboro Community. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Anthony Canty

Anthony Canty died July 10, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Deandre Idris Sansbury

Deandre Idris Sansbury died Sunday, July 14, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lillie A. Waddell

Lillie A. Waddell, age 66, of Leland, passed away Friday, July 5, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Waddell's life was held on

Thursday, July 11, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed at St. Thomas Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her siblings, Oreda Waddell, Debra Waddell, Johnny Small, Jimmy Small, Sr. all of Leland and Gilbert Waddell, Jr. of Wilmington; special niece, LaShona Ballard of Leland and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Samuel B. Williams

Samuel B. Williams was born on July 11, 1952 in Latta, South Carolina to the late John Henry Williams and Priscilla Kelly Williams. He department this

Card Of Thanks



Thank you so much for your kindness shown to my family during the death of my husband Frank Weeks, Jr. Please continue to keep me and my family in prayer. Peace and blessings always to each of you

Dorothy Kinsey Weeks and family

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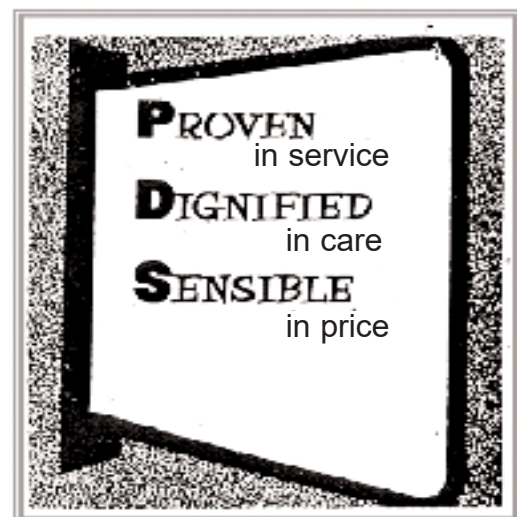


The family of the late Mrs. Izola Soloman Byerson, wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbors and well-wishers who visited our home before, attended the wake, service and burial and who provided emotional and practical support for us during this difficult time. To those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent floral tributes, cards and message of condolences, as well as those who made charitable donations, we are truly grateful. A special word of thanks to Dr. Kevin Brennan, nurses and staff of the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center for their kindness and respect shown at all times, her church family and finally, Shaw's Funeral Home Director and staff for their sensitive and professional handling of the arrangements. Our thanks again to all our extended family, relations, neighbors and friends, who showed, helped and supported in any way; your contributions made our loss more bearable. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this press acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest love and gratitude.

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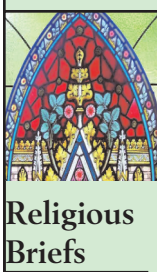
Samuel Drain, Jr. and Allene Drain In Memoriam



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New Hanover County

The Missionaries of St. Andre AMEZ Church, 1201 South 9th St., will hold its Annual Candlelight Service on Sunday, July 21st at 5:00 p.m. The theme is "Discipling: The Making of a Missionary."



Religious Briefs

Brunswick County

Way of Life Ministries, 1490 Village Rd., Leland, Nc will celebrate Men's Month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in July at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, July 21st the speaker will be Pastor Ben Pittman choir and congregation of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Masonboro Sound Rd. For more information call 910-550-7475.

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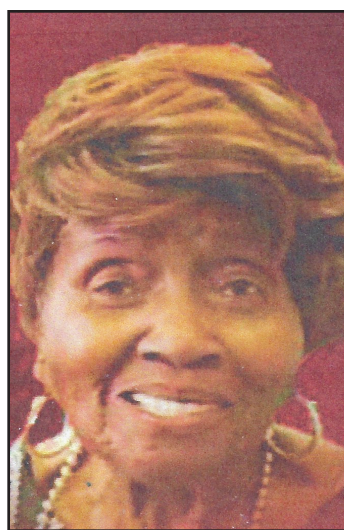
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Annie Ruth DeVaughn receives Sojourner Truth Award

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The Sojourner Truth Award was given to Annie Ruth DeVaughn, daughter of the late Maggie Murphy-DeVaughn and the late Abraham DeVaughn. She was born on December 5, 1927, the fourth of five children. All of her siblings are deceased. Annie Ruth graduated from Williston Industrial High School in 1944 at age 16. After graduation she went to business training school in Wilmington until 1950. She relocated to care for her sister by day and attended Washington Business Institute by night, graduating in 1952.

Annie Ruth joined District Union 65 in 1952. She obtained employment as a billing machine operator. She became proficient on the latest machinery. She subsequently used her expertise to train other black workers; Annie shared her knowledge. District 65 was one of the first unions to support Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She helped organize rallies in Union Square to protest the murder of Emmett Till; supported the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and worked with A. Phillip Randolph to organize the 1963 March on



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
ANNIE RUTH DEVAUGHN

Washington. She received the "Service Award" from the Trade Union Women of African Heritages in March 1972.

Annie is a member of the Williamsbridge branch of the NAACP. She faithfully attends meetings every third Sunday after service. At age 78, Annie Ruth went back to school to learn the complexities of computers. She graduated from Lehman College in 2008. Annie Ruth at age 91 is a devoted member of Bronx Christian Fellowship Church; the Bronx, New York. She is a mother of the church; a foot soldier for justice, still marching.

Wise.

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his dedication and public service.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories, his devoted wife, Judy Williams; sons, Samuel Williams II and Julian (Christy) Williams and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Gerald E. Alston, Jr.

Gerald E. Alston, Jr., age 44, of Plainfield, NJ, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2019. A celebration of Gerald's life was held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his mother, Marsha Graham-Ali (Abdul) of Leland; father, Gerald E. Alston, Sr. of Navassa; grandmother, Louise Willis of Leland, and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Mary Y. Wise

Early in the morning on July 10, 2019 at 12:15 am, God in his infinite wisdom sent angels to Lower Cape Fear Hospice to usher home our beloved Mary Yvonne McMillian Wise. A celebration of Mary's life was held on Monday, July 15, 2019 at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church. Interment followed in Hall Family Cemetery.

She was born on August 28, 1970 to the late Royster Burton and Della McMillian. Yvonne was raised by her grandparents, the late James and Susie Young. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Dell Kevin Young, Barbara Ann Simpson and Owen McNeil.

Mary received her education in the Brunswick County School system and graduated from North Brunswick High School in 1988. Her love for people led her to work in the medical field. She worked at Brunswick County Department of Social Services as an In-Home Aide provider and Ocean Trail Convalescent Center. Her last 13 years of employment were with Wilmington Health Associates where she worked until her health failed.

Yvonne was married to her lifelong mate and husband for the past 11 years, Reginald "Keith"

TELL SOMEBODY

"Salt is good"

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour (flavor) wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men." Matthew 5:13

Salt - A substance that is put on food, both as a seasoning and as a preservative. **Preservative** -Something used to keep from decaying or spoiling

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying." Matthew 5:1,2

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men." Verse 13

speech has been seasoned with salt have the power to make this world a better place! Jesus referred to his disciples as the "salt of the earth", literally and spiritually meaning that the earth in which we live can benefit from our very presence in it. We are in the world, but not of the world! Salt in a natural state is also a cleanser and a multipurpose product. Salt is good.

Christians who have been seasoned and salted by Christ, can be used in so many ways to impact and improve our society. Our homes, churches and communities will be better places to live because of "seasoned" and salted saints. Salt is good.

Jesus Christ let them know that the lives they lived and the choices they made would determine whether or not they were profitable or not for the kingdom of God. The sermons that Jesus taught his disciples back then, still apply to his disciples today. In order to affect change around us, there must be

change in us. There must be sacrifice! In order to qualify as a disciple (follower) of Christ, one must be willing to forsake his own ways and his own thoughts. On the other hand, the lack of commitment to the cause of Christ, will render our witness for the Lord of none effect, and to be trodden under the foot of men. In other words, if we lose our "salt", not only will we be despised and rejected, but we will also be disrespected.

If each of us would dare to examine ourselves in the mirror of the Word of God to see if we still have the "salt" that is necessary to rescue the perishing and comfort the dying, what a greater impact we would have on the state of affairs in the nation and the world today! It is time out to point the finger at others in the Body of Christ, and play the blame game for what is going on in our world today. If we really want to make things better, we have got to focus on the man or woman in the mirror!!!! When we take the time to teach others what Jesus taught his disciples, souls will be saved, healed, set free and delivered.

When we dare to be differ-

ent and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with family, friends, and neighbors, we will soon see the fruit of our labor. Then, we must take the time to give God the glory, for the great things he has done, because without him, we could do nothing. Without Christ, we would have no salt! Salt is good! 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!

When Jesus took the time to sit down and teach his followers the basic principles of true discipleship, he let them know that it would require obedience, determination, dedication, and sacrifice. If they were going to follow in his footsteps, make disciples and evangelize the world, the resulting change in their lives, would be in comparison to "salt".

Salt is a natural seasoning and also a preservative. Christians whose lives have been changed and whose

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Telling God to get out

God's Word, the Father Who Intercedes (Fights) for His Creation.

"Hear Oh heaven and give ear Oh earth the Lord has spoken": the verdict was rendered many years ago in the dateless past by God the Creator of the universe and it is written throughout the pages of the Bible as a warning.

Because America, as we now know it, has turned her back on the God of the Bible, we now see the evidence of the bold rejection of God in this country. In every branch of government; many of those who are running for President on the Democrat ticket are anti-God and leaders in colleges, in universities and in the entertainment world, as well. There are all kinds of ungodly and filthy behavioral practices: individuals that plot to corrupt the minds of people of all ages against moral values. Let it be known, no one black or white, Democrat or Republican can reject God's Word in this life and get away with it. In His Word there are instructions for Godly living. Romans 1:18, (KJV) "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (we have the truth at our finger tip; the Bible).

Proverbs 14:34, (KJV) "Righteousness exalted a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people". Psalms 9:17, (KJV) "The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all nations that forget God" (this includes America). God has not left us out of blessings nor cursing.

Rev. 20:12, (KJV) "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the

books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works".

Rev. 21:8, (KJV) "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death". Gal. 6:7, (KJV) "Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap".

Here is an interesting article that I came across and found it was very impressive. I'd like to share it with you!

Telling God to get out. Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson's asked her: "How could God let something like this happen?" (regarding Hurricane Katrina). Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

In light of recent events: terrorists attack, school shootings, etc., I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found a few years ago) complained that she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you'd better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide).

We said an expert should know what He's talking about. And we said OK.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their parents, classmates and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with the fact that, WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going down a slippery slope leading to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says, Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace but public discus-


sion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing yet? Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it. Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Pass it on if you think it has merit. If not, then just discard it.. no one will know you did. But if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in". Inserts added.

Let us Repent and Pray. Our Father in heaven, we come boldly before the throne of your grace, the riches of your grace, the exceeding riches of your grace to us through Christ Jesus: we pray for forgiveness for all of our sins whereby we sinned against thee. We pray for this country, the churches, the various civil organizations and political organizations that have rejected your Word. We ask forgiveness for going about to establish our own standard. Forgive us for accepting a lie that is void of any truth in it. We pray for the deliverance of minds and hearts of this people who believe these lies of the devil that is contrary to your Word, for your Word is the truth. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen. "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free".

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