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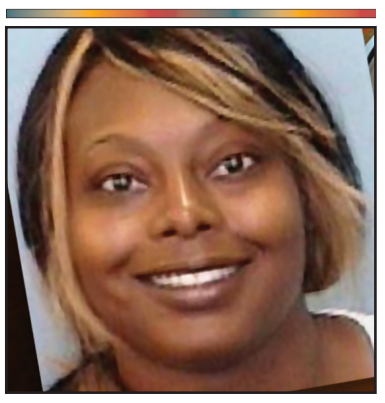

EBONEE SPEARS

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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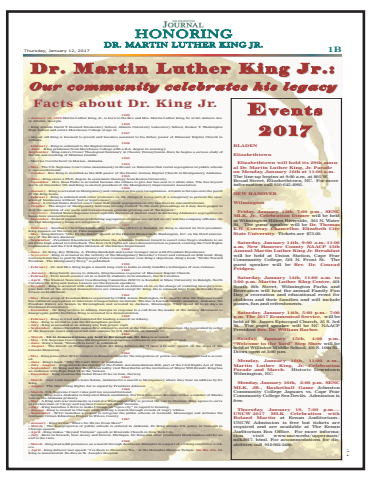

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE

BERNEST HEWETT

Are we really making progress?

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, New Hanover County, Columbus County, and Pender County, we are being invaded by one of the worst things yet to happen to man, at this day and time to regular people. It tears up families and robs people of farms that supply food. That's all natural food that's good tasting and, at the same time, nourishing. We must open our minds here in Brunswick County, and when we hear talk of development, zoning, and progress, we must weigh it carefully. We must be wary of any developments that are put into place without careful planning and zoning adversely affect the living conditions of people who live here already and are likely to destroy jobs that are in place. Our people have made a living for their families for years, but

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U.S. HIGH COURT PUTS HOLD ON STATE SPECIAL ELECTIONS

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

As Republican lawmakers had hoped, the US Supreme Court has ordered a hold on the redrawing of legislative maps, and special elections this year, until it reviews an appeal from the GOP of the original federal court order.

A three-judge federal panel ruled several months ago that 28 of 170 voting districts drawn as part of the 2011 legislative redistricting map were racially gerrymandered, and determined they were unconstitutional. Shortly after the November 2016 general election, the judicial panel ordered the North Carolina legislature to redraw the maps by this March, and then hold special primaries this August or early September, followed by a special legislative general election in November.

Democrats were pleased with the ruling, but Republican lawmakers balked, asking the federal appellate court to keep the current voting districts in place since they were used for the recent general election. That request was turned down, but before he left office, former Republican Gov. Pat McCrory asked the US Supreme Court to stay the appellate order, and it did Tuesday afternoon.

The application for stay of the order of the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina...entered on November 29, 2016, presented to The Chief Justice [John Roberts] and by him referred to the Court is granted," the High Court decision read, "... ending the timely filing of a statement as to jurisdiction.

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FAREWELL ADDRESS

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OBAMA ENTERS STAGE TO GIVE HIS FAREWELL SPEECH IN CHICAGO ON TUESDAY NIGHT

President Obama: 'Post Racial' America was 'never realistic'

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In a tearful televised address before a passionate and exuberant Chicago audience, President Barack Obama gave his departing speech Tuesday night, imploring African-Americans and others of diverse races and backgrounds to empathize with each other for a "more perfect union."

Amidst the pains of racism and discrimination for Blacks and other minorities, the president's departing message was that among the clearest strategies for progress is the ability for all people to change their hearts toward each other.

"For Blacks and other minority groups, it means tying our own very real struggles for justice to the challenges that a lot of people in this country face - not only the refugee, or the immigrant, or the rural poor, or the transgender American, but also the middle-aged White guy who, from the outside, may seem like he's got advantages, but has seen his world upended by econom-

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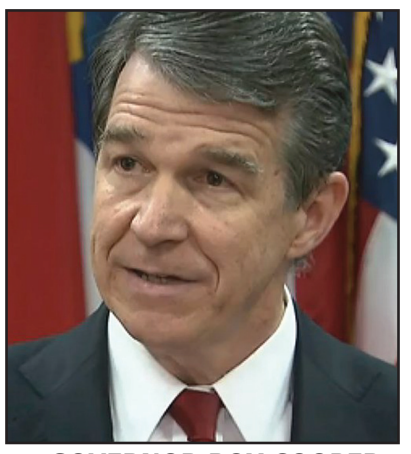
President Obama shed tears when he speaks of his family.



GOVERNOR ROY COOPER

Can Governor Cooper beat the GOP in a power struggle?

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Considering the war of words over the pre-Christmas aborted effort to repeal the HB2 "bathroom bill" is just the opening salvo. With the Republican-led NC General Assembly officially back January 11, 2017 for the long session, Governor Roy Cooper's vision of what North Carolina should be is about to run head first into what GOP lawmakers have steadfastly determined the State will be - a bastion of conservative values, buttressed by Republican legislative muscle, designed to give the

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ROLAND MARTIN

UNCW WILMINGTON
Journalist Roland Martin keynote speaker for annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration

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(Jan. 10, 2017) -- Renowned journalist Roland Martin will be the keynote speaker for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the University of North Carolina Wilmington on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Martin is the host and managing editor of TV One's "News One Now," the first daily morning news program in history to focus on news and analysis of politics, entertainment, sports and culture from an explicitly African American perspective.

This year's MLK celebration theme, "Between Demonstration and Dramatization," seeks to broaden the public's understanding of what it means to have social justice movements use media to create support and awareness for dissonant political engagement, said Sean Palmer, director of the UNCW Upperman African American Center.

"King's legacy was both a demonstration of civil disobedience, but also served as a place to dramatize love against hate, civility against violence, and possibility against past," he explained.

The MLK celebration theme fits neatly into the Upperman Center's theme, "Yours to Tell: Narrating Black Lives in the 21st Century." Throughout the year, the center will

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development has either put great restrictions on these jobs or gotten rid of them altogether.

We are losing at farming, commercial fishing, oyster harvesting, shrimping and other jobs that help keep families make a living. Such developments stand in the way of progress. Without these jobs, which "progress" has gotten rid of, how are we to continue to take care of our families. With such developments, we lose land and houses and have no chance of getting a profit from them or even using them for future investments. We must not get caught up in future investments without knowing the purpose of this zoning or development or the person who did the study on this project that only affects our land. Brunswick County has become infested with zoning and development of property in the last few days, but there are unanswered questions and special concerns: What's in it for me and my family? What kind of development are you planning? How, and when, do I get paid? I need to have a say on land prices.

If a person stands in the light they get use of the light, but if a person stand in the dark, that person will not see clearly because he is always trying to see through the dark into the light!!

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

A NEWS ANALYSIS

How a repeal of the Affordable Care Act will affect Blacks

BY GLENN ELLIS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Racism has historically had a significant, negative impact on the health care of Blacks and other people of color in the United States. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is truly the first time that African-Americans have, collectively, had significant access to health care. It is noteworthy that America's first African-American president is chiefly responsible for this access.

Improved access to care, Medicaid expansion; prevention medicine, and lifting of barriers for pre-existing conditions are all aspects of the ACA that have been of great benefit to Blacks. But there is a thick air of uncertainty on the horizon.

In a few weeks, Donald John Trump will become the 45th president of the United States.

It is unclear how quickly, or when, Trump's vow to repeal and replace Obamacare will play out. But make no mistake, just like the adage, "when white folks catch a cold, black folks get pneumonia!", a repeal of the ACA would disproportionately hurt blacks.

Republicans in Congress have put out their plans: to repeal most of the ACA without replacing it, doubling the number of uninsured people - from roughly 29 million to 59 million - and leave the nation with an even higher uninsured rate than before the ACA.

Let me point out a few ways that Blacks have, specifically, benefitted from the ACA, what many now call "Obamacare". Given the low incomes of uninsured Blacks, nearly all (94 percent) are in the income range to qualify for the Medicaid expansion or premium tax credits. Nearly two thirds (62 percent) of uninsured Blacks have incomes at or below the Medicaid expansion limit, while an additional 31 percent are income-eligible for tax subsidies to help cover the cost of buying health insurance through the exchange marketplaces. Under the new law, insurance companies are banned from denying coverage because of a pre-existing condition, such as cancer and having been pregnant.

Importantly, for people living with HIV there also new protections in the law that make access to health coverage more equitable including the expansion of Medicaid and in the private market, prohibition on rate setting tied to health status, elimination of preexisting condition exclusions, and an end to lifetime and annual caps. The passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in March 2010 provided new opportunities for expanding health care access, prevention, and treatment services for millions of people in the U.S.,

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Should such statement be timely filed, this order shall remain in effect pending this Court's action on the appeal. If the judgment should be affirmed, or the appeal dismissed, this stay shall expire automatically. In the event jurisdiction is noted or postponed, this order will remain in effect pending the sending down of the judgment of this Court."

In effect, the US Supreme Court has to decide whether to actually hear arguments in the case for the hold to remain. The eight-member High Court is scheduled to convene in conference on Jan. 19th (next Thursday) to decide which cases it will hear going forward. If it decides not to hear the redistricting and special elections case, the hold placed on it Tuesday automatically expires, and the judicial order is maintained for state lawmakers to follow.

While state Republican legislative leaders like Rep. David Lewis [R-Harnett] applauded the Supreme Court hold, the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, which represented plaintiffs in the case, made clear this was perfunctory.

"Today's action just puts everything on hold while the U.S. Supreme Court considers the appeal of whether the district court was correct to order special elections in 2017," Anita Earls, SCSJ executive director wrote. "On behalf of our clients, we continue to trust that the district court's ruling will be upheld and new districts ultimately will be drawn that are not based on race."

"We are grateful the U.S. Supreme Court has quashed judicial activism and rejected an attempt to nullify the votes of North Carolinians in the 2016 legislative elections," House Speaker Tim, [R-Rockingham], and Senate President Pro Temp Phil Berger, [R-Rockingham] said in a joint statement.

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explore the question of who is capable of telling the story of the people of African descent.

"Roland Martin is the perfect choice as an astute public intellectual who specializes in interrogating the connections between politics and media," Palmer added.

Martin spent six years as a CNN contributor and earned the esteemed Peabody Award (2009) for his 2008 Presidential election coverage. He was honored with the National Association of Black Journalists' Journalist of the Year Award in 2013.

Martin is also the creator and host of "The Roland Martin Show," a daily syndicated radio broadcast; a nationally syndicated columnist with Creators Syndicate and The Daily Beast; and a senior analyst for the "Tom Joyner Morning Show." His books include *Listening to the Spirit Within: 50Perspectives on Faith; Speak, Brother! A Black Man's View of America;* and *The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House.*

The Martin Luther King Jr. celebration is hosted by the UNCW Upperman African American Center, and the event is scheduled at 7 p.m. in Kenan Auditorium. Tickets are free and available at the Kenan Auditorium Box Office beginning Monday, Jan. 9. Box office hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. A maximum of four tickets are allowed per individual. Individuals seeking group tickets must fill out a group ticket request form. For more information, visit www.uncw.edu/upperman.

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new Democrat governor all he can handle. A showdown, observers say, is brewing.

In his inaugural speech from the Executive Mansion, delivered on statewide television January 7, 2017, Governor Cooper offered both a conciliatory tone to work together with Republican leaders on many of North Carolina's most pressing issues. These are such issues as more money for public education and building stronger economies in the State's weakest regions but also cautioned that his willingness to compromise did not mean he would budge on fundamental principles, maintaining his demand that HB2 be repealed and commitment to expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act for at least 500,000 poor North Carolinians, many of them Black.

In fact, GOP leaders blasted Cooper for apparently ignoring a 2013 law that prohibited the Governor from expanding the federal health insurance program without legislative approval. Outgoing US Health and Human Services Secretary, Sylvia Burwell, confirmed Cooper's request January 9, and pledged to turn it around as soon as possible, before leaving office on January 20.

Democratic leaders, like State Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue [D-Wake], applauded Governor Cooper for doing something his Republican predecessor, outgoing Gover-nor Pat McCrory refused to do.

"This is a vital step in protecting North Carolinians who have been shut out of the process over the past three years. We need to put political ideologies aside and act in the best interest of the people we represent. The expansion of Medicaid in North Carolina does just that," Senator Blue said in a statement.

"Not only would this aid nearly half a million people in this State that are currently uninsured. This is a sound economic move that has the potential to expand quality job opportunities in the healthcare industry and will provide a much needed boost to our rural communities."

Republicans, however, weren't as charitable.

"Just days into his term as Governor, Governor Roy Cooper already intends to violate his oath of office with a brazenly illegal attempt to force a massive, budget-busting 'Obamacare' expansion on North Carolina taxpayers," said State Senate protem president, Senator Phil Berger [R-Rockingham], in a statement.

Thus far, Governor Cooper seems to be on track toward blazing a different path from what McCrory and the GOP-led legislature had established per the last four years. Cooper is indeed appointing a diverse cabinet and administration, as promised. He is in court, fighting attempts to further erode his power of appointment by State lawmakers, and he has begun to use the bully pulpit to garner public support for his vision.

"Governor Cooper still can utilize some distinct powers that only chief executives have, such as commanding the bully pulpit when it comes to public opinion, as well as perhaps serving as "recruiter in chief" when it comes to economic development," says Dr. J. Michael Bitzer, professor of politics and history at Catawba College.

"When it comes to [his] appointment power, there will be an interesting game between Cooper and the [State] Senate… much like at the federal level when there is divided government," Dr. Bitzer continued.

"If Cooper seeks to bring in qualified individuals and not go fully partisan in his appointments, it would be a challenge for the Senate to reject his appointments, especially in the guise that most legislatures seek to defer to the executive in staffing the cabinet."

"However, as we have never seen this constitutional prerogative exercised before [in North Carolina]," Bitzer continued, "… it will be interesting to watch in the early session and perhaps see how the relationship develops, or devolves, between the Governor and the legislature."

OBAMA

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ic and cultural and technological change. We have to pay attention, and listen," the President said to applause. "For White Americans, it means acknowledging that the effects of slavery and Jim Crow didn't suddenly vanish in the '60s - that when minority groups voice discontent, they're not just engaging in reverse racism or practicing political correctness. When they wage peaceful protest, they're not demanding special treatment but the equal treatment that our Founders promised."

With thousands in the audience at the McCormick Place convention center in his adopted home town of Chicago and millions more watching by TV, President Obama came full circle, discounting any notion of the so-called "post-racial" America that was discussed when he was first elected eight years ago. They have been years marked by some of the worst racial strife since the civil rights movement of the 1960s, largely due to the rise in hate and White supremacy groups in response to his election and to the increase in videotaped police shootings of Black people.

"After my election, there was talk of a post-racial America. And such a vision, however well-intended, was never realistic. Race remains a potent and often divisive force in our society. Now, I've lived long enough to know that race relations are better than they were 10, or 20, or 30 years ago, no matter what some folks say," he said. "But we're not where we need to be. And all of us have more work to do," he said to applause.

The incoming Republican President-elect Donald Trump is among those who exacerbated racial tensions during the Obama years. During his candidacy, which was endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan, Trump never apologized for his long-held contention that Obama was born in Kenya, though he did finally acknowledge his birthplace of Hawaii. Trump's public mockery of the handicapped, women, prisoners of war, Muslims, Hispanics and others fanned fumes that hate experts, including the Southern Poverty Law Center, now credit for more than a thousand race hate incidents since his election.

But, Trump appeared to change his tune after his election and his first meeting with Obama. He publicly called President Obama a "great man" and said he would seek his counsel after a victory speech in which Trump called for the country to unite. Likewise, Obama, taking the high road after campaigning vigorously for his former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, has repeatedly said his greatest desire now is a "peaceful transfer of power" - a tenet of American democracy.

Eroding race relations was one of three: threats to democracy" that President Obama focused on in his final speech to the nation. Though some pundits expected him to boast on his record of accomplishments, he mainly dealt with those issues that represent those threats and outlined ways to progress.

The other two threats he outlined were the mixtures of terrorism and economic deprivation, such as during the season of Sept. 11, 2001 and the separation of ideas without compromise.

"Understand, democracy does not require uniformity. Our founders argued. They quarreled. Eventually they compromised. They expected us to do the same. But they knew that democracy does require a basic sense of solidarity - the idea that for all our outward differences, we're all in this together; that we rise or fall as one," he said.

He described Sept. 11, 2001: "A shrinking world, growing inequality; demographic change and the specter of terrorism - these forces haven't just tested our security and our prosperity, but are testing our democracy, as well. And how we meet these challenges to our democracy will determine our ability to educate our kids, and create good jobs, and protect our homeland. In other words, it will determine our future."

First Lady Michelle Obama looked on from the audience with their older daughter, Malia, beside her. Sasha, the younger daughter, was home studying for a test, the White House reported.

Obama's most emotional moment appeared to be when he looked out into the audience and spoke of his family. It was a moment punctuated by applause just about every other sentence.

"Michelle LaVaughn Robinson, girl of the South Side for the past 25 years, you have not only been my wife and mother of my children, you have been my best friend. You took on a role you didn't ask for and you made it your own, with grace and with grit and with style and good humor. You made the White House a place that belongs to everybody. And the new generation sets its sights higher because it has you as a role model. So you have made me proud. And you have made the country proud," he said to fervent applause.

"Malia and Sasha, under the strangest of circumstances, you have become two amazing young women. You are smart and you are beautiful, but more importantly, you are kind and you are thoughtful and you are full of passion. You wore the burden of years in the spotlight so easily. Of all that I've done in my life, I am most proud to be your dad."

First Lady Michelle has said she will continue to work to improve the education of girls around the world as well as continue her nutrition and health projects. The President has not been specific, but promised that he will continue to work for America's democracy. Meanwhile he appealed to all Americans to look within.

"Hearts must change. It won't change overnight. Social attitudes oftentimes take generations to change. But if our democracy is to work in this increasingly diverse nation, then each one of us need to try to heed the advice of a great character in American fiction - Atticus Finch - who said "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view…until you climb into his skin and walk around in it," he said.

He concluded, "My fellow Americans, it has been the honor of my life to serve you. I won't stop. In fact, I will be right there with you, as a citizen, for all my remaining days. But for now, whether you are young or whether you're young at heart, I do have one final ask of you as your President - the same thing I asked when you took a chance on me eight years ago. I'm asking you to believe. Not in my ability to bring about change - but in yours. I am asking you to hold fast to that faith written into our founding documents; that idea whispered by slaves and abolitionists; that spirit sung by immigrants and homesteaders and those who marched for justice; that creed reaffirmed by those who planted flags from foreign battlefields to the surface of the moon; a creed at the core of every American whose story is not yet written: Yes, we can."

FLU DEATHS RISING IN STATE, SAY HEALTH OFFICIALS

[CHARLOTTE] At the peak of the influenza season, state health officials say flu deaths have reached seven thus far. Doctors say even though flu season is well underway, it is never too late for those over 65, children five years old and younger, pregnant women and those suffering from diabetes, asthma or heart disease to get their vaccinations to protect against what can be a deadly viral infection. People are urged to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently, cover coughs and sneezes while in public, and try to stay home in order to stop the spread. For more information go to www.flu.nc.gov

GOV. COOPER TAPS HOOKS AS SEC. OF PUBLIC SAFETY

[RALEIGH] Since he took the oath of office on January 1st, Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, has wasted little time to make good on his promise to appoint a diverse Cabinet, and administration. Last week, North Carolina's 75th governor announced his appointment of SBI veteran Erik Hooks as the new head of the NC Dept. of Public Safety, and environmentalist Michael Regan as secretary-nominee of the NC Dept. of Environmental Quality. Both are African-Americans, and both will be subject to state Senate confirmation before they take office.

Secretary-nominee Hooks, 50, will oversee the State Bureau of Investigation, the state Highway Patrol and Alcohol Law Enforcement, in addition to the state prison system. Hooks, who began his law enforcement career with the SBI as a resident agent in 1989, is a former assistant SBI director, and is currently a special agent in-charge of the inspections and compliance division. He has been with the SBI since 1989.

NC COUNCIL OF STATE OFFICEHOLDERS WILL MAKE $127,561 ANNUALLY

[RALEIGH] With the exception of Gov. Roy Cooper, who will earn $144,399 a year, the nine remaining elected officials in the NC Council of State will earn $127,561 annually. The state legislature ramped up their salaries by 1.5 percent as of last July 1st. The Council of State includes the state attorney general, lt. governor, insurance commissioner, labor commissioner, agriculture commissioner, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, and superintendent of public instruction.

NEW HANOVER COMMISSIONER BLASTS WHOPPI GOLDBERG

[WILMINGTON] It's clear from his Facebook rant that NHC Commission Chairman Woody White is no fan of comedienne/talk show hostess Whoopi Goldberg. On his Facebook page recently, White went after Goldberg for disparaging remarks she allegedly made about Pres.-elect Donald Trump. White also criticized Cape Fear Community College for booking Goldberg for a June 23rd appearance there. White blasted the school for "providing a venue for someone who just a few weeks ago was moving to Canada in protest to Trumps election? Terrible." Goldberg shot back on Twitter, countering that she never said she would leave the country if Trump won. White was concerned that taxpayers money was being used to bring the famous liberal entertainer in. The college said ticket sales are covering the costs.

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President Barack Obama, Vice President Biden, members of Congress and guests before the signing of the ACA on March 23, 2010.

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including many people with, or at risk for, HIV.

Safety net hospitals play a critical role in the nation's health care system by serving low-income, uninsured and medically and socially vulnerable patients regardless of their ability to pay. Also, in agreeing to lower payments, hospitals in the 31 states that expanded Medicaid under the law, have made up that revenue in part through the Medicaid expansion.

These places are critical to the health of Black communities, and in the poorest neighborhoods. They have been among the loudest voices against repeal of the health law, as they could lose billions if the 20 million people lose the insurance they gained under the law. This could bring about widespread layoffs, cuts in outpatient care and services for the mentally ill, and even hospital closings.

Under the ACA, these hospitals have received subsidies (or credits) to provide care based on a patients' income levels. Should this change, community hospitals may have more difficulty weathering the storm of an increase in the number of uninsured.

Admittedly, there are some real problems with the ACA as we have come to know it; not the least being steady increases in premiums (midrange plans increased 22 percent nationally in 2016, with the average premium set to rise 25 percent in 2017); nearly 70 percent of all ACA plan provider networks are narrower than promised; and the high-deductibles and co-pays. Perhaps the most universal complaint is the "individual mandate", that requires everyone in the United States to have insurance, or face a financial penalty.

Republicans are dead set on repealing the Affordable Care Act. Congress will likely pass significant modifications to the Affordable Care Act this month, which will be signed by incoming President Trump.

The plans they have proposed so far would leave millions of people without insurance and make it harder for sicker, older Americans to access coverage. No version of a Republican plan would keep the Medicaid expansion as Obamacare envisions it.

Donald Trump's presidency absolutely puts the future of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in jeopardy. A full repeal is unlikely, but major changes through the budget reconciliation process (which cannot be filibustered) are nearly certain.

But let me be clear; changes are needed in the ACA, but the idea of dismantling it remains a troubling prospect for Blacks.Glenn Ellis, is a Health Advocacy Communications Specialist. He is the author of Which Doctor? and Information is the Best Medicine. A health columnist and radio commentator who lectures, nationally and internationally on health-related topics, Ellis is an active media contributor on Health Equity and Medical Ethics. Listen to Glenn, every Saturday at 9:00am (EST) on www.900amwurd.com, and Sundays at 8:30am (EST) on www.wdasfm.com. For more good health information, visit: www.glennellis.com

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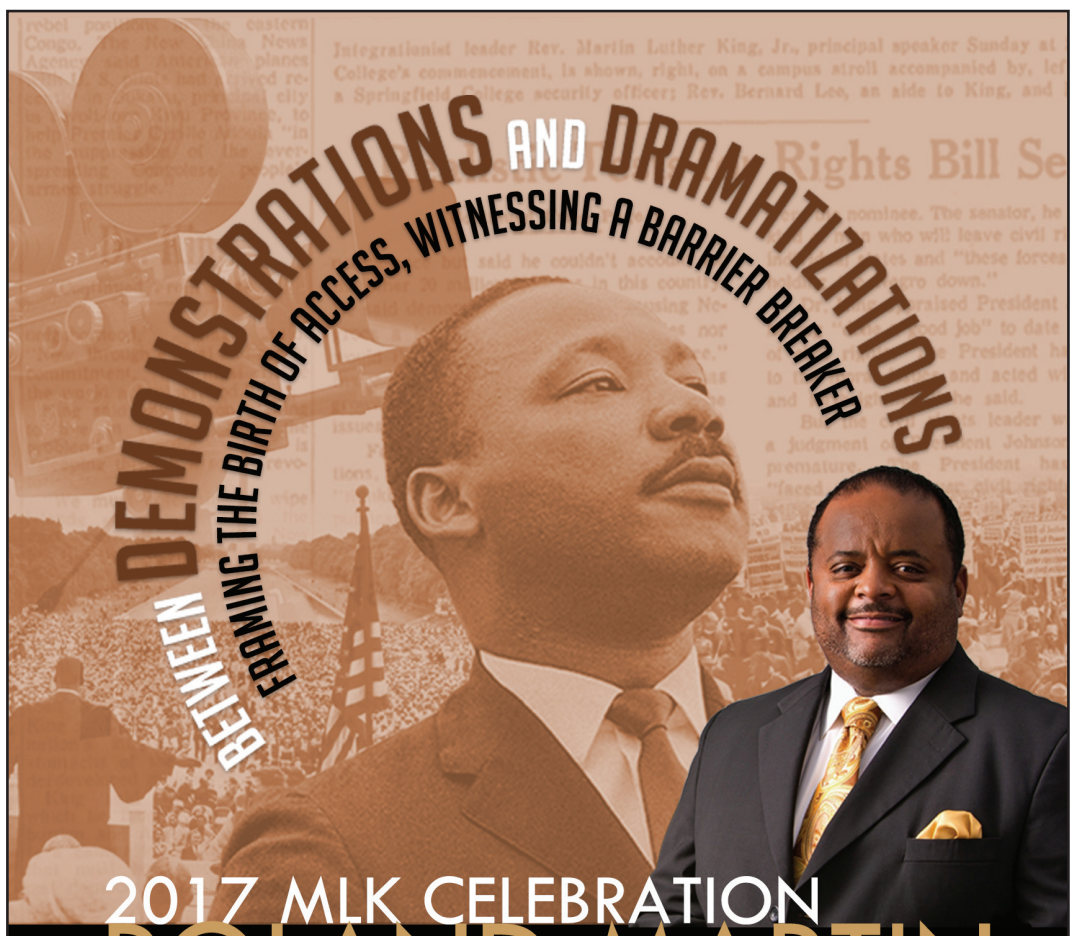

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Civil rights at risk under Sessions

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Confirmation hearings for Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, named by Donald Trump to be attorney general of the United States, will begin on Jan. 10, before Trump is even inaugurated. The rush and insistence on only two days of hearings reflect Republican efforts to cram the nomination through before Americans understand what is at stake.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Sessions will, no doubt, present himself as a humble, genial and reasonable public servant. In reality, Sessions is an outlier, an unimaginable nominee as attorney general, an implacable opponent of the very rights and liberties that the attorney general is supposed to defend. As more than 200 civil rights, human rights and women's groups noted in a unified statement: "Sen. Sessions has a 30-year record of racial insensitivity, bias against immigrants, disregard for the rule of law and hostility to the protection of civil rights that makes him unfit to serve as the attorney general of the United States."

Three decades ago, a Republican-led Senate Judiciary Committee rejected Ronald Reagan's nomination of Sessions to a federal judgeship. It deemed him unfit for the bench due to his repeated racially biased remarks, his intemperate dismissal of the ACLU and the NAACP as "un-American," and his open opposition to the Voting Rights Act, which he scorned as "intrusive." Republicans agreed that no person with such extreme views should adjudicate the laws that he clearly disdained. That was then. Now Donald Trump and Sen. Charles "Chuck" Grassley, R-Iowa, are intent on putting Sessions in charge of enforcing those very laws.

The attorney general of the United States is a powerful position. The person who holds this office has immense discretion in how the law is enforced - which cases the office chooses to prosecute and which it does not. The attorney general heads several agencies, including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the immigration courts. Given his views and that power, there is no question that Sessions would put fundamental rights at risk as attorney general.

•Voting rights: Since the gang of five right-wing justices on the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act, states across the country have passed various impediments to voting, with disproportionate effect on people of color, the poor and the young. Under President Barack Obama, the Justice Department has consistently defended the right to vote. Sessions has stated that he believes these voting changes, primarily in the South, were not intended to hurt minorities, despite numerous court decisions knocking down the laws for that very reason. In this vital area, he embraces the Jim Crow doctrine of "states rights," and he will no doubt weaken federal enforcement of voting rights.

•Women's rights: Sessions has consistently opposed every measure designed to enforce equal rights for women. He refused to condemn Trump's remarks about grabbing a woman by the genitals, saying he wasn't certain that constituted sexual assault. (For the record, it is, without question, assault). He voted against reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, voted to block increased protections for females in the military from sexual assaults and has consistently voted against access to reproductive health services, even opposing funding to combat violence against clinics, which is on the rise. He voted against equal pay for women, against paycheck fairness and against raising the minimum wage, which benefits women the most.

•LGBT rights: Sessions has consistently voted against equal rights for gays and lesbians. He opposed amending the Hate Crimes Prevention Act to include violence based on bias against gender, sexual orientation and disability. He voted for the constitutional amendment to define marriage as between one man and one woman.

•Immigrant rights: Sessions has been an implacable opponent of any immigration reforms, supports mass deportation of undocumented workers and embraces Trump's proposal to build a wall across the Mexican border. While many Republicans disavowed Trump's outrageous proposal to ban all immigration of Muslims, Sessions said he was open to the idea.

•Drug reform: More than 60 percent of Americans now live in states where medical or recreational use of marijuana is legal. Sessions, an advocate of state's rights when it comes to civil and voting rights, favors a federal crackdown on drugs, arguing, "Good people don't smoke marijuana." Under Sessions, the war on drugs will be escalated, and probably tied to the war on immigrants, with drug laws used to search and harass immigrants, looking for the undocumented who could be deported for violating drug laws.

Over the last 50 years, America has made progress toward equal protection under the law. The civil rights laws, the Voting Rights Act, equal protections for women, for gays and lesbians, the first steps toward police and sentencing reform are central to that progress. All Americans have benefited. The country is far stronger as a result. Yet these are the very laws and rights that Sessions rejects. He was one of the first and few Republican senators to endorse Donald Trump. His nomination is no doubt a return favor. But as attorney general, Sessions will drive this country apart, exacerbate racial tensions, trample basic rights and endanger the public belief in the rule of law. Senators in both parties should make it clear that this country has no desire to turn its back on five decade of progress.

Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can keep up with his work at www.rainbowpush.org.

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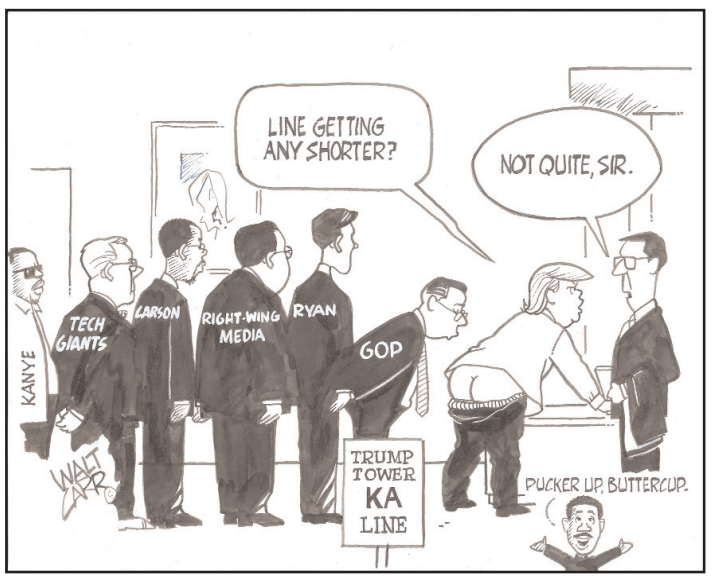

Matters of Opinion

TO BE EQUAL

Racism and hatred have no place on our nation's school boards

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Marc Morial

"Mr. Paladino is an elected official charged with the responsibility to represent children and families in a district comprised of over 70% Black, Brown, Asian, Immigrant and other minority students and families; And, Mr. Paladino took an oath to ensure that students are afforded an environment which is free from fear and respects diversity within the school district and the community and is subject to all district policies; ….These unambiguously racist, morally repugnant, flagrantly disrespectful, inflammatory and inexcusable comments by Mr. Paladino have garnered both local, national, and international attention that reflects negatively on the Buffalo Board of Education, the City of Buffalo and its leadership and its citizens, the State of New York, and every decent human being in America and abroad who has been shocked and offended by his words..." - **Resolution by the Buffalo School Board demanding Carl Paladino's resignation**

The national wave of racist, vicious invective unleashed by the 2016 Presidential campaign is well-documented. Hundreds of hate crimes have been reported to watchdog groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center. Social media is awash in cell-phone video of racially-motivated confrontations invoking the name of the President-elect.

But the recent hateful tirade of failed New York gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino stands out among the others. Warning: his words are difficult to read.

When the Buffalo weekly newspaper Artvoice asked locals their hopes for 2017, many gave positive, community-minded answers: "A return to shopping in communities and brick-and-mortar stores," "the Bills get in the playoffs," or "more kindness." Carl Paladino hopes President "Obama catches mad cow disease after being caught having relations with a Hereford. He dies before his trial and is buried in a cow pasture next to Valerie Jarret, who died weeks prior, after being convicted of sedition and treason, when a Jihady cell mate mistook her for being a nice person and decapitated her."

What do Buffalonians want to see go away in 2017? "Hate." "Discrimination." "Preconceived stereotypes." Carl Palidino wants to see Michelle Obama "return to being a male and let loose in the outback of Zimbabwe where she lives comfortably in a cave with Maxie, the gorilla."

In response to the horrified national outcry over his reprehensible remarks, Paladino first rebuffed inquiring journalists with an obscenity, then penned a defiant non-apology, defending his words as "deprecating humor."

Paladino is certainly no stranger to this brand of so-called "humor." During his failed 2010 gubernatorial run, a local news site exposed racist and pornographic emails Paladino had shared with associates. While he lost the election in a landslide, garnering only a third of the vote, he managed to be elected to the Buffalo School Board in 2013.

The Buffalo School Board is to be commended for its swift rejection of Paladino's hateful statements, and its recognition that a man who holds such views cannot be entrusted with the education of children. If Paladino does not heed the demands of the Board and resign, we expect NYS Education Commis-sioner MaryEllen Elia to pursue his removal.

The President and CEO of our affiliate in Buffalo, Brenda W. McDuffie, has been outspoken on this issue, and we urge the entire Urban League community to unite in opposition to Paladino's hatefulness by signing the petition urging his removal.

In fairness, when ArtVoice asked Investigative Post editor Jim Heaney what he's like to see go away in 2017, Heaney responded, "Carl Paladino." We couldn't agree more.

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

White women can't speak for me, so I will support the Women's March

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Ain't I A Woman", railed Sojourner Truth, "I have ploughed and planted and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman! I could work as much and eat as much as a man - when I could get it - and bear the lash as well. And ain't I a woman? I've bourne thirteen children and seen most all sold off and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman."

The similarities and differences between Black and white women are captured in Sojourner Truth's famous December 1851 speech. She movingly talks about the men who say women should be "helped into carriages, and moved over ditches, and have the best place everywhere", while "nobody ever helps me into carriages or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place". Both Black and white women cry a mother's grief for the loss of a child, and both endure labor pains. Black women's lives, while similar, are different and often disadvantaged because they lack the privilege that white women so easily take for granted and often fail to notice or remedy.

Thus it did not surprise me that a white woman in Hawaii called for a "Million Women's March" on Washington on the day after the Presidential inauguration. And it did not surprise me when white women took up the call. Too bad these same white women did not advocate more forcefully against the man who won the Electoral College vote for the Presidency.

My first inclination was to ignore this women's march. The organizers have repeatedly struck me as tone-deaf and indifferent to the diverse needs of women. But when I talked to Tamika Mallory, the dynamic young woman activist who was once Executive Director of Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network, I shifted my perspective. Tamika shared that, just a few days after the initial call to March was issued, organizers reached out to her asking for help. She said they said they "needed to ensure that women of color were involved."

Now, there are four co-chairs of the Women's March on Washington, including African American leader Tamika Mallory, Latina activist and part of Harry Belafonte's Gathering for Justice, Carmen Perez, a white woman entrepreneur whose t-shirts have been galvanizing, Bob Bland, and Palestinian activist Linda Sarsour. I applaud the diversity in leadership, but wonder how many women of color will turn out on January 21. Tens of thousands of women from all over the country are expected, with more than 100,000 saying they plan to be there. But many African American women have looked askance, perhaps with distaste from the cultural appropriation of the initial organizing descriptive, "Million Women's March", perhaps because we recoil from the strong support white women gave the President-elect, choosing race loyalty over gender, class, or personal interest.

I applaud Tamika Mallory. She told me "I was not willing to let this convening come together without having black women involved." In other words, white women cannot speak for all women. If white women had their way, the March and rally would probably focus only on equal pay and reproductive rights. Thanks to Tamika and her colleagues a statement of principles, to be issued next week, will also address racial justice, police brutality, criminal justice reform and mass incarceration.

Absent the involvement of young Black women like Tamika, it would be extremely easy for me to ignore this March. But because some women have drawn a line in the sand and insisted on space for Black women in this March, they deserve support. They remind me of the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., who in 1913 elbowed their way into the Women's Suffrage March when their involvement was unwelcome. They reminded the Women's Suffrage Association that Black women were also women, and we would not be excluded.

Now, white women are at it again, but strong, brave, black women, the descendants of Ida B. Wells, aren't willing to sit on the sidelines. The march is to remind all watching that "women's rights are human rights". Black women's rights will be considered in this gathering because some black women dared place themselves in an uncomfortable space (working with privileged white women is never easy) in order to make a difference.

Information on the women's march is available from https://www.womensmarch.com/.

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

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WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

New Hanover County

The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, January 26, 7 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on the upcoming Historic Thousands on Jones Street 11th Annual Moral March on Raleigh Saturday, February 11, 2017 will be on the agenda. The opportunity to sign up for the bus trip to Raleigh will be available. Other important city, county, and state issues will also be discussed. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhcnaacp@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 will hold its first 2017 class quarterly meeting on Sunday, January 22nd (Fourth Sunday) at Mount Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall, 1001 S. 7th St. at 4:00 pm. The focus of the meeting will be planning activities for 2017. All graduates are asked to participate in the meeting, as well as others who were "on track" with Class of 61 Williston but graduated from somewhere else. Also, there is a special invitation to out-of-town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 22nd.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brunswick County NAACP

The Brunswick County NAACP Celebration in December was held at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church and was a great success. Again, Pastor Quan Stewart was given great honors for the services to the old and young members. A dinner was served and Silver Life Memberships were given to Mrs. Goldia Mae Evans, Mrs. Gloria Bryant, and Mrs. Verniece E. Stanley. These are life members of the NAACP, having paid the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars to the Treasury of the National Office. By so doing, we have testified forever to our faith in the future of all Americans in the United States and to the principles of equality and justice in the American Constitution. to such life members, this certificate has been issued by the Board of Directors.

Verniece Stanley

Each senior citizen lives with a strong hope each day for a notable increase in youth NAACP membership in our community and the State of North Carolina. Being lifetime members of the NAACP will not stop us from keeping up to date with President-elect Donald Trump and Russians living here in the United States. They do not like Black American citizens.

We will say good bye to President Barack Obama, one of the greatest American Presidents in history. Today, we are still fighting against all odds to preserve his legacy and our Black pride. I am proud to be Black and I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world. Some of the things through which we all go can, not only bring out a little extra pride in ourselves, but give us more of an opportunity to support one another and help each other make great choices.

With the new Republican administration making changes suitable only profitable for them, they cannot destroy the faith we have in God. Things can change for us, as long as we hold on to God's unchanging hand. We will be successful in life. There are times when each of us can be a source of strength in our community and serve as role models for others. No one can do anything greater in life.

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.

CASH IN THE APPLE

No justice, no peace

No, no, I'm not just citing an age-old chant from the social justice movement that I grew up in. With Donald J. Trump slated to be sworn-in as our 45th president of the United States on January 20th, I just don't see how we, as a nation, intend to, as many conservatives have suggested, "unite" and "come together" behind our new president.

Cash Michaels

I mean, c'mon, "President" Donald Trump (he's not president until the clock strikes twelve on January 20th) is not someone who inspires unity, or is well practiced in speaking to our better angels. Lord knows you can nary find a kind word in any of his millions of tweets, unless, of course, Trump is referring to himself.

Compare DJT to our outgoing Commander-in-Chief, President Barack Obama (miss him already, don't you). Every other word out of Obama's mouth was one that sought to unify, to bring about a collective vision of hope.

One of the reasons why he literally ran away from the subject of race during his first term as president is because, as the first African-American ever to hold the job, Obama realized how important he was to any sense of bringing the races closer together. It should have not been his job alone, but because he was such a prominent figure elected by whites and blacks alike, Pres. Obama had little choice when he first took office.

It was a perilous task, and many on both sides of the racial track gave Obama failing grades for, get this now, not being perfect. You've heard the well-worn story of the road to ruin is paved by trying to please everybody? Well that was Barack Obama's big challenge - be black enough to satisfy us, but so black that he didn't scare and intimidate white people who desperately needed to believe that he was a "nice negro" that they could work with - even if it meant against his own people at times.

That was impossible. Even former Secretary of State Colin Powell, beloved by many, couldn't pull that off as president if he ever took the job. But Obama tried. You have to give him that.

Not so with soon-to-be Divider-in-chief Donald J. Trump. He is the center of the universe, and serves no one but himself. He believes that folks have elected him king, and in point of fact, the ignorant among us did, feeling that democracy has failed them. But ask any of them, especially the so-called "evangelicals." They could care less how this clown made his millions, how many women he's sexually assaulted or how many foreign governments (including Russia) Trump is in bed with.

They don't care. All they do care about is themselves, and how they believe this country was promised to them because of their color, culture and heritage, and no one else. They came out in droves last November to "take their country back," and were willing to turn it over to someone most likely to destroy it, and them with it.

THAT is why if there is no justice, there cannot be any peace. How can anyone in their right mind "unite" with the madness that's about to destroy our country? No, decent, fair-minded people absolute refuse to lower their standards to join with, or "unite" behind a demigod who is bent on making us all slaves again.

If GOD gives me the strength to live on, I vow to fight against the darkness that is about to beseech us! You should too!

Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011.

Until next week, keep a smile on your face, GOD in your heart, and The Wilmington Journal in your life. Bye, bye.

SOC holds Emancipation Day Program

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Save Our Community (SOC) Organization of Southport held its twenty-fifth Emancipation Day Program at St. James AMEZ Church on January 6. Norman Jones, master of ceremonies, opened the program by asking the audience to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Davina Daley (Friendship Baptist) read the Scripture (Exodus 3:7-12), Sis. Emma Myles (First Baptist) prayed, and Brayden Jackson-Brown (St. James) gave the welcome. Deanna Simpson (Brown's Chapel AMEZ) reviewed the objectives of the organization. She noted that SOC has concentrated in recent years on sponsoring the Emancipation Proclamation Program in January, the Student Recognition Program in June, and a Bible Quiz Bowl in September.

Youth representatives from five local churches-Tyana Swain, Joshua White, Cassie Pollock, Jackson Francis, and Syrianah Reyna--presented information on such prominent African Americans as Stephan Curry (NBA player), Jackie Robinson (baseball pioneer), Rosa Parks (civil rights activist), Frederick Douglas (abolitionist), and Charlotte Stephens (Little Rock educator).

The introduction of the inspirational speaker, Sis. Jamie Jackson (Mt. Carmel AME), was made by Minister Lenda Hankins. Sis Jackson told the youth to maintain a close relationship with God. She referred to the Forrest Gump movie-"life is like a box of chocolates..."-and also said that the only way to fail is to give up.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Keynote speaker, Jamie Jackson(C) with her Pastor, Rev. Ronald Davis (L) and family members: Stanley, Jordan, and Cassie Pollock; Venice Price, Charles Price, Rev. Erica Price-Pollock, and Kenneth Price.

Lenda Hankins (R) directs the SOC Youth Choir while Corbett Hankins provides the music.

Musical selections were presented throughout the program by the SOC Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. Lenda Hankins and Corbett Hankins. Deacon William Flythe, SOC President, appealed to parents and other adults to support youth in classroom related activities. Rev. Patricia Smith, host Pastor, closed the program with remarks and the benediction.

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Frederick Douglas Wall, Jr.

Frederick Douglas Wall, Jr. passed away on January 3, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina due to an unfortunate, unforeseen illness.

He was born in Manhattan, New York on May 11,1950 to the late Esther Lee Wall and Frederick Douglas Wall, Sr. Fred received his education at Dunbar High School in Washington, DC and graduated class of 1968.

Fred's career encompassed a life of good will and service to others. His body of work includes a brief stint in the Army, the Pentagon, the Post Office, The Praise Project of UNC Chapel Hill, the American Red Cross, IBM, the Children's Rights Council of NC, Reeds Jewelers, the Wilmingtonian Hotel and the Marriott. Much later in his life, he pursued and held steady a career in the hotel and hospital industry, and was awarded a certificate with Honors from the Educational Institute of The American Hotel and Motel Association. He also dutifully fulfilled ten years of service within the New Hanover Regional Medical Center serving as a Resident Chaplain. Hospitality House attendant and Support Associate at the Surgical Pavilion. Where his calm voice and compassion for families will always be remembered.

Fred met his wife, Charlotte Pittman in Sterling, Virginia and bore three children. In 1986, they decided to relocate to Wilmington, NC which became their final place of residence.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Katherine Elisabeth Wall and sons Jason Emmanuel Wall and Ethan Christopher Wall, and a host of other family members and friends.

A memorial service was held on Sunday January 8, 2017 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mrs. Dorthenia Brown Green

Mrs. Dorthenia Brown Green, 81, of Wilmington passed away on January 6, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center.

She was born February 14, 1935 in Atkinson, NC to late Judge and Mary Nettie Corbett Brockington.

Visitation will be 6-8pm Thursday, January 12, 2017 at Dunn Funeral Home Burgaw. The funeral will be 11:00am Friday, January 13, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington. Interment will follow in the Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Friends and relatives are being received at the home of her daughter, Ms. Dalthenia Brown. *Dunn Funeral Home and Cremation Service Inc.*

Sharon D. Watson

Sharon Durant Watson, was born to the late Joseph Durant, Jr. and Delores Brailford Simpson on November 9, 1959 in New Hanover County. On December 29, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC, God called her name and she answered. In addition to her father, Sharon was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Durant, III. Funeral services were held Friday, January 6, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

After graduating High School, Sharon worked at New Hanover Hospital (later renamed, New Hanover Regional Medical Center) in the Dietary Department. After hard work and dedication, she acquired her Certification, and became the Dietary Manager for the Department.

Later, Sharon, "The Cake Diva" as she was known and called by many, became an entrepreneur and began baking cakes (for over 20 years) at home for weddings, birthdays, baby showers and other occasions. Her Red Velvet Cake was truly one of her clientele's favorite. Her cakes along with her warm and loving smile will truly be missed by all. One of her favorite activities was "Line Dancing" and was a member of the Step by Step Dancing Team. Her most gratifying activity was spending time with her favorite person, her granddaughter, Alexys.

On March 7, 2010, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Terry L. Henry, Sharon joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Her walk with God showed in her generosity, caring and giving spirit and love she gave to others. Sharon never met a stranger. She greeted everyone with her infectious smile and a loving heart.

Sharon leaves to mourn her passing: 1 loving and devoted daughter and son-in-law, Danielle and Kelly Clark; cherished granddaughter, Alexys Clark; mother, Delores Simpson; father, Richard Simpson, Jr.; stepchildren; Darius Williams, Shannon Watson, and Vanessa Daughtridge; and other grandchildren; brother, Richard Simpson, III (Theresa); sisters, Cynthia Leonard, Angela Simpson, Wanda Cosey, Carol Reese (Anthony), Kimberly Irving (Vernon), Karen Brimely (Earl), and Corine Jones; aunts; Ernestine Robinson (David), Marilyn McAllister, Mary Durant, Erma Saunders, Gladys Hardy (Leroy), and Joan Thompson; uncle, Vern Brailford; sister-in law, Sheree Durant; special nephews, Anthony George and Anthony Williams; special cousins, Tony Durant and Charlene Bryant Canine babies, Jigga and Diva; lifelong friends, Demure Banks and Mary Davidson; and a host of other nieces, nephews, 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.*

Gracie A. Bryant

On Friday afternoon, December 30, 2016, our Lord saw his servant was getting tired. He knew her record and her work was well done. God took her by the hand and said come on home and take your rest. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Community Cemetery.

She believed in God and loved to sing God's praises and do what she could to serve God until her health declined. Mother Gracie, as she was so affectionately called, was born December 8, 1934 to the Late Ransom Bryant and Hattie Fullwood Bryant Greer of Bolivia, NC, both of whom preceded her to their heavenly home.

She was united with Christ at an early age and worked diligently, striving to serve the Lord. She knew no stranger, and her loving outgoing personality kept a smile on your face no matter what the situation. Due to her love of Christ, she would go out of her way to help any and everyone that needed it. She loved her church and church family.

Mother Gracie graduated from the Brunswick County Training School. She later went to work at James Walker Memorial Hospital in the early 50's. Upon leaving North Carolina, she had various jobs from housekeeping (Domestic Engineer) to working in the food service and dietary departments of Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, where she retired in the early 1990's.

Gracie was preceded in death by her son, Phillip Bryant; four brothers, Cherry (Matilda) Bryant, Denver Bryant, Harvey Bryant and Robert Bryant; three sisters, Beulah (Willie Smith & James) Lewis, Della (Walter) Hopkins and Vanzie Smith; aunt, Mary Jane Fullwood; four nieces, Elizabeth Bryant, Vernell Flowers, Peggy Hopkins, and Mary Jane Smith; and two nephews, Bernard Bryant and Joe Smith.

She leaves to mourn and cherish her memories her dedicated son, Jerome Bryant of the home; granddaughter, Tanisha Bryant of Wilmington, NC; a special niece (daughter), Ellen (Bernard) Gailes of Bolivia; two brothers, Alvin (Louise) Bryant of Upper Marlboro, MD and Theodore Columbus aka TC (Dorothy) Greer of Virginia; a sister-in-law, Jean Bryant of Garner, NC; special friends, Mother Gloria Bryant, Mary Dudley, Mother Mary Palmore and Margaret Smith; and a host of nephews, nieces, 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Leroy Peoples, Sr.

Leroy Peoples, age 91, of Castle Hayne, entered into rest on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 in Castle Hayne, NC. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sarah and siblings, Mary Gaines, James Peoples, Edward Peoples, Pearlie Grady, Joseph Grady, Charlie Grady, Elmer Grady, Mildred Pender, Dorothy Gurganious, Clementine Grady, and Mabel Nixon. Funeral services were Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Leroy was born on May 14, 1925 to David and Sally Wright Peoples. Upon the death of his mother during childbirth, Leroy and his three siblings were reared by his uncle and aunt, Lee and Mary Wright Grady, along with their seven children. He left school at a very early age to work and help his family. At the age of 17 years, he entered the US Army where he served his country as a Rifleman and later as a Guard Patrolman along the beaches of Ohow Island; a main entrance to Pearl Harbor. Leroy was honorably discharged on March 8, 1946 at Fort Bragg, NC.

Upon his return to the community, Leroy was employed with Carolina Meat Processing Co. During this time, he met and married the love of his life, Sarah Smith Peoples. To this union, they became parents of nine children. His professional career afforded him the opportunity to serve as a supervisor at Thorn Apple Valley (previously Carolina Meat Processing Co.) for over 30 years. His humbleness and love for Christ allowed him to share the FAVOR of God that was on his life with all that crossed his path.

Leroy loved God, his family and others unconditionally. After accepting Christ at an early age, he did not forget that God blessed him to be a blessing to others, and this is how he lived daily. His integrity and extraordinary work ethics afforded him the opportunity to employ people in the community and surrounding area giving them employment and a better way of life. He was a devoted member of Shoulders' Branch Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Superintendent of the Sunday school, Bible Study teacher, president of the senior choir and Chairman of the Deacon's Ministry. Leroy was loved by many; his humble spirit describes his total character. The life he lived as a loving and devoted husband, dependable father, honorable uncle and trustworthy friend speaks volumes to the life he lived. He was a mentor to many, and his example of true integrity was greatly admired.

Leroy leaves to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy: children, Ernestine Bonds (Hubert) of Castle Hayne, NC; Wilbert Peoples (Rose) of Brooklyn, NY; Leroy Peoples, Jr. (Peggy) of Wilmington, NC; Oliver Peoples (Ruth) of Wilmington, NC; Ruth Lawrence (Larry) of Castle Hayne, NC; Jeffrey Peoples (Emily) of Castle Hayne, NC; Gloria McKinney (Clifton) of Brandywine, MD; Deames Peoples (Kim) of Upper Marlboro, MD; and Jeremiah Peoples (Ursula) of Wilmington, NC (his grand-

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New Hanover County

50th Birthday Celebration for Barry Smith will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Dr. For more information please call 910-550-7475 or 910-795-8543. The attire theme is "50 Shades of Gray" Free admission.

Religious Briefs

International Embassy of Holiness, Inc. will hold their 8th anniversary celebration "Launching out in a New Season" at 76 Darlington Ave. on Friday, January 20th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, January 22nd at 11:00 am with special guests, Pastor Sabrinia Mcdaniel of The Lord's Church, Raleigh, NC and Prophet Anthony Moore of Stanford, CT.

Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Dr., will celebrate Kwanzaa on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. and January 21st at 10:00 a.m. There will be several speakers from various churches.

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Road, will hold their District Youth Revival (one night only) on Thursday, January 12th at 7:30 P.M. The guest speaker will be Elder Ryan Godfrey, pastor of Baum Temple Church (Summerville, SC) and New Vision Church (Charleston, SC)

The United Methodist Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church are coming together on January 14, 2017 at 3:00 pm. at Warner Temple A.M.E.Zion Church. United Methodist's Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will be present. A reception will follow this service at Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church located at 620 Nixon St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401. If you should have any questions, please call the 910-763-6308.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

Think for yourself

My Fellow Seniors:

We know God never spoke in a particular language. He spoke to the heart, and each man interpreted the "Word" in his own language. So when we see a "Bible" written in a foreign language, we call it a man-made book. We do not believe in their holy book, and they do not believe in ours. We don't even look for similarities.

Why not? What are we afraid of? Let's not leave our children steeped in confusion. Let's leave them with open hearts, free to go to God in their own way. The Golden Rule tells us to think for ourselves. If we would follow that simple rule, we could make this world a better place. When we worship God together, we should let people know what He has done for us and also what he has done through us. When we go to church, we should allow time for testimonies. Naturally, no Christian wants to brag about the good deeds that your neighbor has done. Anytime you see the Golden Rule in action, it's worth talking about. There are people out there who do the will of God just because it is in their hearts.

Ruth Johnson

Some don't go to church, and they have never read the Bible, but they still say, "Let's do the right thing." It is not always the first thing that comes to mind, and it is not always free and easy. However, people who have never heard the Golden Rule will often find it in their hearts to do the right thing.

Many people do not go to church because they feel like they have nothing to contribute. They have not read the Bible cover to cover, and they don't always remember what the preacher talked about. However, there is something deep down on the inside that tells them to do the right thing. Even if they are not involved, when they see the Golden Rule in action, we need to hear about it. So let them testify, and we will give God the glory. At the same time we will get to know the members.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Family reunion

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

There was a chill in the air, but the hearts of our Senior Citizen Fellowship were warm and cozy, as usual. It was our first meeting for the New Year, and we were glad to meet once again, even though there have been trials and tribulations. We are thankful.

We were greeted by President Eloise Purdie. She said, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and it's good to be here!" Mr. George Hill came and said, "It is a great day." We opened by singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was given by Mrs. Mary Lockhart. Our next song was "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow." Minister Doris McQuillian came and said that we do not have to worry or fret. The Lord will make a way somehow. Our speaker today was Mr. George Hill. He said we need to know our family members. There are families here in Wilmington that do not know each other. He referred to Luke 15:11, which is the story of the "Prodigal Son." We distance ourselves from our families for no reason at all or because one thinks he or she is better than the other. God watches over us all. Some of us grieve over the separation from one another. When we come to ourselves and, with love in our hearts, accept each, God will forgive us. Christians have a past! Sinners have a future! Family reunions should not just be at funerals. Everyday is a day of reunion. For the new year, we have a family reunion. Mr. Hill was thanked for his great message to start the new year. He was given a hand of applause and thanked again.

We then had expressions, which were very encouraging. Mrs. Purdie then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Gladys Taylor. She said, "Happy New Year. God is good." She asked Mrs. Mildred Ellerby to read the minutes. They were read and approved. There were no visitors present, but we had Mrs. Carrie Anderson to join our fellowship. Mrs. Cherry Pearson gave us information on the trip to Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Shirley Drye gave us information on our Negro History Month in February. " The Callers" report was given, and the winner was Mrs. Janice Gordon, with ten. Everyone was given a hand. The announcements were given and Mrs. Annie Haskins read the sick and shut-in report. She asked us to keep them all in our prayers. "Smiles" were brought to us by Mrs. Cherry Pearson and Ms. Mary Lockhart.

Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillian.

There were 45 present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A Clarion Call For Prayer"

Sylvia Hooper

God is calling his people to a lifestyle and a lifetime of prayer. Phillippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." He knows all about our trials and our struggles; and he does not want us to worry about a thing! Yes, he knows about our frustrations that come with trying to fix a failing economy; and in the midst of it all, he is ready, willing, and able to hear and answer our call.

Our nation and world problems are too enormous for one man, be he the President of the United States, or the Prime Minister of England. Kings and queens should bow before God in prayer, seeking wisdom and guidance to bless and benefit the people they lead. Yes, things are bad, but we are not without HOPE. If it's going to be done, God is going to have to do it! "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37 says, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

As God's people, we realize that though we are in the world, we are not of this world, and we have a responsibility to be a part of the solution, not just the "problem." Our job is to live a life that is pleasing n His sight, and to pray until something happens! As a nation, without prayer we are powerless to survive, and cannot defeat our enemies. On the other hand, prayer changes things! Somebody's got to Pray!

<u>If My people</u>

"But know that the Lord has set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him." Psalm 4:3 Psalm 107:2, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." We have a responsibility to rally to the call of God upon us to intercede in prayer for the needs of our nation and world.

<u>Which are called by my name</u>

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." I Peter 2:9, Our calling is high, holy, and heavenly! We were called out of darkness to do his will and to walk in the light of his Word. We were called according to his purpose, to do his will on earth as it is in heaven. (Romans 8:28)

<u>Shall Humble themselves and Pray</u>

James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Humility in prayer prepares us to be in the presence of the Lord. Isaiah 57:15b, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the heart of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.".

<u>And Seek My Face</u>

"Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near…Isaiah 55:6 "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 This is a promise of God, which will not fail, and which cannot lie. God said it. That settles it! Tell Somebody!!!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jackson-ville, 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 Confe-rence, 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!

OBITUARIES

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son who he reared from age 6 months); surviving brother Earl Grady (Loretta) of Wilmington, NC; surviving sister-in-law, Fannie Thomas of Wilmington, NC; surviving brother-in-law, Milliard Branch of San Diego, CA; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-four great grandchildren; thirteen great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Samuel James Harrington "Sammie'

Samuels James Harrington (Sammie) was born to the late Sun and Oli McCory Harrington on December 23, 1945 in Cheraw, SC. Sammie was the oldest of four children from this union. He departed this earthly life on December 31, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral Service was held Friday, January 6, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

He attended Pleasant Grove High School. During his life he worked as a Construction Worker in many places until his health prevented him. Samuel moved to Dunn, NC where he met and married Alice (Dixie) Williams Harrington. From this union, three children were born. After their divorce, he married Lily Harrington and to this union two children were born. Preceding him in death were: his brothers, John, Hoodie and Owens Harrington; his sisters, Grace and Annie Mae Harrington; two children, Derrick and Jennan Harrington; a special friend, Mary Hatchet.

Sammie leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Lily Harrington; one brother, Elijah Harrington; two daughters, Mary Harrington and Dorothy Harrington; one son, Sammy Harrington; six step-children, Jackie, Tank, Tasha, Latina, Tinisha and Tony; five aunts, Mable H. Gillis, Leatha H. West, Elise H. Davis, Glenn H. Thompson, Jennie H. Murphy and the McCorys; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including Clarence Jenkins. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Martha A. McKoy Troy "Mart"

Martha A. McKoy Troy "Mart' daughter of the late Queen and Drusilla C. McKoy was born May 30, 1933 in Brunswick County; where she was raised and educated. Mart was preceded in death by four sisters, Amanda Thomas, Annie Robinson, Retha Harris, Mary Corbett and brother Harry McKoy. Mart was united in holy matrimony to Wilbur Augustus "Gut" Troy in March, 1956. They shared forty years of marriage, with him preceding her in death. Mart enjoyed life to the fullest and she always welcomed you with her southern hospitality and laughter. Mart joined Bethel AME Church at an early age, becoming a member of class number 5, with Pearl Ballard as her leader. She attended faithfully until the declination of her health. As her health continued to decline, she spent the last year at Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation Center. Mart was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and in-law. Her precious memories will forever live on with her sons; Ernest Fields (Margaret), Queen E. Robinson and Melvin Fields, ;stepdaughter, Loretta Bell; twenty-four grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Nancy Fields and Annie L. Brown; brother-in-law, Carnell Troy (Marilyn); two sisters-in-law, Ester and Seretha Troy; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends, including those at The Cyprus Point Rehabil-itation Center where she with her jubilant personality made some very special friends including Patricia (Pat) Power, Janet Higgins, her roommate Phyllis Coates and Carl Holiday. Mart's funeral service was 2:00 PM Sunday at Bethel AME Church. Burial followed in the Bethel AME Church Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Willie Franklin Stith

Willie Franklin Stith, III was taken away suddenly from us on January 2, 2017. He was born September 27, 1981 in Wilmington, NC. Funeral service was held Funeral service was held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Franklin Stith, Jr. and Mamie Morris Stith Sutton; grandparents, Johnnie and Mable Morris and Willie Franklin Stith, Sr. Willie was afforded the opportunity to see some of the world because his dad was enlisted in the US Army. After living several places, they moved to Wilmington where he grew up in Mt. Zion AME Church and attended the public schools of New Hanover County. He worked for Evergreen Landscaping of Wilmington, NC. Finding this as something he loved doing, he wanted to go back to school for landscaping. Wali, as he was fondly called, was a man of few words; but when he spoke, he had something to say. He was an observer of people and would let you know if something was not right. He loved spending time with his family, especially his daughter, sisters, brothers, niece and uncles. Wali had a "protector trait" that began over 30 years ago when he saved his mom and himself from a fire in the home. Just like being a blessing to his uncle Kenny, whom he loved so much. He enjoyed being there for his uncle and watching sports with him. Wali was a good father, brother, nephew, cousin and friend. And of course, a true Green Bay Packer's Fan!!!.

Cherishing his memories, the apple of the eye, his daughter, A'mier Stith; two sisters, Taleasher Sutton and Nikia Stith; two brothers, Larry Morris and Zachery Sutton (Lajuinese); grandmother, Frances Stith; a special niece, Sariyah Sweets; six uncles, Kenneth Morris, Gerald Morris ((Barbara), Michael McKeithan, Sean, Darnell, and Gregory Stith; four aunts, Maxine Dees, Sharon Rollinson (Darren), Lisa Stith, Peggy Morris and Bernice Morris; one great uncle, Chester Green (Phyllis); two great aunts, Daisy Green and Betty Green, and Lenora Morris; a special friend Melisa Josey and her daughter, Shanell; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY File No. 16-SP-743 New Hanover County, North Carolina

Under and by virtue of the Declaration recorded in Book 2420 at Page 13, Book 2422 at Page 495, and Book 2857 at Page 168, New Hanover County Register of Deeds, and the provisions of Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes, and because of the Respondent's failure to pay assessments duly assessed by Waterfronte Villas Owners Association, Inc. ("Association") as shown by the Claim of Lien for Assessments filed on September 20, 2016, File No. 16-M-1140, in the Office of the New Hanover County Clerk of Superior Court, and pursuant to an Order Allowing Foreclosure of Claim of Lien for Assessments entered by the New Hanover County Clerk of Court on December 14, 2016, the Trustee will expose for public sale at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on **January 18, 2017 at 11:00 am,** at the usual place of sale in the New Hanover County Judicial Building in Wilmington, North Carolina, the following property (including any improvements thereon) located in New Hanover County, North Carolina:
Being all of Boat Slip Number 16, of Waterfronte Villas and Yacht Club as shown on map of same recorded in Map Book 38, at Page 92 of the New Hanover County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Donald Padgett.

The above-described property will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS," and is subject to any and all superior mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, restrictions, and other matters of record. There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon the conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00), whichever is greater. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. If for any reason the Trustee does not tender a deed for the property, the successful bidder's sole remedy shall be a return of the deposit.

To the extent this sale involves residential property with less than fifteen (15) units, you are hereby notified of the following:

(a) An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to § 45-21.29 of the North Carolina General Statutes 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; and

(b) Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This the 19th day of December, 2016.

Bonnie M. Braudway, Trustee
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January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Wilson Bruce Thigpen,** 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 **3rd day of April, 2017,** 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 3rd day of January, 2016

Yolanda T. Holmes, Executor
1201 Stanley Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Steven Douglas Collins** (File No. 16 E 1685), late of 14 Creekstone Lane, Castle Hayne, NC, 28429, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **April 12, 2017,** 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 30th day of December, 2016.

Christina Thibeault
Executor of the Estate of Steven Douglas Collins
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS P.A.
509 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 86, 87

IN THE MATTER OF:
B.N.S. (DOB: 11/07/2013)
B.I.S. (DOB: 01/17/2012)

TO: RESPONDENT FATHER: JOSHUA SMITHEY, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF FEMALE CHILD BORN TO CANDICE SMITH, IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC
RESPONDENT FATHER: JOSE BERNAL AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE MALE CHILD BORN TO CANDICE SMITH, IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC

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 12, 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 **MONDAY, March 6, 2017,** 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 12th day of January, 2017.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.
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January 12, 19, 26, 21017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Edward Rodman (16-E-1451),** 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 1, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Edward Rodman
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Hassan Abdulkadir (16-E-1559),** 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 1, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Hassan Abdulkadir
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Anne H. Ittu,** 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 **12th day of April, 2017,** 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 12th day of January, 2016

Sean Eames, CPA, Executor
1009 N. Lake Park Blvd. Ste. A4
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Hazel Thurston Valle,** 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 **12th day of April, 2017,** 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 12th day of January, 2016

Franklin Madison Thurston, Sr., Administrator
1600 Carter Street
Richmond, VA 2322

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Bettie Lou Bouras,** 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 **12th day of April, 2017,** 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 12th day of January, 2016

Babette B. Sutton, Administratrix
2005 Spinnaker Place
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Gene Francis Rackley (16-E-1225),** 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 **March 25, 2017** 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 December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Gene Rackley
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of J**udy Ann Moses Davis,** 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 **1st day of April, 2017,** 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 29th day of December, 2016

Gaye L. Bradley, Administrator
119 South 10th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Andrea Jaffe,** 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 **22nd day of March, 2017,** 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 15th day of December, 2016

Ira H. Jaffe, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Andrea Jaffe
1806 Odyssey Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5,12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **George Junious,** 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 **3rd day of April, 2017,** 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 3rd day of January, 2016

Dorothy Howard Junious, Executor
AKA Dorothy Lucille Gary
1019 N. 8th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Shirley Spell Zeznock,** 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 **12th day of April, 2017,** 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 12th day of January, 2016

Terence Michael Zeznock, Executor
2429 Tulane Street
Anchorage, AK 99504

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Charmian Hand,** 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 **22nd day of March, 2017,** 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 22nd day of December, 2016

Courtney B. Hand, Administrator
311 S. Lasalle St. Apt. 51D
Durham NC 27705

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Gladys Dickie (16-E-1371),** 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 **March 22, 2017** 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 12th day of December, 2016

Richard Dickie, Executor of the Estate of Gladys Dickie
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as CTA administrator of the Estate of **Susan Peck (16-E-1523),** 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 **March 25, 2017** 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 December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Susan Peck
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Rachel Prevatte Lucas,** 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 **12th day of April, 2017,** 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 12th day of January, 2016

Toni Ann Lucas Klein, Executor
1232 Potomac Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 12, 19, 26, February, 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Yvonne Butler Morgan**, 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 **3rd day of April, 2017,** 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 3rd day of January, 2016

Rickey Butler, Administrator
2206 Branderwood Drive
Greensboro, NC 27407

January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Don Wilson (16-E-1522),** 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 1, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Don Wilson
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 2017

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 10

IN THE MATTER OF:
M.R.I.W. (dob: 15 May 2003)

TO: ANDRES IBARRA-RAMOS

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 M.R.I.W.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 29, 2016, 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. Mr. Ibarra-Ramos you are assigned Attorney Emily Jones. Counsel may be contacted at (910)762-7771, 110 N. 5th Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 29th day of December, 2016.

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
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December 29, 2016, Jan. 5, 12, 2017

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
16 SP 696

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of H.E. Mintz Company, Inc. to Walter G. Rogers, Trustee dated October 8, 2008, recorded in Book 5351, Page 2185, New Hanover County Registry
Chiaki Ito, Substitute Trustee,
See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 6009 at Page 1571, New Hanover County Registry

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by H.E. Mintz Company, Inc., dated October 8, 2008, and recorded in Book 5351 at Page 2185 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, ("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, Chiaki Ito, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the **17th day of January, 2017, at 12:00 p.m.** on the steps of the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina, or such other place where public sales are held at said Courthouse, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of **2919 Orville Wright Way, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405,** and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and on **Exhibit 1** attached hereto, which descriptions are incorporated by reference herein. This sale may be held up to one (1) hour after the time stated in this Notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat § 45-21.23.

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 or 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 special assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation 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.

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat § 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. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The record owner 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 is H.E. Mintz Company, Inc. also referred to as H.E. Mintz & Company, Inc.

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 to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable as provided in N.C. Gen. Stat § 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 ($0.45) per One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) required by N.C. Gen. Stat § 7A-308 (a)(1).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This the 16th day of November, 2016.

Chiaki Ito
Chiaki Ito, Substitute Trustee
113-B Dock Street
Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 262-0490

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

EXHIBIT 1

BEING all of Lot 9, Phase 3, Section 1, North Kerr Industrial Park, as the same is shown on that map of said subdivision recorded in Map Book 50, Page 305, New Hanover County Registry.

Subject, however, to covenants, restrictions, right-of-way and easements of record affecting said property, including that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for North Kerr Industrial Park recorded in Book 2510, Page 368, New Hanover County Registry, as amended pursuant to instrument recorded in Book 2599, Page 969, New Hanover County Registry and as further amended pursuant to instrument recorded in Book 5118, Page 2101; ad valorem taxes not yet due and payable; and all governmental land use statutes, ordinances and regulations, including, without limitation, zoning, subdivision and building regulation.

January 5, 12, 2017

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AMENDED
NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
14-SP-455

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of EAST COAST DEVELOPMENT II, LLC,
Grantor,

TO: TRSTE, INC.,
Trustee,
As recorded in Book 5329 at Page 263 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that Deed of Trust and Assignment of Rents from the above-named Grantor, as successor by merger to Movies One, LLC, to TRSTE, Inc., the trustee ("Trustee"), dated July 3, 2008 and filed for record in Book 5329 at Page 263 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (the "Registry") on July 3, 2008, as amended by that certain Modification of Deed of Trust and Notice of Future Advance between Grantor, Trustee and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as successor in interest by merger to Wachovia Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") dated July 18, 2012 and filed for record in Book 5672 at Page 1615 of the Registry on September 18, 2012 (collectively, as amended, or as may be amended from time to time, the "Deed of Trust"), and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and 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, TRSTE, Inc., Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the **20th day of January, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, N.C. 28401,** the real property located in New Hanover County, North Carolina more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (including any improvements thereon) and the personal property more particularly described on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Trustee may sell any and all personal property located on the property described on Exhibit A or described on Exhibit B in which the beneficiary of the deed of trust has a security interest in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 25-9-604, 25-9-610 and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items or together with the real property and improvements as the Trustee in his sole discretion determines is appropriate.

The sale will be made subject to all prior and superior deeds of trust, liens, unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, assessments, leases, and other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the above described Deed of Trust; provided, however, that the inclusion of this clause in this Notice of Trustee's Sale shall not be deemed to validate or otherwise give effect to any such matter or other right which, as a matter of law, does not survive the foreclosure.

All items of real and personal property are to be sold "as is." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the 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 property, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions expressly are disclaimed.

The buyer shall be responsible for the payment of any excise or transfer stamps required by law.

The record owner of the real property described on Exhibit A 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 was East Coast Development II, LLC.

This sale is conducted pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 45-21.30, and this notice is intended to comply with the requirements of N.C.G.S. §§25-9-604 and 25-9-613 providing for disposition of personal property in connection with the foreclosure of real property. The Grantor is entitled to and may request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of an amount not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred and 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 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, the bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30(d) and (e).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This the 9th day of December, 2016.

John R. Gardner
K&L Gates LLP
Post Office Box 17047 (27619-7047)
4350 Lassiter at North Hills Avenue, Suite 300
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609
Telephone: (919) 743-7325
Facsimile: (919) 516-2124
Counsel for TRSTE, INC., Trustee

EXHIBIT A

Commencing at a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the northwestern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation and being the true point of beginning, thence from the above described true point of beginning and along said right of way line North 05° 20' 58" West 65.91 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, thence continuing along said right of way along a curve to the right having a radius of 246.10 feet and an arc length of 150.61 feet to a point, said curve also having a delta of 35° 03' 51" with a tangent of 77.75 feet and a chord bearing and chord of North 12° 20' 54" East 148.27 feet, said point being the southeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Macris as recorded in Deed Book 1734, Page 771 of the New Hanover County Registry, thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Macris the following courses and distances: South 51° 00' 45" East 67.31 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, North 38° 59' 15" East 99.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, South 51° 00' 45" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, North 38° 59' 15" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, South 51° 00' 45" East 44.00 feet, North 38° 59' 15" East 52.27 feet to a point in the western right of way of North 3rd Street and being the southeastern corner of Macris, thence leaving Macris and along said right of way South 08° 44' 06" East 222.35 feet to a point in said right of way and being the northeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation. Thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation South 38° 44' 40" West 23.37 feet to a point. Thence continuing along said line South 84° 48' 57" West 273.94 feet to a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the point and place of beginning containing 1.29 acres as surveyed by James A. Lewis, PLS L-4562 on June 27, 2006.

Such property being described in the Deed of Trust as follows:

Commencing at a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the northwestern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation and being the true point of beginning, thence from the above described true point of beginning and along said right of way line north 05° 20' 58" West 65.91 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, thence continuing along said right of way along a curve to the right having a radius of 246.10 feet and an arc length of 150.61 feet to a point, said curve also having a delta of 35° 03' 51" with a tangent of 77.75 feet and a chord bearing and chord of North 12° 20' 054" East 148.27 feet, said point being the southeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Macris as recorded in Deed Book 1734, Page 771 of the New Hanover County Registry, thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Macris the following courses and distances: South 51° 00' 45" East 67.31 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, North 38° 58' 15" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, South 38° 58' 15" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, North 51° 00' 45" East 44.00 feet, North 38° 59' 15" East 52.27 feet to a point in the western right of way of North 3rd Street and being the Southeastern corner of Macris, thence leaving Macris and along said right of way South 08° 44' 06" East 222.35 feet to a point in said right of way and being the northeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation. Thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation South 38° 44' 40" West 23.37 feet to a point. Thence continuing along said line South 84° 48' 57" West 273.94 feet to a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the point of beginning containing 1.29 acres as surveyed by James A. Lewis, PLS L-4562 on June 27, 2006.

TOGETHER WITH all rights reserved by, granted to and provided for under that certain UCC filed in the New Hanover County Registry on January 21, 2011 in Book 5541 at Page 461 and filed in the Office of the North Carolina Secretary of State on January 24, 2011 as File Number 20110006892M.

Exhibit B

All of East Coast Development II, LLC's right, title and interest now owned or hereafter acquired in and to all fixtures attached to the Land or any buildings or improvements or personal property situated thereon as such Land is described in the legal description in the attached Exhibit A, including, but not limited to, any such fixtures or personal property described in that certain UCC filed in the New Hanover County Registry on January 21, 2011 in Book 5541 at Page 461 and filed in the Office of the North Carolina Secretary of State on January 24, 2011 as File Number 20110006892M, including, without limitation:
all buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected on the Land; all fixtures attached to the Land or any buildings or improvements situated thereon; and all estates, rights, tenements, hereditaments, privileges, rents, issues, profits, easements, and appurtenances of any kind benefiting the Land, all means of access to and from the Land, whether public or private, and all water and mineral rights.

January 5, 12, 2017

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ASK ALMA with ALMA GILL

My co-worker lied about her "dead sister" to get time off

Dear Alma,

I work with a woman who came to work and said her sister died. She didn't have enough time off so I and another woman donated time to her so she could take off for the funeral and still be paid. To make this long story short, I have a friend of a friend who's her friend and she said she doesn't even have a sister. I can't believe she lied about something like that. I think she should be fired, because she's a liar. I'm not sure how to bring it to the attention of her supervisor. I told my coworker, who also volunteered time and she is mad too, but she doesn't want to tell on her. She said maybe she's having some problems. I think we all have problems but we shouldn't make up lies about the death of loved ones. I cannot stand to work with her or see her face, because she can't be trusted. What do you think I should do? Should I contact Human Resources or tell her boss directly?
Signed,
No Good Deed

Dear No Good Deed,

Ahhh what, excuse me? How about the first person that has never told a lie at work take two steps forward! Ummm, that's alright, you don't need to make room. Don't get me wrong, lying about your sister's death is jack-shickity. But what does that have to do with you? Should you contact HR or tell her boss? Tell her boss what?

I truly understand this to be a grown-up matter, so why don't you take a grown-up approach. Ask her, straight up, did your sister pass away? If she says, "yes," offer your condolences and go back to your desk.

Maybe in her mind, her sister did die, a sorority sister, step-sister, sister in Christ. She may have a cousin she loves like a sister. We don't know her circumstances or what was in her heart. Ok, yeah, I'm stretching it and, it appears, she did, too. But right here is where I'll cut her some slack and us a slice of patience and understanding.

This is serious business that ain't really none of your business. I'm clear on you're A and B options, so let's consider my C option: Spend time doing the best job you were hired to do at your own desk. With whatever few extra minutes you have, kick it up a notch, and go the extra mile. If you focus on the work on your desk and the responsibilities in your own office, you won't have time to walk down the hall carrying "buckets of you being upset" to the boss' office. You feel me? What has happened with this woman is between her, her boss and Human Resources. Stay out of it! I know you're mad about your time and you feel like she has used and abused you, but, you know what – what goes around comes around. You were trying to be a blessing and you'll be blessed for it. Don't look for her to repay you. Your good works will come back to you, in good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.

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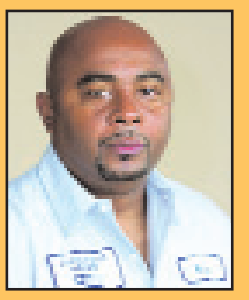

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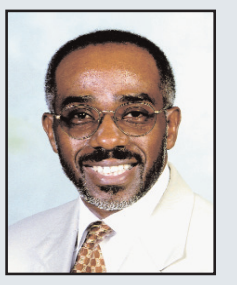

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

Our community celebrates his legacy

Facts about Dr. King Jr.

1929

• **January 15, 1929** Martin Luther King, Jr., is born to the Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. at 501 Auburn Ave. in Atlanta, Georgia.

1935

• King attends David T. Howard Elementary School, Atlanta University Laboratory School, Booker T. Washington High School and enters Morehouse College at age 15.

1947

• 18-year old King is licensed to preach and becomes assistant to his father, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

1948

• **February** - King is ordained to the Baptist ministry.
• **June** - King graduates from Morehouse College with a B.A. degree in sociology.
• **September** - King enters Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. Here he begins a serious study of the life and teaching of Mhatma Gandhi.

1953

• Marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Alabama.

1954

• **May** - The U.S. Supreme Court rules unanimously in Brown vs. Education that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.
• **October** - Rev. King is installed as the 20th pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

1955

• **June** - King earns a Ph.D. degree in systematic theology from Boston University.
• **December** - Mrs. Rosa Parks is arrested because she refuses to give her bus seat to a white man. The bus boycott starts on December 5th and King is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association.

1956

• **January** - King is arrested in Montgomery and released on his own recognizance. A bomb is thrown onto the porch of the King home.
• **February** - King is indicted with other protesters on the charge of being part of a conspiracy to prevent the operation of businesses without 'just or legal cause."
• **June** - A United States district court rules that racial segregation on city bus lines in unconstitutional.
• **October** - The mayor of Montgomery instructs the city council "to file such proceedings as it may deem proper to stop the operation of car pools and transportation systems growing out of the boycott."
• November - United States Supreme Court upholds decision of district court in declaring Alabama's segregation on buses laws unconstitutional.
• **December** - Federal injunctions prohibiting segregation on buses are served on city and bus company officials. On the 21st Montgomery buses are integrated.

1957

• **February** - Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is founded. Dr. King is elected its first president. King appears on the cover of *Time* magazine.
• **May** - King delivers "Give Us the Ballot" speech at the LIncoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on the third anniversary of the Brown decision.
• **September** - President Eisenhower federalizes the Arkansas National Guard to escort nine Negro students to an all-white high school in Little Rock. The first civil rights act since Reconstruction is passed, creating the Civil Rights Commission and the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

1958

• **June** - Dr. King, Roy Wilkins, A. Phillip Randolph and Lester Granger meet with President Eisenhower.
• September - King is arrested in the vicinity of the Montgomery Recorder's Court and released on $100 bond. King convicted and fine is paid by Montgomery Police Commissioner over King's objections. King's book, "Stride Toward Freedom - The Montgomery Story," is published.

1959

• **February** - Dr. and Mrs. King begin a month long visit to India to study Gandhi's techniques of non-violence.

1960

• **January** - King family moves to Atlanta, King becomes co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church.
• **February** - First lunch-counter sit-in is held by students in Greensboro, North Carolina.
• **April** - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) is founded at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. King and James Lawson are the keynote speakers.
• **October** - King is arrested with other demonstrators at an Atlanta sit-in on the charge of violating Georgia's trespass law. All of the arrested demonstrators are released except Dr. King. He is released later from Reidsville State Prison on $2,000 bond.

1961

• **May** - First group of Freedom Riders organized by CORE, leaves Washington, D.C., shortly after the Supreme Court has outlawed segregation in interstate transportation terminals. The bus is burned outside Anniston, Alabama; the Freedom Riders are beaten in Birmingham and arrested in Jackson, Mississippi. They spend 40 to 60 days in Parchman Penitentiary.
• **December** - Dr. King arrives in Albany, Georgia in response to a call from the leader of the Albany Movement to desegregate public facilities. King is arrested in a demonstration.

1962

• **February** - King is tried and convicted for leading a march in Albany.
• **May** - King is invited to join the Birmingham protest.
• **July** - King is arrested at an Albany city hall prayer vigil.
• **September** - James Meredith makes first attempt to enroll at the University of Mississippi. He is enrolled by order of the Supreme Court and escorted onto campus by U.S. Marshals on October 1st.

1963

• **March - Sit-in demonstrations are held in Birmingham. Dr. K**ing is arrested.
• **May** - U.S. Supreme Court rules Birmingham's segregation ordinances are unconstitutional.
• **June** - King's book, "Strength to Love" is published
• **August** - The march on Washington is held, Dr. King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

1964

• **May** - King joins other SCLC workers in demonstration for the integration of public accommodations and is arrested.
• **June** - King's book, "Why We Can't Wait" is published.
• **July - August** - King attends the signing of the Public Accommodations Bill, part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
• **September** - Dr. King and Rev. Ralph Abernathy visit West Berlin at the invitation of Mayor Will Brandt. King has an audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican.
• **December** - King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

1965

• **March** - Over 3,000 marchers leave Selma, Alabama for a march to Montgomery where they hear an address by Dr. King.
• **August** - The 1965 Voting Rights Act is signed by President Johnson.

1966

• **March** - U.S. Supreme Court rules poll tax unconstitutional.
• Spring - King tours Alabama to help elect Black candidates. For first time since Reconstruction a number of Blacks vote in the Alabama primary.
• **May** - A King anti-war statements is read at a Washington rally to protest the war in Vietnam. King agrees to serve as co-chairman of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam.
• **July** - King launches a drive to make Chicago an "open city" in regard to housing.
• **August** - King is stoned in Chicago while leading a march through crowds of angry whites.
• **September** - SCLC launches a project to integrate the public schools of Grenada, Mississippi and initiates the Alabama Citizen Education Project in Wilcox County.

1967

• **January** - King writes "Where Do We Go From Here?"
• **March** - The desegregation of public schools is ordered in Alabama. Dr. King attacks U.S. policy in Vietnam in Chicago speech.
• **April** - King makes "Beyond Vietnam" speech at Riverside Church in New York City.
• **July** - Riots in Newark, New Jersey and Detroit, Michigan. Dr. King and other prominent Black leaders call for an end to the riots.

1968

• **March** - King lead 6,000 protesters on a march through downtown Memphis in support of striking sanitation workers.
• **April** - King delivers last speech "I've Been to Mountain Top," at the Memphis Masonic Temple. **On the 4th**, Dr. King is assassinated. He dies in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Events 2017

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Elizabethtown will hold its 29th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade on Monday, January 16th at 11:00 a.m. The line-up begins at 9:00 a.m. at 805 W. Broad Street, Elizabethtown, NC. For more information call 910-645-4995.

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Friday, January 13th, 7:00 p.m., SENC MLK, Jr., Celebration Dinner will be held at Wilmington Hilton Riverside, 301 N. Water St. The guest speaker will be **Dr. Thomas E.H. Conway, Chancellor, Elizabeth City State University.** Tickets are $75.00.

Saturday, January 14th, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m, New Hanover County NAACP 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will be held at Union Station, Cape Fear Community College, 501 N. Front St. The guest speaker will be **Rev. Dr. Conrad Pridgen.**

Saturday, January 14th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Martin Luther KIng Center, 401 South 8th Street, Wilmington Parks and Recreation will host the annual Family Fun Day, a recreation and educational event for children and their families and will include games, fun and refreshments.

Saturday, January 14th, 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. The 2017 Ecumenical Service, will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 25 S. 3rd St. The guest speaker will be NC NAACP President **Rev. Dr. William Barber.**

Sunday, January 15th, 4:00 p.m. "Welcome to the Yard" Step Show will be held at Williston Middle School, 401 S. 10th St.. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16th, 11:00 a.m., Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Parade and March. Historic Downtown Wilmington, NC.

Monday, January 16th, 2:00 p.m. SENC MLK, JR., Basketball Game Johnston Community College Jaguars vs. Cape Fear Community College Sea Devils. Admission is free.

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.—UNCW 2017 MLK Celebration with Roland Martin at Kenan Auditorium--UNCW. Admission is free but tickets are required and are available at The Kenan Auditorium Box Office. For more information visit www.uncw.edu/upperman/mlk2017. html. For accommodations for disabilities call 910-962-2480.

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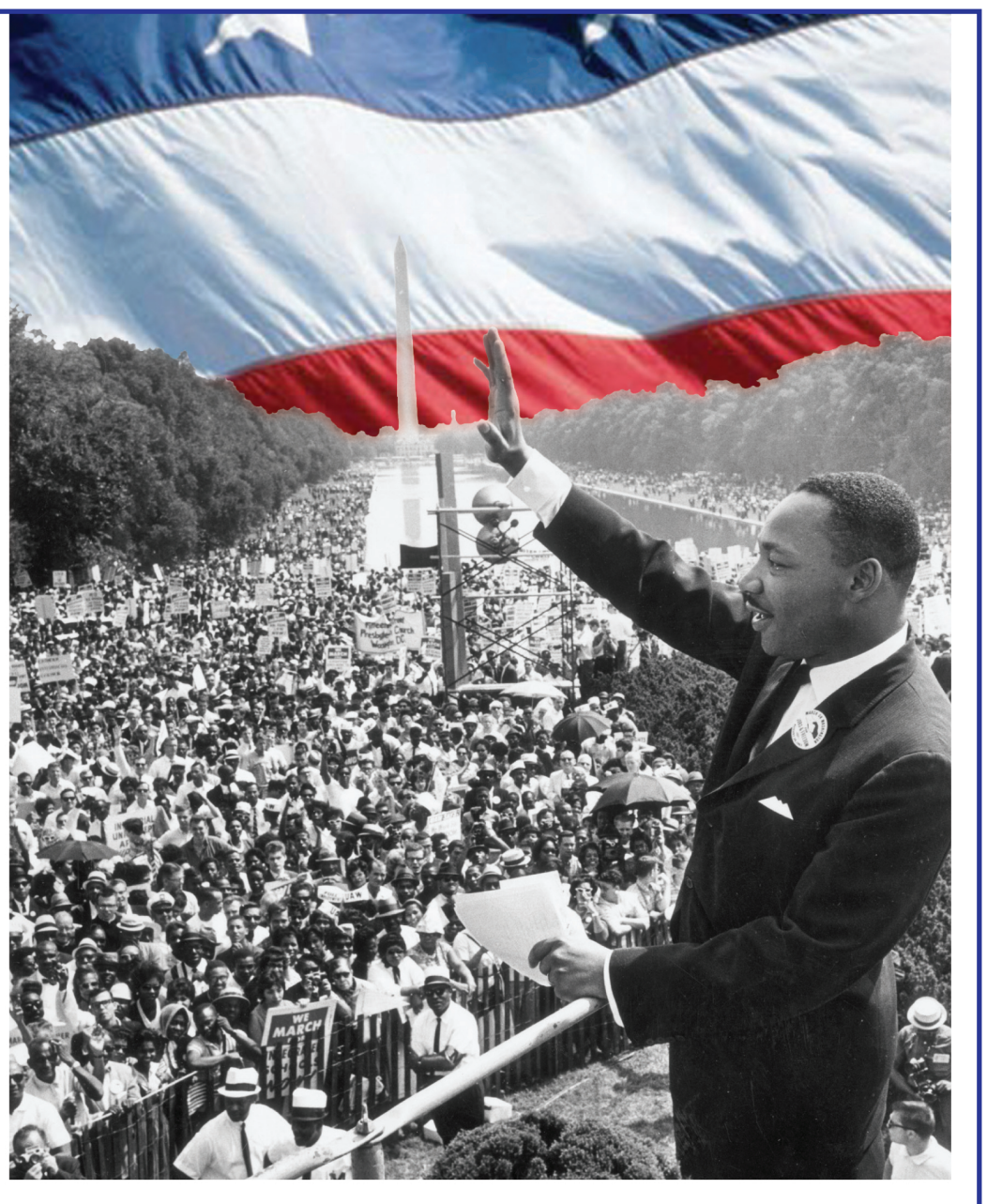

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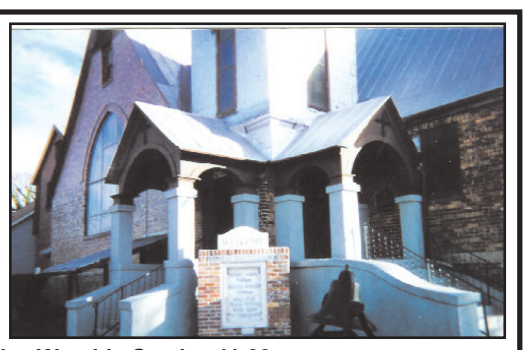

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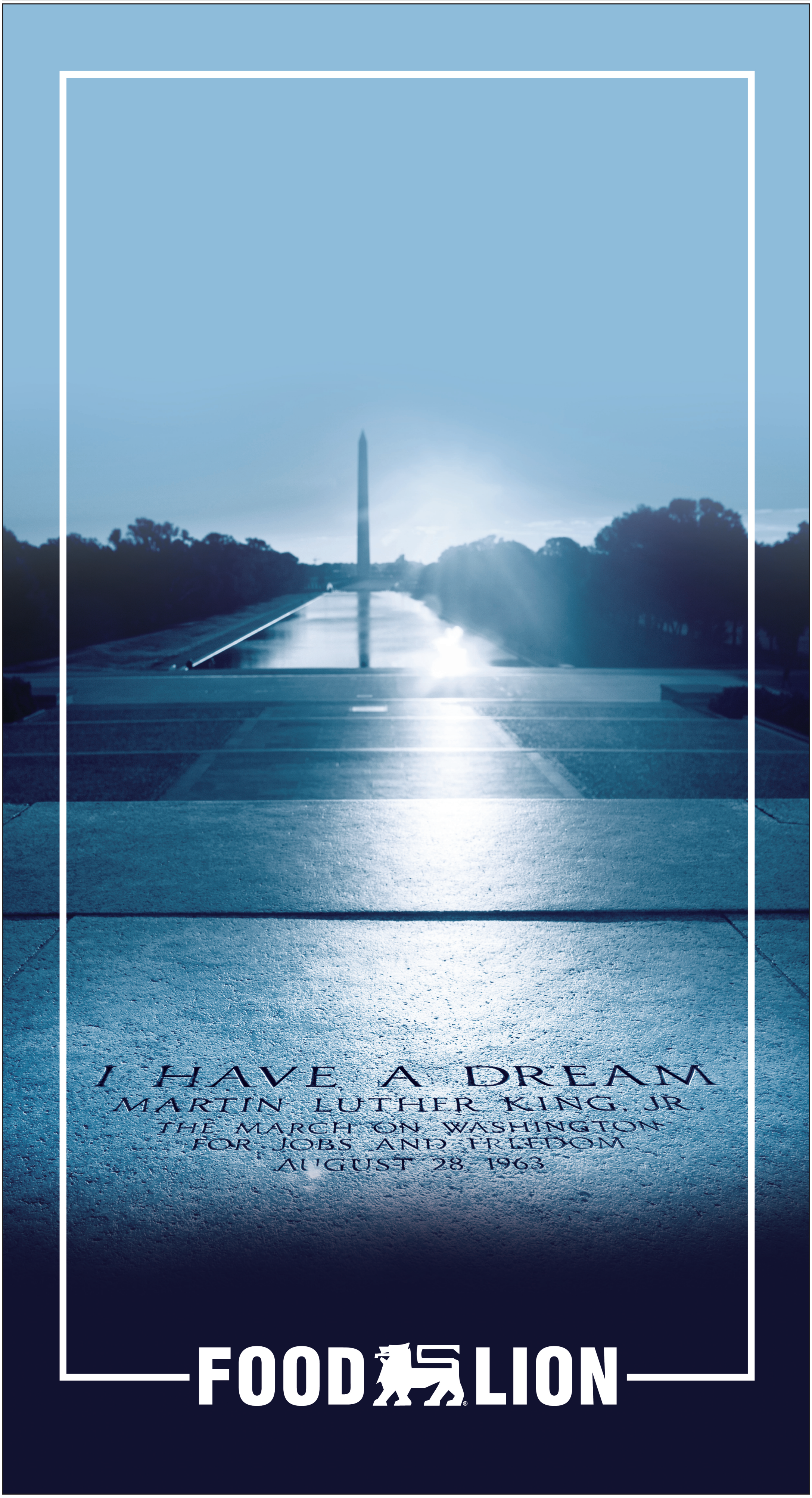
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