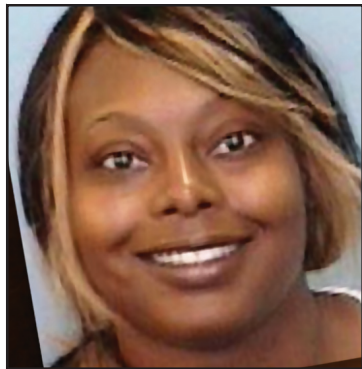


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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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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**BERNEST HEWETT**

**I REMEMBER  
WHEN**

**BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

The birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15) has just passed. Black History Month is coming up in February, but what are we doing? Why are we working to keep these occasions up? Born in 1948, I remember from where I came. I remember my from growing up days here in Brunswick County. I remember our using second-hand books. I remember striving to get a first class education while having to use second rate resources. I remember having to go to the back door of restaurants from where we were buying food. It did not matter that we were paying with

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**THRONGS OF WOMEN LINED D.C. STREETS FOR THE JAN. 20 WOMEN'S MARCH. ESTIMATED AT CLOSE TO A MILLION, THERE WERE SO MANY THAT THEY COULD NOT ACTUALLY MARCH TO THE WHITE HOUSE AS PLANNED. STILL, PRESIDENT TRUMP GOT THE MESSAGE FOR JUSTICE. THIS PHOTO SHOWS ACTIVISTS WRAPPED AROUND THE NEW NATIONAL MUSEUM FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.**

**Women's March inspires millions to demand justice in the Trump era**

**BY BRITTANY WEBB  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

(TriceEdneyWire.com)  
**A** sea of pink hats, signs proclaiming "Black Lives Matter", gay-rights flags and posters with all sorts of demands of justice filled the crowd at the Women's March on Washington Jan. 20.

Millions of women of all races and nationalities were joined by men in the nation's capital and around the world to defend the human and civil rights, honor and dignity of people - and some to protest the presidential inauguration of Donald Trump, which many view as a threat to human rights progress.

"We march to declare we are ready for the fight. We are here to declare that we are America. We will stay awake and we will not be moved," said Black Women's Roundtable Convener

Melanie Campbell in her speech to the DC crowd, which was so packed that they could not march to the White House as planned. "We march for Black women who voted 94 percent for Hillary Clinton, who by the way won three million votes over her opponent... We march, even for the 53 percent of White women who voted for that other guy, to reflect and join us, all of us, moving forward to break that glass ceiling to elect the first woman president of America and to select a Black Woman to the Supreme Court in our lifetime."

Celebrities like Madonna, Alicia Keys, Maxwell, Janelle Monae and Jidenna joined political figures, commentators and activists like Campbell, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, CNN's Van Jones; NAACP Chair Roslyn Brock and activist Angela Davis to support and energize women who are determined to fight for equality.

The DC crowd was vastly White. But a strong contingency of Black women participated and spoke during the rally. "We stand in solidarity," said Brock of the NAACP. "To declare that women's rights are human rights. We send a message to our new government that we will not stop until women enjoy equal status. Throughout the history of this nation, women have worked to enjoy full civil rights. In 2008, 2012 and 2016 Black women exercised the right to vote larger than any other group in this nation," she said as the crowd cheered.

Because the marches, which also took place in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston and other cities in the U. S. around the world the day after the Trump inauguration, activist Angela

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**Dr. Dorothy Height to be honored on U.S. postage stamp**



(TriceEdneyWire.com) - On Feb. 1, the U. S. Postal Service will kick off 2017 Black History Month with the issuance of the Dorothy Height Forever stamp to honor the civil rights legend.

The Dorothy Height Forever stamp will be the 40th stamp in the Black Heritage series. The late Dr. Height is considered to be civil rights royalty. Having led the National Council of Negro Women for four decades, Height was a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded by President Bill Clinton in 1994 and the Congressional Gold Medal, awarded by President George W. Bush in 2004 for her pioneering work for the civil rights of African-Americans and women. President Barack Obama gave her eulogy upon her death on April 12, 2010.

Participants in the Feb. 1 event will be Ronald A. Stroman, deputy postmaster general and chief government relations officer; United States Postal Service; Congressman John Lewis (D-Ga.); Alexis Herman, president, Dorothy I. Height Education Foundation; Ingrid Saunders Jones, chair, National Council of Negro Women; Naima Randolph, Dorothy Height's great niece; Derry Noyes, art director; and Bishop Vashti McKenzie, bishop of the African American Episcopal Church.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. for the 11 a.m. event to be held at the Howard University Cramton Auditorium, 2455 Sixth Street Washington, DC.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. Space is limited and admission is not guaranteed. To obtain a free ticket, visit the Cramton Auditorium Box Office.



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**ANTHONY RAY HINTON**

**Freed after serving 30 years of wrongful conviction and death sentence**

**Anthony Ray Hinton is LINC 3rd Annual Milestones Dinner Keynote Speaker**

**BY KIMBERLY COOK, PHD  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

"The sun does shine," was one of the first things Anthony Ray Hinton said when he was exonerated from a wrongful conviction and death sentence in Alabama. He was incarcerated for 30 years for two murders he did not commit. During the time he was on death row, he rarely saw the outdoors, he did not see rainfall, or sunrises, or the moon. He did, however, see 54 other inmates executed; he saw the justice system work slowly and ultimately acknowledge its error and reverse his conviction. While he was condemned to death, his mother passed away, and his family members went on with their lives as best they could. He was not part of that life. During that time, he was able to maintain hope that he would be released and vindicated. Mr. Hinton refused to give up on his quest for freedom; eventually, he was represented by Mr. Bryan Stevenson, famed civil rights attorney at the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama. Mr. Hinton remained optimistic and says, "they took thirty years of my life, but I could not let them take my joy." His life is a testament to the importance of having faith, never giving up and the importance of support systems in everyone's life.

LINC, Inc. is delighted to host Mr. Hinton as the keynote speaker for its 3rd annual Milestones Dinner to celebrate the accomplishments of the residents and participants on

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**Pearce House dedication honors Elderhaus developer**

**BY BEVERLY SMALLS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**

Friday the southeast corner of Eighth and Dawson streets was officially revitalized as Pearce House, a supportive housing unit for seniors with disabilities was dedicated.

The name of the site with eight totally accessible apartments honors Wilmingtonian Linda Pearce, founding director and former CEO of Elderhaus Inc. For decades that non-profit has provided daycare, multiple services and resources for area seniors.

"I am proud and humbled," Pearce said. "Seniors are the one group of people I love the most."

The honoree stated special delight because of asite address on Virgie Rhodes Lane, the name memorialized for work and positive efforts by deceased Jervay Homes (Project) manager.

Katrina Redmond, President of Housing and Economic Opportunities, Inc. thanked Pearce for the vision and idea of new supportive housing that required long term commitment and hard work by her board and office staff.

"There were countless cheers in the hallway," Redmond said of days when good milestones were reached. "There

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February 10, 2017 (6:00pm at the Hilton Riverside - tickets available online at www.lincnc.org). Mr. Hinton's story serves as a reminder of the importance of community support for people whose lives have been impacted by incarceration. The community can help people get back on their feet and offer guidance, support, and resources to formerly incarcerated people who often feel shut out from employment.

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our hard earned money. I remember Blacks' having to sit in separate waiting rooms from Whites, even in doctors' offices. I remember having to wait for White people to be served before Blacks, regardless of the order in which we arrived. These are just a few of the racially biased social injustices against people. We were forced to face the fact that our only crime was the color of our skin. I think of people who worked hard to make a living for themselves and their families. They didn't preach hatred against White race but taught the love of Jesus Christ and their fellowman and nonviolence as a means for of achieving peace and justice for all.

Dr. King's birthday celebration is a reminder of nonviolence and prayer. The prayers of the righteous will change things. God can do anything but fail. Black History Month

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Davis declared the demonstration to be a part of American history.

"At this very challenging moment in our history, let us remind ourselves that we, the hundreds of thousands, the millions of women, trans people, men and youth who are here at the women's march, we represent the powerful forces of change that are determined to prevent the dying cultures of racism, heteropatriarchy from rising again," Davis said.

Despite the march being geared towards the rights of woman, Davis left the mark of Black people on the hearts of the crowd when she addressed the roots of the nation.

"The freedom struggles of Black people that have shaped the very nature of this country's history cannot be deleted with a sweep of a hand," Davis said. "We cannot be made to forget that Black lives do matter."

Amongst the sisters were men who were present in the name of their sisters, mothers, wives, girlfriends and women alike. One of those men was CNN commentator Van Jones.

"With every breakdown, a breakthrough is possible, and today, because of you, something beautiful is being reborn in America," Jones said. "Some-thing beautiful is being reborn right here, and right now."

For some women, it was refreshing to see men standing in solidarity with the people who society deems to be less than compared to them.

"To see men fighting the good fight alongside us is humbling," Alyssa B. of Philadel-

housing, and community.

LINC, Inc. is a local non-profit organization in Wilmington that provides residential and therapeutic services to men and women returning to community after being incarcerated. The organization also houses the LITE Manhood program which provides culturally specific youth development services to young Black men (ages 16-24) to make positive life choices and be productive members of society. Established by Executive Director, Frankie Roberts, seventeen years ago, LINC, Inc., has served more than 1200 men and women, 92% of whom have remained out of prison.

The 3rd Annual Milestones Dinner is a time to celebrate the achievements of LINC participants and show community support for the organization in its programming to promote public safety. Mr. Hinton will share his inspiring story of survival, hope, and joy; to honor the work LINC, Inc. does in this community, and to encourage continued community support.

The Milestones Dinner will be at the Hilton Riverside, Friday, February 10, 2017, reception 6 pm and 7 pm dinner. Sponsorship and ticket information are available at www.lincnc.org or call 910 332 1132.

Kimberly Cook, PhD is a Professor and Restorative Justice Practitioner in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

let's us know that the hearts of all White people are not the same. We have made great strides in our past. A careful look at our Black history that shows progress we have made and exemplifies the great minds we have, even though there have been many stumbling blocks placed in our way Black History Month has opened this to the nation so that the nation, if we will open our eyes, can see it.

We must never stop celebrating, and the celebrations need to be bigger and better! We are somebody and we can compete with the best. These to celebrations started our progress upward. We must use the celebrations to show our youth from where we came and how we got here and the dream of going further ahead.

Without vision we will lose, but, with Dr. King's vision and our foreparents' prayers, we can go higher. There is no limit!!

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

phia said. "It gives us hope and a sense of us not having to do it alone. It's the definition of humanity."

Though the D.C. women could not march to the White House as planned, President Trump still got the message. He tweeted the next day, "Watched protests yesterday but was under the impression that we just had an election! Why didn't these people vote? Celebs hurt cause badly."

Actually, there were few celebrities spotted in the crowd of marchers, except entertainers on the stage. As protesters gathered from cities across the nation, one D.C. native took to the stage to demand one thing from government on behalf of women.

"The best thing the federal government can do for us is to leave us alone," Mayor Muriel Bowser said in the closing remarks of her speech.

R&B singer Maxwell serenaded the crowd with his hit single "This Woman's Work," dedicating it to the late Sandra Bland, who was found hanging in July 2015 in a Waller County, Texas jail cell three days after a contentious arrest that started with a stop for an alleged traffic signal violation. Authorities ruled her death a suicide, but

the family disputed that claim. Her family was awarded a settlement of \$1.9 million in the case.

Black women who joined in the march said the need for solidarity between women activists at the point in history is clear.

"Black women benefit when a women's rights agenda - equal pay, affordable child care and health care, and access to education, among other things - is embraced," said columnist and economist Dr. Julianne Malveaux, former president of Bennett College for Women. "It was refreshing to see so many White people carrying Black Lives Matter signs."

While the Woman's March on Washington is over, the fight for women's rights, human rights and religious rights continues. And while fear keeps some from standing on the front lines, singer Janelle Monae urges protesters to keep choosing to fight for freedom.

"Continue to embrace the things that make you unique even if it makes others uncomfortable," Monae said. "You are enough, and whenever you feel in doubt, whenever you want to give up, you must always remember to choose freedom over fear."

The NAACP's Brock concluded in her remarks, "We must [also] fight to ensure that the rights gained by women, minorities, the LGBTQ community and immigrants are not destroyed by an administration who seems determined to take this nation back to a place where we are a house

divided against ourselves ... My sisters, I ask you today as we face the rising sun of a new day begun, let us boldly declare to this administration and this nation that we will organize. We will fight, and we will march on until victory is won because courage will not skip this generation."



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**ANTI-TRUMP GRAFFITI HITS NC MOUNTAIN TOWN**

[BOONE] Just as the 45th president of the United States took over last weekend, the small town of Boone in the North Carolina mountains was hit with a wave of anti-Donald Trump graffiti on businesses and various other locations. According to Boone Police, there were profane statements



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about the Republican president spray painted on various locations, even on a Boone police car. There were also other messages, like "Black Lives Matter." Police are investigating.

**HALIFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE IMPROVING, OFFICIALS SAY**

[HALIFAX] One of the poorest low-performing school systems in the state has seen some dramatic improvement, according to state officials. According to the most recent

release of School Performance Grades, Halifax County schools are no longer classified as "low performing," given that only four of the district's ten schools meet that moniker (half would have to be failing to earn the destination). Halifax has moved from dead last of 115 school systems across the state, to now 112th. Thanks to a ballot measure passed last year, the school district will also have upwards of \$2 million extra to spend, thanks to a supplemental tax. Voters had failed to pass the measure twice before.

**MCCRORY TRIED TO GIVE HIS CABINET BONUSES, BUT COOPER BLOCKED THEM**

[RALEIGH] As a parting gift to all of his Cabinet secretaries, former Gov. Pat McCrory requested that they all get bonuses as they left state government, totaling a reported \$166,000. Problem was because Cabinet secretaries are normally paid higher salaries than the average state worker, they don't receive bonuses, according to state law. When Gov. Cooper's administration found out

about the bonus request, it was stopped immediately. Ford Porter called the bonuses "irregular payments."

**THOUSANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA JOIN MILLIONS ACROSS THE WORLD FOR MARCH AGAINST TRUMP**

[RALEIGH] Thousands of women and their supporters across North Carolina joined with millions of demonstrators in Washington, DC, New York, and even in Paris, France, who took to the

streets in over 600 cities worldwide January 21st to protest the inauguration of Pres. Donald Trump the day before. In Raleigh, Wilmington, Greensboro, Durham and elsewhere, protesters vowed to oppose the policies of the new Republican president as warranted. Activists say they hope to turn their demonstration into tangible action at the polls for the midterm elections in 2018.

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were countless tears in the hallway when things didn't go right."

According to City Councilman Paul Lawler, the importance of the project's completion links to local housing needs.

"A lot of people who work

here can't afford to live here," he said.

Lawler emphasized that four key issues are supported through the availability of Pearce House.

Affordable housing, residences designed for the disabled, safe units that allow seniors to "age in place," for a lifetime, and the addition of an attractive facility on a major thoroughfare are most beneficial

for Wilmington, the city councilman said.

City Manager Sterling Cheatham, Greensboro HUD (Housing and Urban Development) officials, Pearce's extended family, congregants from Mount Olive African Methodist Church, and friends also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and toured the interiors.

"This is a wonderful facility

that's actually named after someone who has worked in the community, especially with our seniors who needed services never introduced before," said Dorothy Deshields, retired New Hanover County Schools Administrator.

HUD aided the project with \$1.26 million for rental assistance. The facility offers intercom entry, community laundry room for residents, solar sky

lighting, and Green Certification.

"This place is really wonderful, and something the city really needs," said George Hill, church member from the nearby Mount Olive AME. "There may come a day when I need a place like this."

Elderhaus Group (Pace) will determine referrals for Pearce House residences. In an effort

to address and eliminate community needs, the State Employees Credit Union Foundation provided major funding through a zero percent interest loan.

The North Carolina Finance Agency, Elderhaus Inc., the City of Wilmington, and Housing and Economic Opportunities Inc. also provided funding.

**President Trump assures unified America as protests abound**  
*Civil rights leaders maintain wait and see posture*

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY  
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - President Donald J. Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States Jan. 20, during a peaceful exchange of powers with America's first Black President Barack Obama. Trump assured a unified America despite never apologizing for leading one of the most hate-filled campaigns in recent history.

"We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and to restore its promise for all of our people. Together, we will determine the course of America and the world for years to come," Trump told the crowd. The Bible tells us, 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.' We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements

honestly, but always pursue solidarity. When America is united, America is totally unstoppable."

The speech was met with applause and chants of "Trump! Trump! Trump!" by the vastly White audience - a reversal from the two inaugurations of eight and four years ago, when throngs of Black people packed in to witness the historic inaugurations of President Obama. The Trump inauguration, though well attended with crowds stretching from the steps of the U. S. Capitol back to the Washington Monument, did not draw as many people as the Obama inauguration, based on close observations of the crowd by this reporter and Black press photographers who attended all three ceremonies.

More than 50 Democratic members of Congress decided to skip the inauguration; including Black Caucus members U. S. Reps. John Lewis (D-Ga.) and Barbara Lee (D-Calif.). Lewis con-

tends he does not see Trump as a legitimate president given the involvement of Russian email hacking in order to help him get elected, according to confirmation by intelligence agencies. Lee and others refused to attend because of protest for Trump's vitriolic conduct during the election.

Still President Obama had promised a "peaceful exchange of powers", a tenet of American democracy. Presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush, were also in attendance with their wives. Former First Lady, Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton who battled Trump vigorously to win the presidency, smiled a lot and appeared stately during the procession and ceremony.

"Every four years, we gather on these steps to carry out the orderly and peaceful transfer of power, and we are grateful to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their gracious aid throughout this transition. They have been magnificent," Trump said. He repeated promised to "make America first" in his proposed national and international policies, legislations and executive orders. He also promised to uplift "inner cities", a well-known euphemism for the Black community.

"Americans want great schools for their children, safe neighborhoods for their families, and good jobs for themselves. These are the just and reasonable demands of a righteous public," Trump said. "But for too many of our citizens, a different reality exists: Mothers and children trapped in poverty in our inner cities;



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**PEACEFUL EXCHANGE OF POWER TAKES PLACE AS TRUMP PREPARES TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE BY SHAKING OBAMA'S HAND.**

rusted-out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our nation; an education system, flush with cash, but which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of knowledge; and the crime and gangs and drugs that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential. This American carnage stops right here and stops right now. We are one nation - and their pain is our pain. Their dreams are our dreams; and their success will be our success. We share one heart, one home, and one glorious destiny."

Trump's words are lofty, but his actions have not matched what he has said. So far, he has nominated an all-White cabinet; except Dr. Ben Carson who will head the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He has also appointed former White supremacist advocate Steve

Bannon as a top advisor and nominated former Klan sympathizer Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general. He has appointed Omarosa Manigault to assist him with public liaison, but it remains to be seen what will come from a meeting she and other aids had with Black organizational representatives.

Meanwhile on Saturday, the day after the inauguration, more than a million women packed the streets of Washington and other major cities around the U. S. making demands on a string of key issues important to women, Blacks and other minorities. Civil rights leaders have taken a wait and see posture while putting pressure on the Trump administration through protest.

Led by Rev. Al Sharpton, they started that pressure during a march one week before the inauguration. On Inauguration Day, National League

President/CEO Marc Morial emailed a statement essentially promising to continue marching to correct social ills that were prevalent 50 years ago.

"My own predecessor as head of the National Urban League, the legendary Whitney M. Young, was one of the organizers of that march and delivered his own stirring speech that day. He spoke of the need for Black Americans to do "some more marching:" ...from dangerous ghettos to safe, unrestricted neighborhoods...from poverty wages to skilled, family-sustaining jobs...from the cemeteries of early graves to health centers from overcrowded, inadequate classrooms to fully-equipped, professionally staffed and integrated schools," wrote Morial. "And there we were, marching for those same things a half-century later, marching under the motto, "We shall not be moved."

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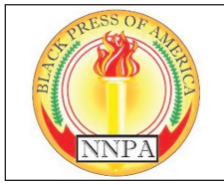
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### What's next for the economy?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The economic philosophies of Democrats and Republicans are drastically different. While neither party is interested in dismantling the predatory capitalism that extracts surplus value from workers, Republicans are more interested in reinforcing predatory capitalism and "free markets", while Democrats are more interested in ameliorating the effects of predatory capitalism and regulating markets in ways that produce somewhat more equitable results than so-called free markets.

Democrats are more likely to protect and support workers, while Republicans are more likely to oppress them. Thus, many Democrats have advocated for an increased minimum wage, while Republicans have opposed it. There are generalizations here. Conservative Democrats are likely to be supportive of Republican "free market" rhetoric.

Once upon a time there were liberal Republicans (I think they are now extinct) that would side with Democrats on some issues.

We can expect Republicans in the House and Senate to eliminate regulations, lower taxes, and support the "business climate". The stock market, which was predicted to lose momentum in case of a Trump election, has actually gained. Is this sustainable? Economist and former Harvard President Lawrence Summers, acknowledges that the Republican approach to the economy might "drive major increases in investment and hiring, setting off a virtuous circle of economic growth and rising confidence." But he says the Trump administration will face enough challenges that we should "hope for the best and plan for the worst".

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted world economic growth at 3.4 percent, with US growth at about 2 percent, and far more robust growth in China and India, where growth is likely to exceed 6 percent. But the IMF cautions that restrictions on global trade will also constrain global growth. In both the UK and the United States, there has been resistance to globalization, and an eagerness to renegotiate trade treaties.

Who will benefit from this increased growth? Certainly not the folks at the bottom. Indeed one might attribute the Trump Electoral College victory to the fact that macroeconomic growth indicators have not quite trickled down. The heavily pro-business Republican leadership is counting on the trickle down to create jobs for the 99 percent. They can't force capitalists to use the proceeds from their tax cuts to create jobs. Indeed, when banks were bailed out, they held onto the money that politicians hoped they would loan to small businesses to stimulate growth and economic expansion.

African Americans with moderate incomes (the average African American family income is about \$35,000), others who a similarly situated, lower-income people, and the economically vulnerable are not likely to gain in the "new economy". Businesses, however, are likely to do very well. Is America made "great again" if economic vulnerability increases? I think not!

There is likely to be tension between the Trump Administration and the Federal Reserve. How quickly will the interest rate be increased, and what impact will it have on the "average" American. Millennials who have been saving to purchase a home (those who have paid off their student loans) will need to save even more (as much as \$30,000 for each percentage point increase in the interest rate) to accumulate a down payment. And Ben Carson, who is likely to be Secretary of HUD, is not likely to do anything to make their quest for homeownership any easier.

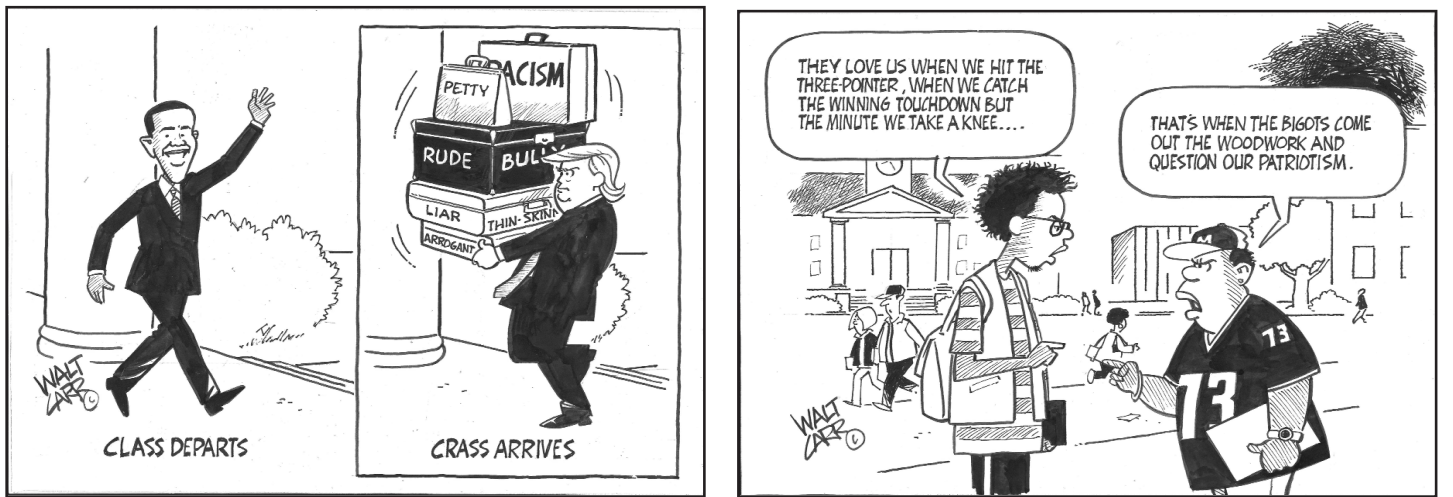
President Obama was able to stabilize the economy. The unemployment rate is below 5 percent (although labor force participation is lower than it should be), growth has been stable, and the stock market has been strong. The benefits of this strong economy were not evenly distributed, though. It is even less likely that the benefits of the growth that the IMF predicts will be evenly distributed. Markets don't distribute benefits fairly. Political will is a factor in fair and even distribution.

We know that Republican "free market" economic philosophies suggest that there is no political will for fairness. We will experience macroeconomic ecstasy and microeconomic angst, with economic indicators looking strong, and individual experiences looking far more troubled.

What's next for the economy? The one percent will benefit, and the rest of us will experience increased vulnerability. As Summers says, "hope for the best, plan for the worst".

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## Visual Voice



## Your Voice

### "What We Blacks Need To Do"

All of us who dare to call ourselves Christians and try to practice a modicum of the teachings of GOD must

develop an action plan. This 2017 televised revolution leaves us on the outside looking in. We have the power to make the pendulum swing back in the 2018 mid-term elections. We must begin planning now by becoming

actively involved in all non-violent protest and educating ourselves, family, friends and our children. We have a choice to follow a wise, loving, fearless, faithful servant like Daniel who got on his knees in front of his open

window and prayed three times a day or Donald Trump who tweets a big "lie" three times a day. But as for me, my wife and son, we will follow Daniel!!!  
James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

## Matters of Opinion

### CASH IN THE APPLE

### Spectacle

So here we are, the first full week of the Trump Administration, and judging what has happened thus far, you have to ask yourself exactly what the next four years are going to look like.

If you've been paying attention, it seems that our new president still wants us to believe what he (or his surrogates) tell us, as opposed to using our own eyes and common sense. The day sky is green, not Carolina blue in Trump world, and those of us who work in the press are the most wicked human beings imaginable, because we dare to try to hold him accountable now that he is president of the United States.

Never mind decorum, decency or truth. We now live in a world where the most powerful man on the planet believes that he has been pre-ordained to RULE, not gov-

ern. The question is what are we going to do about it? After all, the US Constitution does begin with "We the people," not "Me the president."

Fortunately an estimated 4 million people (predominately female) across the world, with at least half that many in this country, marched and rallied last Saturday to send a clear message that they are awake, and have every intention of opposing Pres. Trump on every issue they deem destructive to their rights.

To call what we all saw Saturday in cities like Washington, DC, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and yes, even Raleigh and New York, "awesome" is literally an understatement. The energy and vision surrounding those massive gatherings sent a clear message that folks are ready to fight for their country, and refuse to bow down to the new dictator in town.

The people know that hell is coming. They know that compromise is not a word in the lexicon of either the Trump Administration or the Republican-led Congress, so

the people are bracing themselves for the most draconian rules and laws ever witnessed. So instead of "giving Trump a chance," which is a thinly-covered invitation to lower your guard if I've ever heard one, the people wasted no time in peacefully, yet forcefully, sending a message that they are on point, and will be heard from when necessary.

Based on what Trump has done since he took office virtually a week ago, it looks like necessary...is now.

Thus far, Trump has signed an executive order weakening the Affordable Care Act, in spite of the fact that there are 20 million Americans who are in dire need of quality health insurance. Those people with FHA loans now have to pay \$500 more annually in the mortgages because Trump signed another order eliminating an important benefit for home owners.

And he's frozen hiring of federal workers, except the military, only because he said he would.

All of the above is a stated

attempt to erase the last vestiges of Pres. Obama's eight-year tenure in office, as if he never existed. How ironic...after claiming for five years that Barack Obama was never born in the United States, Trump is now working hard to prove that President Barack Obama never even existed.

Problem for Trump is Pres. Obama DID exist, and has proven to be a better, if not greater commander-in-chief than Donald Trump can ever hope to be.

That is something we will never forget!

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.

## Congressman John Robert Lewis, 'An American Hero'

John Lewis has spent every waking minute of his days on this earth, "Walking with the Wind." Deep appreciation should be given to Mr. Michael D'Orso for his excellent literary account for the life of John Lewis. Thanks to Mr. Lewis every American has benefited from his tireless efforts to recognize, understand and change the course of humanity in the United States. Recently, the National Museum of African American History and Culture opened in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately Mickey Leland (Democrat - Texas) was killed in a plane crash on August 7, 1989 while on a goodwill mission to Ethiopia. Mr. Lewis stepped up to the plate in 1988 to reintroduce the bill to congress and continue Leland's efforts to develop and build the National Museum. At the foot of the Washington Monument are the results of tireless legislative labor, spearheaded by Mr. John Lewis. His parents, father, (Shorty) and mother, (Sugarfoot) affectionately known to each other by these names had John Robert Lewis on February 21, 1940.

While growing up in Pike County, Alabama John usually referred to his mom as Mrs. Lewis and she instilled

the spirit of church and faith in his heart at an early age. John learned about Alabama's series of racial mores and passions by listening to grown folks talking when he was in an ear shot of them. However, if we back-track and peer into the life of Congressman Lewis from Georgia, our time would be well rewarded by learning about and recognizing the trials and toils of the many razor sharp battles he faced throughout life.

Starting from when he was a little boy he was assigned the responsibility to learn and to be the caretaker for the henhouse full of chickens owned by his family. He performed this task, his first job, with due diligence and pride. From 1947-1963 various cities in Alabama were less than wholesome to young African American males. During that same period of time Alabama had encountered frequent bombings to churches, homes, and civic locations for African Americans. Mrs. Lewis, John's mother, did not want her son into any kind of trouble for any reason. However, at an early age he expressed his feelings of disdain and dislike for picking cotton. Hence he surmised his thoughts and shared his feelings with his parents. John felt that being a tenant farmer was not a profitable means for living. At an early age he began to recognize the lines between blacks and whites. Even during John's Junior High and into High School days, freedom, equali-

ty and democracy became his life's story. He created his first attempt at "good trouble" by gathering signatures for a petition to the Pike County Public Library which per the county's Jim Crow practices did not make the library available to African Americans. At an early age he was influenced by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the age of 17, he attended American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee for religious studies, because Troy University did not respond to his admission package at that time. He worked diligently with social justice issues while in college. His efforts led to him being arrested and jailed numerous times. He later became the chairman of the Student Nonviolent Committee which protested the Jim Crow ways of the South.

This leadership experience afforded John relationships and encounters amongst other young promising civil rights leaders such as James Lawson, Julian Bond, Roy Wilkins, Malcolm X., Phillip A. Randolph, Glenn Smiley, James Farmer, Stokely Carmichael, Fred Shuttlesworth, Medgar Evers, Whitney Young, Jackie Robinson, Ralph Abernathy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. John Lewis and all these fore mentioned Civil Rights Leaders made every attempt to correct the systematically subservient repressive segregation faced by African Americans. It has been said that if a white man

saw two black men, one reading a book and the other man sleeping, which one would he be more inclined to disturb? The man that was reading a book would be the man that would be disturbed because he's the man which they're more worried about. These promising and learned Civil Rights Leaders were readers and thinkers.

John was instrumental in combating the horrors of Jim Crow and supporting the Freedom Riders in spirit and in practices. When in 1961 the Greyhound bus, carrying a number of Freedom Riders was bombed and went into flames in Anniston, Alabama, John Lewis was emotionally moved. He had realized before this incident and even more so now, as a result of this incident that he would never surrender in the face of brute force. He believed in "satyagraha" meaning holding on to the truth. He was able to adhere to Dr. King's principals and taught other students through the nonviolent movement that if a policeman were to hit him, he would refrain and not strike back. He answered every aversive action with a nonviolent reaction. He believed in loving the meanness out of an enemy.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1989 a very contingency turbulent campaign took place between him and Julian Bond, which resulted in John

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EXCLUSIVE

Billionaire Bob Johnson calls for independent Black political party in exclusive interview with Blackonomics

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

One of the post-election highlights for me was the meeting between Donald Trump and Bob Johnson. Billionaire to billionaire, Democrat to Republican, Black to White, businessman to businessman, capitalist to capitalist, meeting on a relatively even playing field to discuss some of the "what now issues" was intriguing to say the least. After the meeting, Mr. Johnson wrote a press release and did several interviews to disclose the particulars of that meeting.

James Clingman

While the press summed up Johnson's comments in one sentence, "Let's give Trump a shot," there was much more to it than that. I know that because Mr. Johnson graciously agreed to allow me to interview him as well. And during our nearly one-hour conversation he spoke openly about his political position vis-à-vis the election of Donald Trump, and his thoughts, recommendations, and reflections on a Black strategy moving forward. The following are excerpts from that interview:

**Jim:** Discuss our participation in local and national elections.

**Bob:** I think when we talk about where Black American voters; and therefore Black Americans are today, we have to look at it in terms of the politics of a divided nation; we have become stagnant. You have two parties, Republican and Democrat, who get re-elected each year in terms of congressional districts because of the way district lines are drawn, where both parties have safe districts, so there's no likelihood of being defeated in most cases. And therefore issues become rigid in their positions. Little has changed in Senate seats but pretty much the same where you are going to have some years where the Democrats control the House and or the Senate, some years where the republicans control the house and or the senate. So it doesn't change very much in terms of the attitude. And if you look at the polls, they show a divided nation, and there's no such thing as term limits. So this kind of rigid stagnation stays pretty much in place.

**Jim:** That's right.

**Bob:** Then you lay on the other issue that the demographics of the nation are changing where 20 to 30 years ago African-Americans were the dominant minority group. Now as you go into 2020 Hispanics outnumber Black people, and they are scattered throughout the various states and also divided by cultural ethnicity based on their place of origin. So Mexicans are not the same as people from central and South America, Puerto Ricans aren't the same as Cubans. And so you have this dichotomy of populations in the largest minority population that allows them the flexibility based on their cultural attitudes and origin to vote across Party lines. They will vote Democrat in some states. They will vote Republican in some states. But it's not a homogeneous vote, one way or the other. And then you look at us. We are a block vote; we vote 95 percent one way.

**Jim:** Right, that's part of reason that we are ignored or taken for granted by both parties.

**Bob:** For a while we supported Republicans because of the role they played all the way back to the civil war and probably up to Richard Nixon we were a block in the Republican Party. That started to change with John F. Kennedy where we began to move closer to the

Democratic Party, and since that time we pretty much have become locked-in as an appendage of the Democratic Party. The long term problem with that is in a divided nation, where you are locked into one party in a two-party system, and you face a rising minority class that divides its vote across party lines, you ultimately will become marginalized in your voting power.

**So the Black vote is going to be locked into the Democratic vote and therefore ignored by the Republicans; their argument is, 'We can't get them anyway so why try to contest for them, in fact ignore them or even actively oppose them.'**

**Jim:** So true and so simple. It's amazing that more Black people don't see our political situation for what it really is.

**Bob:** Where the Democrats, on the other hand, see your vote locked in to these perpetual blue states and their argument is we don't need to do anything about or for this voting segment; we got it, and we can treat it somewhat paternalistically or with patronage, but we don't have to make any major promises to appeal to Black voters because we got them, where else are they going to go. And the result of that is we become marginalized.

**Jim:** Just where we are right now as the transition begins.

**Bob:** Yes, we are marginalized in our power, and as other minority groups increase, that marginalization becomes more significant. And so I'm taking the position that the election of Donald Trump basically created what I called a seismic shift in the political situation in the U.S., that we take stock now and see how we can redefine our role in this divided nation, and I say it's time that we return to the Congressional Black Caucus' founding principle when those 13 members came together back in 1971: Enshrined in a philosophy and ideology by William Clay of Missouri, "Black people should have no permanent friends no permanent enemies, just permanent interests."

And my position today is that we should begin to focus on our permanent interests and under that [the] rational you talk to Trump, you talk to the Democrats, but you talk to them from a vantage point of I'm not your not friend I'm not your enemy. I'm talking to you about my permanent interests and I will then vote and engage you accordingly. That is the essence of why I am where I am today.

**Jim:** I call it leveraging our voters and our dollars politically to maximize the effect they have in the political process. So I heard you say in one of your speeches once that we need to engage power and we need to present our own agenda and that's again something I also believe, but lay out for me how you see us presenting our own agenda and engaging power.

**Bob:** Well that's the first step to presenting your own agenda Jim, and you're right, you have to first recognize intellectually that you have the power to do so. You can't confront power if you do not believe that you have a countervailing power to react or balance that behavior between two opposing power sources. You got to first believe that. So it starts with this. It starts with taking the position that we have the ability to effect the outcome of elections. One obvious way is to concentrate on maximizing your voter turnout, which is critical in a democracy. There's only two ways to change power in any country, either you do it through ballots or do it through bullets. Well we aren't going to do it through bullets in this country.

**Jim:** Right

**Bob:** So we are going to have to do it through the ballot by

maximizing our voting power and our education about what issues to vote for whether they are state, local, or national. So that's number one, you have to recognize you have the power through your ballots based on your voter turnout. The second thing you have to do is what we have historically done which is vote as a bloc. In order to allow that voting bloc to be strong and meaningful, you can't just have a voting bloc without knowing what to vote on or who to vote for. I think it's time that we manifest that voting power by nominating and running our own candidates. And you, Jim, you and I are about the same age, you remember this when, when people, when organizations, political organizations, would run something called "Favorite Son"?

**Jim:** Right, yeah I do remember that.

**Bob:** We need to think about this in all elections - primaries and generals. We should run our favorite sons, since we vote as a bloc anyway. Jessie Jackson did this when he ran at the Democratic convention in the Democratic Party. We should run a favorite son in the primary and we don't have to run nationwide. We don't have to file a candidate in Utah. We don't have a file a candidate in Maine. But we do need to file a candidate, a favorite son candidate in the states where we have significant voting power.

**Jim:** There is power in numbers, and the two things that mean anything in politics are dollars and votes. And we have a lot of both.

**Bob:** So you run that candidate in those states and you get enough votes in the primary to be part of the discussion. If you want to run in the Democratic primary, you run in the Democratic primary. If you want to run in the Republican primary, you run in a Republican primary but you run as a favorite son party and you have a discussion or dialog there, where you're not going to win in the two dominant parties, you already know that, so what do you do? You run again in the general in those same states.

Under that scenario it's even likely that no one gets the requisite votes to give them the Electoral College, if you still have the Electoral College. Under that scenario it throws it into the House of Representatives. Whatever party has the majority, they will vote according to their party loyalty, but we will have demonstrated that our power is going to be used to cause a change in the way presidents are elected. And pretty soon both parties will get the message.

**Jim:** Right. We must find ways to impact the process and then leverage that impact for our own benefit.

**Bob:** That's what we need to do. I can make an intellectual case that Black Americans ought to form a party. And since I'm into the branding world I'll just name the party. Just call it the "Permanent Interest Party."

**Jim:** Ha, ha, Okay. Bill Clay would be proud.

**Bob:** Let's form the Permanent Interest Party and that party will represent Black voters and that's the way we engage this divided nation because White America is divided. On one side you have people who call themselves Republicans and on the other side you have the Democrats. But they are predominately the White ruling class in America. And they are divided.

**Jim:** That's right; sounds like flipping the script to me, since we have been so divided in nearly every way except politics.

**Bob:** You're right; we are certainly not divided in politics. We are locked into that one group, but we don't have to be in that one group.

**Jim:** Should we have an

independent Black political party? I believe that as well.

**Bob:** Whites have more wealth than we do. They have more housing ownership than we do. They are employed at greater levels than we are, and educated at greater levels than we are. So we are divided already. The only thing that we aren't divided against is our ability to vote. So we have to take the one asset we have that we know that we can manipulate and control with our own interests is that to vote. But a vote without a direct ideology or philosophy is not going to be magnified at its highest level of impact.

**Jim:** Let me ask you this, based upon everything you said, can I assume you believe Black people should register as "no party affiliated" as we move forward to develop an independent party.

**Bob:** Yes. I believe for Black Americans to remain in one or the other party group is not in our long term best interests...I believe, whether it happens in my lifetime or whether it happens after that, at some point Black Americans will come to the realization that at 45 million people and growing, in a divided country, and rising populations in other minority groups greater than us in voter power and probably economics, we must form our own political power base for the sole purpose of promoting our permanent interest...That's a very important move I believe Black people should make.

**Jim:** Ok, let's shift a little bit to economics. You are a business man. I know that's high on your agenda and do you believe that when it's all said and done, economics really controls politics?

**Bob:** We are and have been founded as a free market democratic society. Ownership is a paramount right in the United States. And from ownership comes the right to use your wealth in any way you wish. And from that comes economic power. And economic power manifests itself in political power because campaigns run on money. They run on ideas but they run on money to get those ideas conveyed.

And the Supreme Court institutionalized that when they allowed for wealthy individuals via Super PACs to give as much money as they want. So yes, economic power impacts political power in this society. And therefore Black Americans once they become politically united in terms of looking out for their own permanent interests I think from that will flow the use of their economic power to enhance their political power. Right now Black Americans, I know, I happen to be one of them, and I give all of my money to the Democratic Party. And over the years I have given millions of dollars to that party. If there were a viable Black political party that was focused on the ideology and the philosophy and the permanent issues and needs of African Americans, I would more likely than not turn that same amount of money over to that political party.

**Jim:** Wow!

**Bob:** Black Americans have tremendous aggregate income, around \$1.2 trillion now, and in that power, in that wealth there's more than enough money to fund a political party, particularly a political party that's already united in its interest and therefore already more than likely to vote as a bloc. You don't have to convince us to vote as a bloc, we do it anyway.

**Jim:** That's right; we certainly have been practicing that for decades.

**Bob:** So when you look at that and how this nation works, if ownership and access to wealth and the right to do with it as you please, then that also translates into your right to use it for your own political interests and your own political well being and

CHILDWATCH

Scott's story: Lessons children teach adults

A number of years ago, I heard a deeply moving story at a Children's Miracle Network event, a charity that raises money in partnership



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wrenching story of a father and son with the audience and agreed to let me share it with others after I requested a copy.

According to the speaker, the father began his story with a question: "Everything God does is done to perfection. Yet, my son Scott cannot learn things the way other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is God's plan reflected in my son?" He continued, "I believe that when God brings a child like Scott into the world, an opportunity to realize the divine plan presents itself. And it comes in the way people treat that child." He then shared this experience:

"Scott and I were walking past a park where some boys were playing baseball and Scott asked, 'Do you think they will let me play?' I knew most boys would not want Scott on their team. But I understood that if he was allowed to play it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging.

"I approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Scott could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his teammates. Getting none, the boy said, 'We are losing by six runs, and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning.'

"In the bottom of the eighth inning, Scott's team scored a few runs but was still behind three. At the top of the ninth inning, Scott put on a glove and played outfield. Although no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be on the field, grinning from ear to ear as I waved to him from the stands.

"In the bottom of the ninth inning, Scott's team scored again. With two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base. Scott was scheduled to be next at bat. Would the team actually let Scott bat, and give away their chance to win the game?"

"Scott was given the bat. Everyone knew a hit was all but impossible because Scott didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less hit the ball. Scott stepped up to the

your own socioeconomic well-being. So, yes, those things would follow. Black Economic power strengthens our political power, and political power would help enhance Black economic power.

**Jim:** Excellent, excellent. Your assessment reminds me of something David Walker said way back in the early 1800's about how he couldn't understand how we would act so diametrically in opposition to our own interest and you just shared it in that sentiment. Nobody has to convince us to come out as a bloc for others, so why not in our own best interests.

**Bob:** I think you are absolutely right. I mean we could take some ideas from the Democratic Party and some from the Republican Party. But they would be our issues and we would be voting for our interests and our candidates to espouse those issues and promote those issues. We don't have a monopoly on the best ideas; neither does either party. So clearly we could argue things that are in our best interest and vote accordingly and use our vote as a balance of power in a divided

plate, the pitcher moved a few steps to lobe the ball softly so Scott could have a chance to make contact. The first pitch came and Scott swung clumsily and missed.

"The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Scott. As the pitch came in, Scott swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball to the pitcher. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could easily have thrown the ball to the first baseman to end the game.

"Instead the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc to right field, far beyond the first baseman. Everyone started yelling, 'Scott, run to first. Run to first.' Never in his life had Scott ever made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled.

"Everyone yelled, 'Run to second. Run to second!' The right fielder had the ball and easily could have thrown the ball to second base for a tag. But he understood the pitcher's intention, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Scott ran towards second base and the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases towards home.

"As Scott reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base, and shouted, 'Run to third!' As Scott rounded third, the boys from both teams were screaming, 'Scott! Run home!'

"Scott ran home, stepped on home plate and was cheered as the hero, for hitting a 'grand slam' and winning the game for his team.

"That day," said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of the divine plan into the world."

If the actions of the boys on both teams were part of God's divine plan for the world, as Scott's father and I believe, we should all follow their example in high places and low places - honoring the sanctity of every child and human person. Not only must every adult respect the dignity of every human person regardless of disability, race, gender, income or religion, they must teach children by their example whether presidents or preachers or parents or teachers that every human being is of equal value.

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nation to focus on our interests. It's as simple as that.

**Jim:** I'm constantly amazed that all of the, like you said, dollars we have as well as the organizations we have with so many members. Yet we're not adopting and we have not adopted the principles that you have espoused. But that speaks to me something Harold Cruse called "Non-economic liberalism."

We're so stuck in this non-economic piece. We don't get our economics right in order to make a meaningful foray into the political arena, and that's the direction our people really need to go.

**Bob:** Yeah, that's the thing. Robert Louis "Bob" Johnson is an entrepreneur, philanthropist and investor. He is best known as founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), which was sold to Viacom in 2001.

James Clingman is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His latest book, "Black Dollars Matter! Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense," is available on his website, [Blackonomics.com](http://Blackonomics.com).

*Derrick C. Jones is a Wilmingtonian and has developed an interactive program titled "A History of the Negro Leagues Baseball Era and Players."*

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Lewis being elected as an

United States Congressman from Georgia. He has proven to be a very respected and honorable political leader.

John Lewis has always stood for the truth through-

out his walk in life. His "Walk with the Wind" has shaped our society and continues to shape this country. The reality of the museum is just one of the many tangible

initiatives which we can recognize as an endearing account of his efforts. Now, when the wind blows, we can see and hear his "Spirit for History." If the wind is blow-

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## 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 nhnaacp@gmail.com.

The New Hanover County Council of PTAs, in conjunction with Coastal Horizons and the Cape Fear Coalition, will be presenting "Mixed Messages," an interactive parent forum on substance abuse trends in our community combined with preventive tips for tweens, teens and families. The New Hanover County Council of PTAs will hold this event on Wednesday, February 8th, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Education Center located at 1805 S. 13th Street. For more information, contact the Council at nhcptacouncil@aol.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.

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## Castle Hayne Elementary receives NC Beautiful Grant

Castle Hayne Elementary School has been awarded a Windows of Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$896 from NC Beautiful. The grant will fund an outdoor sundial to be installed near the school's garden. NC Beautiful Executive Director Steve Vacendak presented the check to Castle Hayne Elementary School's Art Teacher Peggy Cleary today.

NC Beautiful is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering environmental

education. Since 1999, NC Beautiful has provided K-12 teachers across North Carolina with resources to develop educational programs that enhance and support the Common Core & Essentials Standards. Through the Windows of Opportunity competitive grant, teachers are rewarded for their innovation and creativity as they promote environmental stewardship with their students to improve appreciation of nature.

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## So many things to think about

As the sun rises in the morning, we are reminded that we have been given the beginning of a new day that we have not seen before. When it has passed gone, we will not see it again. We should see each new day as one in which many good things are going to happen. Each day ought to be one to remember for a long time. If I can make one day of the week a happy one, why not make the other days happy too?

In each day, we think about so many different things. Some days we think about the technology and its various uses, such in health care insurance. We think about how different health care insurance providers are cutting back on healthcare insurance and how these cutbacks affect our citizens. For example, Cigna is no longer routinely paying for blood sugar test strips for the popular wireless blood glucose meter. Some other communication systems are still in the dark ages. Many health care providers will not transmit prescriptions or other data by way of emails for reasons

of security, privacy or lack of technology.

There are various thoughts that run through our minds. We think of some of the attempts being made in order to help us all better understand who America is as a nation. The better we understand the



Verniece Stanley

history of all ethnic groups, the greater our chances of coming together as a nation and building a better future together. One giant step in that direction is the opening of the new Museum of African American History in Washington, D. C. on September 24, 2016. We have come too far to stop now. We need to come together and learn to live in unity with one another, and we need to do it now because I believe we are now living in the last days on earth.

We have sacrificed too much. The cost for our freedom has been too great for us to turn back now. We need to

remind ourselves of those who gave given so much in so many ways. We must not forget such freedom fighters as Harriet Tubman. She escaped slavery and became a leader of the Underground Railroad, an organized effort to lead slaves from the South into more liberal areas, where those who had lived in bondage could expect to live their lives in dignity. We also think of the outstanding singer, Jennifer Holiday, who, as recently as January 20, 2017, in the interest of solidarity with her people, refused to sing at the inauguration of incoming President, President Donald Trump. We have a right to speak out and peacefully protest. We must continue to do so. We especially think of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who, in the interest of justice for all and social change, by means of nonviolence and social change, made the ultimate sacrifice. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929, he was the grandson of The Reverend A. D. Williams, who was at one time Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, and a

founder of Atlanta Chapter of NAACP. Dr. King was the son of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration was held on January 16, 2017, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Murrow Hall, Southport, N. C. The objective of the initiative is to challenge youth throughout the area at large to perform acts of kindness. Helping others and performing acts of justice is very key in our efforts.

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.

## Celebration of 50th wedding anniversary



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BEA AND BILL FLYTHE

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 50th anniversary celebration for Beatrice and William Flythe was held at the Southport Community Building on Friday evening, December 30. Mrs. Stephanie Velasquez Walker (niece), mistress of ceremony, announced the entrance of the golden couple. The scripture, I Corinthians 13, was

read by Doris Flythe (sister) and a prayer was given by Rev. Samuel Spicer, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church. Mayor Jerry Dove gave the welcome and expressed gratitude to the couple for their contributions to the Southport Community. Donnie Joyner gave "50 Year" highlights of family, school, and community activities through a PowerPoint presentation. Grace was given by



Robert Flythe (L) poses with family members: Bobby, Lynette, Bernard, and Randy.

William Mayfield (brother) before the following dinner was served by Jerome's Steakhouse (Shalotte): baked and fried chicken, roast beef, yams, green beans, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, tea, and lemonade.

A tribute and tuba solo were given by Bernard Flythe (son). Acquinetta Beatty dedicated a personalized version of a popular wedding song, "One In A Million", to the bride as per the request of the groom. LaVerna Hargrove shared some marital tidbits about the couple before giving them

instructions on "Jumpin' the Broom". The mistress of ceremony gave personalized bills to winners during the "Getting to Know Them" activity. Toasts were given by Alton Horne (family friend) and Lynette Flythe (daughter-in-law). The bride gave informal remarks about the 50-year journey. The groom reflected on the early years of the marriage and the growth experienced through mutual involvement in family and community activities. A local DJ, Timothy Myles, provided music for dancing after the wedding cake was shared with guests.

## NHCS announces winners from 2017 Science and Engineering announces winners from 2017 Science and Engineering Fair

New Hanover County Schools recently held its annual Science and Engineering Fair with 166 Students in grades 3 through 12 participating. Students entered their projects in categories such as biological science, earth science, physical science, and technology/engineering. Judges from local schools, businesses, community, and government agencies such as UNCW, CFCC, New Hanover County 4-H, and NC Soil and Water Conservation District interviewed the students and judged the students' entries. An awards ceremony followed the Science and Engineering Competition.

Selected projects from the New Hanover County winners will advance to the Regional Science Fair Competition, which will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017, on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW), Watson College of Education.

The following students were winners in the NHCS Elementary Division:

Students marked with an asterisk (\*) will be competing in the Regional Science Fair at UNCW.

Joey Minshew\* (College Park), Owen Alford\* (Wrightsville Beach), Maria

Hanna\* (Winter Park), Hudson Hauck\* (Anderson), Douglas Han\* (Pine Valley), Emmie Rose\* (Bellamy), Abigail Witkowski\* (Castle Hayne), Samin Bhan\* (Parsley), Sammy Hendricks\* (Blair), Bradley Shelor & Collin Parsons (Anderson), Bailey Willard (Murrayville), Kalish Cooper (Bellamy), Deacon Ball (Holly Tree), Jocelyn Hoehn (Eaton), Chloe Maughan (Parsley), Zak Romanowski & Max Hager (Eaton), Keagan Falls (Anderson), Cole Witmer (Bradley Creek), Samantha Boomershine & Dresden Miller (Gregory), Wyatt Gibson (Anderson), Dominick Graham (Castle Hayne), Kevin Reardon (Coddington), Sohum Sheth (Murrayville), Nathan Christie & Elijah Thompkins (Williams)

The following students were winners in the Junior Biological Science Division: 1st place: Regan Williams\* (Roland-Grise), 2nd Place: Uma Voley\* (Roland-Grise), and 3rd place: Owen Dean (Noble). Students marked with an asterisk (\*) will be competing in the Regional Science Fair at UNCW.

The following students were winners in the Junior Earth Science Division: 1st place: Cole Noberini\*

(Roland-Grise), 2nd place: Haley Hanks & Sophia Kosterman (Noble). Students marked with an asterisk (\*) will be competing in the Regional Science Fair at UNCW.

The following students were winners in the Junior Physical Science Division:

1st place: Maxton Buckingham\* & Jack Redmond\* (Holly Shelter), 2nd place: Mia Weckel\* (Noble), and 3rd place: A.J. Glenn (Holly Shelter). Students marked with an asterisk (\*) will be competing in the Regional Science Fair at UNCW.

The following students were winners in the Junior Technology/Engineering Division:

1st place: Will Clancey (Roland-Grise), 2nd place: Sawyer Kohman (Roland-Grise).

The following students were winners in the Senior Biological Science Division:

1st place: Nathan Kinsey\* (Eugene Ashley), 2nd place: Veronica Humphrey\* & Sophia Jones\* (Isaac Bear Early College), and 3rd place: Emily Katz & Hannah Azizi (Isaac Bear Early College). Students marked with an asterisk (\*) will be competing in the Regional Science Fair at UNCW.

The following students

were winners in the Senior Earth Science Division:

1st place: Elizabeth Kinsey\* (Eugene Ashley), 2nd place: Jonathan Morales & Jonah Martinez (Isaac Bear Early College), and 3rd place: Parker Spencer (New Hanover). Students marked with an asterisk (\*) will be competing in the Regional Science Fair at UNCW.

The following students were winners in the Senior

Physical Science Division:

1st place: Andrea Lamas\* & Giovanni Budi\* (Isaac Bear Early College), 2nd place: Zane Dash\* (Isaac Bear Early College), and 3rd place: Nelson Lopez & Brooke Wilson (Isaac Bear Early College). Students marked with an asterisk (\*) will be competing in the Regional Science Fair at UNCW.

The following students were winners in the Senior

Technology/Engineering Division:

•1st place: Sophia Miller\* (Isaac Bear Early College),

•2nd place: Noelle Hoehn (Isaac Bear Early College), and

•3rd place: Aiden Nixon (Isaac Bear Early College). Students marked with an asterisk (\*) will be competing in the Regional Science Fair at UNCW.

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**Charlie Bernard Davis**

On January 12, 2017, Charlie Bernard Davis was called to be with the Lord. Bernard was born to the late Eddie Davis Jr. and Arlethea Mae Davis on May 8, 1954. Along with his father and mother Bernard was preceded in death by his brothers Donald Ray and Harold Davis.

Bernard was raised in the Wrightsboro Community and at an early age joined St. Phillip AME Zion Church. Bernard graduated from New Hanover High School in 1974. He also attended Cape Fear Community College and obtained an Associate's Degree in Computer Engineering.

Throughout Bernard's life, he had various culinary and meat cutting professions. He worked at Western Sizzlin and Ryan's Steakhouses for many years and was known to be a hardworking, fun loving and generous person.

In 1979 Bernard and Deloris Verner were united in holy matrimony. Bernard was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He leaves to cherish his memory one son, three daughters, thirteen grandchildren, three brothers, three sisters, two uncles and five aunts as well as host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and other relatives and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service was held on Saturday January 21, 2017 at St. Phillip AME Zion Church. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Valerie A. Carlton**

Valerie A. Carlton, age 39, of Southport, passed away Monday, January 16, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Ebenezer

Baptist Church in Newburgh, New York. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Lillian Castle**

Lillian Castle, age 88, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Services are pending. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Valerie R. Ballard**

Valerie R. Ballard, age 56, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2017. Services are pending. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Barney L. Mack, Jr.**

Barney L. Mack, Jr., age 91, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2017. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday January 27, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held 1 hr prior to the service. Interment will be Monday, January 30, 2017 at Coastal Carolina State Veteran Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Jackie V. Gregory**

Jackie V. Gregory, age 53, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017. Services are pending. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**A Tribute to Athel Jane Robinson-Wall**



Athel Jane Robinson-Wall departed this life on January 10, 2017 in the Bronx, New York.

She was born November 29, 1942 to the late Sarah Robinson and the late Willie Robinson in Wilmington, North Carolina. Athel was a 1961 graduate of Williston High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. She immediately moved to New York and resided there for fifty years until her untimely death. She is survived by four daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren and her siblings-Melvin Robinson of New Jersey, Rachel Robinson-Tingling of New York, Hertha Robinson-Corbett of Wilmington, North Carolina, Eugene Robinson of New York, and Minister Calvin Robinson, D.Th. of Wilmington, North Carolina.

The Word of GOD says in Ecclesiastes 12:7 "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return to GOD who gave it." So beloved Athel's spirit is with GOD! Glory to GOD and Hallelujah!

Athel was funeralized on January 20, 2017 at Thomas C. Montera Funeral Home, 1848 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York 10472.

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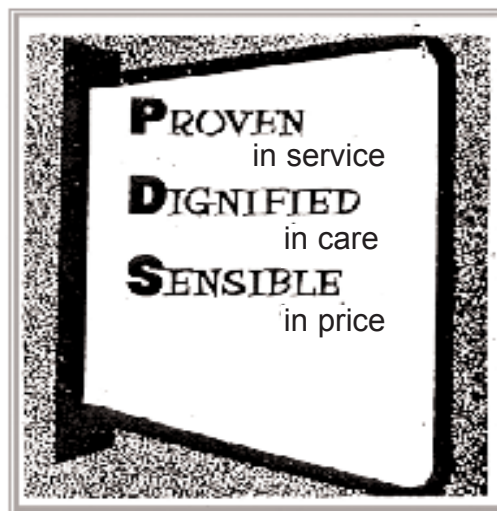
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## New Hanover County

**5th Avenue Baptist Church** "Becoming A 5 Star Church," 817 N. 5th Ave. is back in the community. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. and morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

**Central Baptist Church**, 702 Red Cross St., will sponsor a Gospel Musical Extravaganza on Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 p.m. Choirs from in and around the area will appear on the program.

**Church Women United** will hold it's Human Rights Celebration on Friday, February 3, 2017 at Saint Paul United Methodist Church 300 N 3rd Street, Carolina Beach. The speaker and honoree will be Elizabeth Redenbaugh. 9:30 COFFEE and sign in 10:00 program. For further information contact Angel Priscill Laster-Dualeh 910-833-0167.



## Religious Briefs

**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**, 3701 Princess Place Drive will hold Winter Revival. The theme for 2017 is "DEFINING AND EMBRACING YOUR KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT!" Revival Kickoff:

will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 4:00 p.m., Reverend Marie Howard Griffin, Pastor New Vision Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC. Monday-Thursday January 23rd-26th - Praise and worship service will be held 7-7:30 p.m. each night, with various choirs from through-out the city. The revival program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Our guest revivalist is Bishop Loran Mann of Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C., Pittsburgh, PA.

## Brunswick County

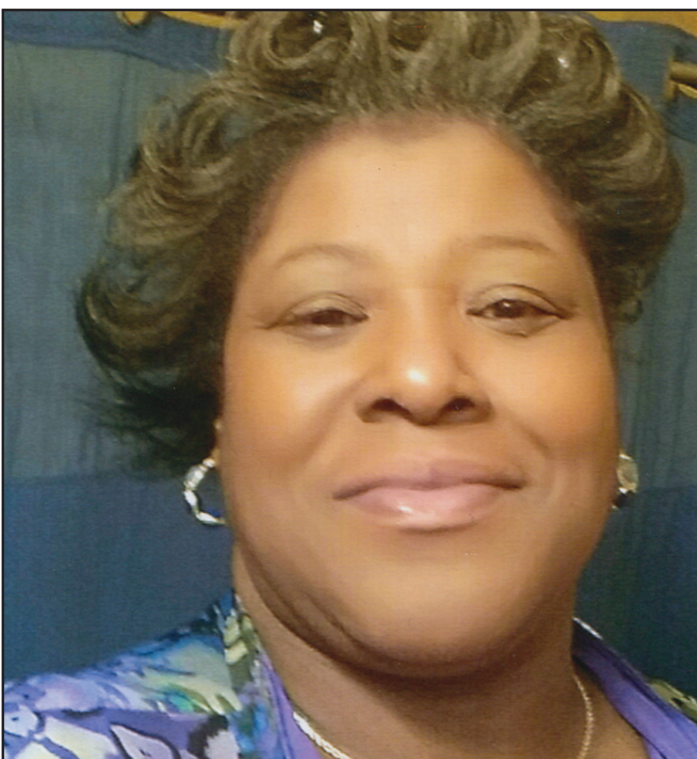
**Brunswick County** is currently accepting applications for LIEAP at the Building B Annex (back of the Social Service building), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Applications will be taken until Mar. 31, or until all funds are exhausted. For additional information, please call 910-253-2422.

**Holy Covenant United Holy Church**, 237 Snowfield Rd., SE, will celebrate their Annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, February 12th at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Debin C. Pickett, Sr., choir and congregation of St. John United Holy Church, Burgaw, NC will be the guest. For more information on this service contact Pamela Stanley at 910-231-3170.

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## Elder Mattison joins Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center



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ELDER PATRICIA MATTISON

Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center family announce announces that Elder Patricia Mattison will be joining their family as an Associate Pastor.

Harriet Patricia Wilson Mattison is an ordained Elder of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Elder Mattison has been dedicated to the work of kingdom building for over 30 years leaving a stain of holiness on the hearts and minds of those whom God has setup divine appointments. She is a saved, sanctified, Holy Ghost filled Woman of God, who loves the Word of God and God's people. She is a wife of sixteen years, a mother of three and grandmother of seven.

Elder Mattison has traveled throughout and been taught of the ministry of deliverance, which has

allowed her the great opportunity to witness the people of God being set free in many areas of their lives.

Influenced by Holy Spirit and education, she has received a Bachelor of Science Degree from UNCW in Social Work. A Bachelor of Theology Degree from the True Standard Christian Bible College under the tutelage of Bishop Dr. Charles W. Dingle and a diploma for completion of George G. Bloomer School of Ministry. Her work with and for Women Ministry has been most rewarding. She is the founder of WPPD (Women of Purpose, Power and Destiny). A ministry of deliverance for women from every walk of life. Women come together and are allowed to gleam from each other. She continues to strive for a higher level of service to God's people.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Trust God

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

On a bright and sunny day Senior Citizens' Fellowship was glad to be at our usual place at the usual time. We were greeted by President Eloise Purdie. Mr. George Hill came along with the choir and opened with "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer was given by Mrs. Fannie Allen. Next, we sang "Pass Me Not." Mrs. Purdie asked the speaker to come

forward. Our speaker was The Reverend Henrietta McGlenn. She said that perilous times are coming and that we need to lean and depend on God. We spend God's time in talking about other things that can't do us any good. She said that we should not worry about what's going on. We should say each day, "This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." She said that Scripture tells to "be ye not conformed to this world." She said that we

need to trust God in everything we do. God is in charge. The Reverend McGlenn was given a hand and thanked for that message.

We then had expressions, which we are always encouraging and uplifting. Mrs. Gladys Taylor made some remarks. Our minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby, and they were approved by the body. We had roll call and were given information on our trip to Washington, D. C. "Callers" report was done, and the winner was Mrs.

Gladys Taylor who had eleven present. Everyone was given a hand. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave the sick report and told us to continue to pray for all.

We then had announcements. We had "Smiles" and laughs by Mrs. Martin. We formed our circle and sang "Bind Us Together". Prayer was given by The Reverend Henrietta McGlenn.

Our meeting was adjourned.

We had fifty-one present today.

## The NBCI salutes the Women's March for democracy and inclusion

"This is the only thing that will make America great"

WASHINGTON, DC The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, salutes the millions of women around the world who will stand against tyranny from their Government. It is right to petition and march against your Government. We particularly salute Christian African American women, one of whom was one of the organizers of this great march.

Our hope is that President

Trump will take this as a huge wake up call to be inclusive and have a diverse staff as well as opinions as we move to make our country great again. We also hope, that these Christian women who have stood for the sake of democracy and inclusion for their children and their families will also sign up to be Prayer Warriors and demonstrate that prayer is the answer to an affective agenda going forward to change hearts and minds.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says,

"This was an extraordinary march for justice, and we salute them, but we urge them to go to church, pray and become Prayer Warriors."

Anyone can sign up today at [omprayerwarriors.com](http://omprayerwarriors.com)

## ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members,

congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

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

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Rebellion"

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." 1 Samuel 15: 23:a

Rebellion - Resistance to authority; Defiance against a government through uprising and revolt

Sedition - Causing of discontent against a government

Seduction - To persuade to disobedience and disloyalty

Anarchism - A theory that all government is undesirable



Sylvia Hooper

Rebellion is nothing new. We read about it in the bible in Isaiah 14:12-15, "O How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, Son of the Morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yes thou shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

When Lucifer rebelled against God's Almighty authority, his pride and haughty spirit brought him lower than the lowest. He did not recognize the Power of God. He did not respect the Power of God. He did not understand the Power of God. He did not comprehend the ways nor the thoughts of God, and he fooled himself!

Blinded by pride and ambition, he seduced himself into thinking he could pull it off, get away with it, and his angels were cast out with him.

"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." Matthew 23:12

God's word tells us how God feels about authority. His command is simple and straightforward. No need to try to twist and turn it. Satan knows that disobedience to God's Word will weaken our nation. So the enemy through appealing to the carnal mind, convinces us to disobey God, and reap the consequences. The Church of Jesus Christ is convinced that He said what he meant, and he meant what he said. "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." 1 Timothy 2:1-3

"Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: The powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shall have praise of the same." Romans 13:1-3

Our nation is under an

attack of spiritual warfare. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood. (Ephesians chapter 6) Even though we are tempted and tried, we must guard our hearts from being seduced into accepting or receiving the spirit of rebellion, which might be compared to the opening of Pandora's box. A Greek mythology Pandora received a "gift" of a jar which she was told never to open. Her curiosity got the better of her. She opened the lid, and out came its contents; all the evils of human life.

The Body of Christ must watch and pray and not be caught up with the seduction of a spirit of rebellion. We need to pray against that spirit overtaking our government, and thereby endangering us all. We should pray for those who are being lead by pride and driven by blind ambition and fear based politics to gain office by any means necessary.

Everything that feels good is not good for you, and rebellion is not good for our nation. God is still in control, and when the rebellious, seek to undermine God, and still work for him, they are creating an uncontrollable situation which will cause confusion, calamity and grief in the end. Sin always takes your further than you intend to go, and keeps you longer than you intend to stay. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits,

whether they are of God." 1 John 4:1 There is a difference between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also: 1 John 4:18-21 Tell Somebody!!

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