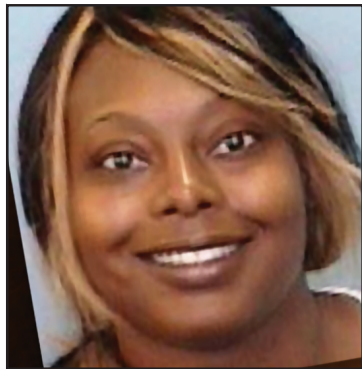


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11TH Annual Moral March on Raleigh & HK on J People's Assembly, Saturday, February 11

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This Saturday, February 11th at 9 a.m., the opening rally of the 11th Annual Moral on Raleigh & HK on J People's Assembly begins at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium, 2 East South Street in the capital city. according to a press release from Rev. William Barber, president of the NC NAACP and convener of the event, "This year, the Moral March on Raleigh will focus on our moral duty to stand against the repeal of the life-saving Affordable Care Act, the legislative tyranny of our extremist-led General Assembly, the racist and unconstitutional gerry-

mandering which undermines the vote of all North Carolinians, the anti-family, anti-worker, and anti-LGBTQ hate bill 2, and the extremism and lies of Trumpism, which undermine our Democracy at the federal, state and local level. "Donald Trump and his administration have undermined our Democracy and democratic institutions by making regressive federal appointments and inviting white nationalists into the White House. They have demonized our immigrant and Muslim brothers and sisters by building a wall on our Mexican border, pushing through an Executive Order which effectively bans many refugees and Muslims from our country, and blaming Latinos for voter fraud that does not exist."

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RIDE A BUS TO RALEIGH?

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ROLAND MARTIN

Roland Martin challenges UNCW audience

"Until the lion tells his part of the story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."-African Proverb

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Roland Martin, the host and managing editor of the popular TV One show, "News One Now," visited UNC Wilmington through invitation of the Upperman African-American Cultural Center, and his message was focused. One day prior to the presidential inauguration of Donald Trump, the journalist and author reminded listeners that the messages of lions like Dr. Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela moved beyond their being nice and gentle. There was and should be, "an attitude of justice," Martin said and asserted that we have unfortunately turned Dr. King into an American mascot. It is a disservice to talk about what civil rights leaders did and not be willing to do what they did,

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Senate wants to grill Governor Cooper's diverse cabinet officers

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Democrat Gov. Roy Cooper has made good on his promise to appoint a diverse Cabinet to help him run state government for the next four years. But if a letter from the state Senate to one of Cooper's most prominent Cabinet officers is accurate, Republican leaders seem bent on embarrassing the governor's appointees long before they are sworn into office. As previously reported, Gov. Cooper has appointed eight of ten Cabinet officers, with several agency heads being African-American: Machel Sanders, Department of Administration Erik Hooks, Department of Public Safety Michael Regan, Department of Environmental Quality Larry Hall, Department of

Military and Veterans Affairs Gov. Cooper also selected Col. Glenn McNeill as the new commander of the NC Highway Patrol. McNeill was previously director of training. Perhaps the most prominent of these is former state Rep. Larry Hall (D-Durham), who was appointed by Gov. Cooper to be secretary of the NC Dept. of Military and Veteran Affairs in January. However, thanks to a new law passed in December by the Republican-led legislature to counter Cooper's election, all Cabinet appointments by the Democratic governor must first be vetted by a state Senate committee during confirmation hearings, similar to the US Senate. In effect, the state Senate can dump any of Cooper's Cabinet appointments it chooses with nega-

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recommendation, according to the law.

As promised, Gov. Cooper is fighting the measure in court, asking a three-judge panel Monday to stop the hearings, arguing that they are "unconstitutional." But Republican legislative leaders counter that the state Constitution gives them the right to vet the governor's Cabinet choices, though that "right" has not been instituted for several decades.

Dated Feb. 6th, the hand-delivered letter to Acting Secretary Hall from the N.C. Senate notes the legislative and constitutional authority under which Hall was required to appear before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Insurance on Feb. 8th to answer questions.

Presumably the other seven Cabinet appointees received the same letter, though their confirmation hearings are scheduled before the Senate committee on different dates.

"While we do not expect the meeting to be adversarial, you will be asked questions relating to your experience, potential conflicts of interest and your willingness to follow the law," the Senate letter continued. "While each member has discretion in selecting the questions he or she asks, we are pro-

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SPANISH INTERPRETATION?

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speakers. If you need Spanish interpretation, please check in at the information table to the right of the stage during the opening rally.

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There will be sign language interpreters available at the Moral March on Raleigh.

WHAT TO BRING

Wear your organizational shirt and bring your signs and banners. Banners should be about voting rights. Do not bring signs with profanity or partisan language. Wear warm clothes and good walking shoes! It will be cold.

WHAT IF I CANNOT MARCH?

There will be 2 trams available for people with disabili-

ties and the elderly to ride from the initial gathering place on South St. to the stage on Fayetteville St. There will be seats available in front of the stage. The trams will also be used to transport people back to the bus drop-off on S. Salisbury St.

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viding to you a more detailed idea of what we expect will be potential areas of discussion."

Then, among the attached "Potential Areas of Inquiry for Gubernatorial Nominees," beyond qualifications, Hall was asked about potential conflicts of interest, including "Employment Relationships, Outside Commitments During Service," "Impact of Prior Employment/Activities," "Political Contributions" and "Legal Actions."

Democrats in the state legislature are not pleased with what they see as an unnecessary exercise in attempting to exert some control over the executive branch.

"Confirmation of the gov-

ernor's appointments is at best retaliatory action as an act of pure deviance, just because one has the authority to do so," says state Rep. Evelyn Terry (D-District 71-Forsyth). "Cabinet level positions are not 'sand lot games.' It involves real people with real needs and ought not to be taken lightly."

State Sen. Paul Lowe (D-Forsyth) was also outraged.

"It is a shame that an appointee of Mr. Larry Hall's stature who has been a champion of veterans and issues that affect them has to go through this confirmation process," Sen. Lowe said. "It appears that the majority party is playing politics. I would question why this process is just beginning

with a Democratic Governor."

On Wednesday, press reports indicated that a ruling from the three-judge panel considering Gov. Cooper's petition for the Senate confirmation hearings to be put on hold had been granted, even though nothing had been formally issued early that day.

NC Senate pro-ten Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) issued a terse reaction, saying "In a gross misreading of the Constitution and a blatant overstep of their constitutional authority, three Superior Court judges attempted to dictate to the legislature when it could or could not hold committee meetings and what it could or could not consider in those meet-

ings."
 "This unprecedented move would be like the legislature telling a judge what jurors to pick to decide a case. Judges are not legislators, and if these three men want to make laws, they should hang up their robes and run for a legislative seat. Their decision to legislate from the bench will have profound consequences, and they should immediately reconvene their panel and reverse their order."

The ruling means the hearing for Acting Sec. Larry Hall was postponed. A preliminary injunction hearing is set for Friday to possibly extend the postponement until trial, which is scheduled in early March.

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[RALEIGH] Unless the Republican-led NC General Assembly repeals the infamous HB2 "bathroom law" soon, the NCAA could move all of its college championship games

away from the stat for the ne3xt six years, according to a letter to state lawmakers from NC Sports Association. Such a move could cost North Carolina upwards of \$250 million. Since the law was passed almost a year ago, numerous entertainment concerts, conferences and sporting events have been cancelled, costing the state hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue. Gov. Roy Cooper has chastised the legislature, saying that

Repub-licans can join with Democrats to repeal the law immediately. GOP leaders counter that Cooper should push Democrats to repel the law only with certain conditions.

ORANGE COUNTY WATER CRISIS CLOSES UNC-CHAPEL HILL FOR A DAY

[CHAPEL HILL] A water treatment problem at the OWASA plant, followed by a

massive water main break, forced Orange County residents last Friday to resort to using bottled water for drinking, cooking and bathing until the dual problems could be resolved. Officials say a million gallons of water was over fluoridated, making it usable. But when an emergency water supply from Durham was tapped into, the water main broke, causing further headaches. The crisis caused the campus of UNC-

Chapel Hill to close, and forced the UNC Tar Heels to move their Saturday game to Greensboro. Service was restored by Sunday.

NORTH CAROLINA JOINS OTHER STATES IN OPPOSING TRUMP'S MUSLIM BAN

[RALEIGH] The North Carolina attorney general has joined with 16 other states in opposing Pres. Donald Trump's ban on

immigration from seven Islamic countries. NC Atty. Gen. Josh Stein formally joined a federal lawsuit filed against the Trump Administration by the state of Washington, calling the Muslim ban unconstitutional because it's based on religious bias. Pres. Trump counters that his ban is in the interest of national security to protect the nation from terrorism.

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he said to thunderous applause from a mostly black audience.

A whirlwind review of North Carolina's negative images linked to accusations and court rulings on voter suppression, transgender bathroom rulings, and historical political battles, Gantt/Helms to Obama/ Romney quieted the

audience.

Martin's detailed statistics regardingUNCW's student-population drew gasps.Of thirteen thousand students on campus less than a thousand are black.

He emphasized the battles won for Title IX that opened up more than athletics for women. It also provided the legal platform for women to be admitted to college and professional schools in many disciplines.

Fusion politics can con-

nect blacks, whites, and others to understand their commonalities, and the benefits of past landmark civil rights legislation, he said.

Listing the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 1968 Fair Housing Act, Martin explained that the story must be told that these laws are good for the entire country.

In animated fashion he encouraged listeners to invite white individuals and organizations to similar pro-

grams in the future, and challenged through a Frederick Douglass quote, "Agitate, Agitate, Agitate."

"Ask yourself, 'Am I going to get in the game?'"

Martin's Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity facilitated a visit with youngsters at the Community Boys and Girls Club. DeQuan Mitchell, UNCW Black Student Union President introduced the former CNN political analyst. WWAY's Amanda Fitzpatrick coordinated a special on-stage interview and Q&A session.

Martin was also honored by City of Wilmington official, Penny Spicer, UNCW Chancellor Jose V. Sartarelli,

Upperman Center Director, the Rev. Sean Palmer, and the

university's chief diversity officer, Dr. Kent Guion.

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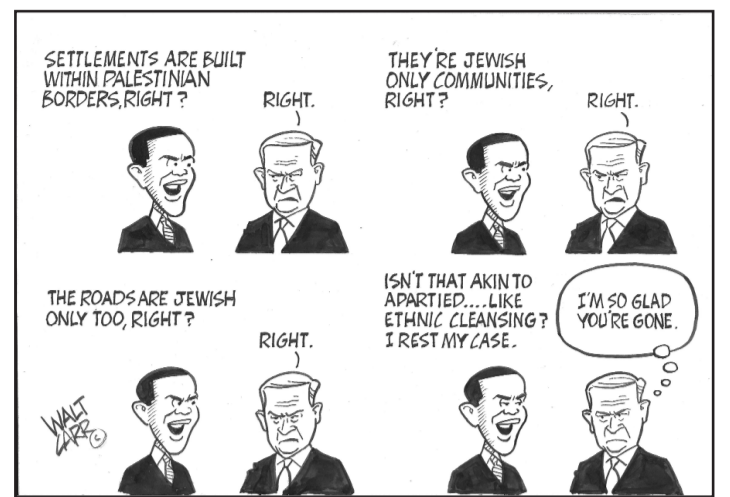
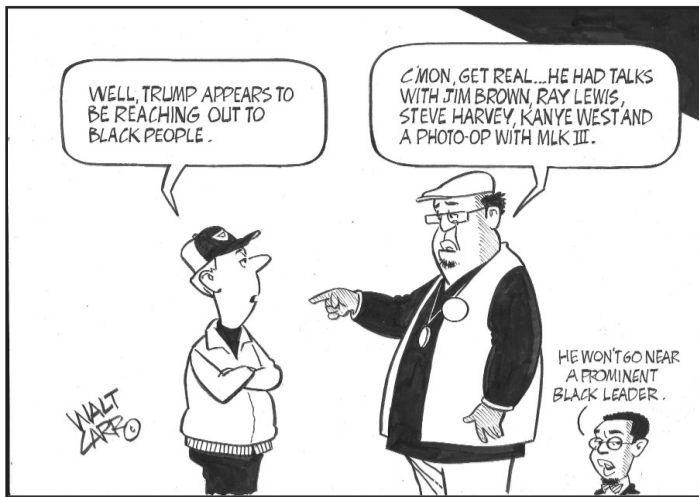
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It's time for the Democratic Party to wake up

Editor's Note: Columnist Lauren Burke has issued a national call for the Democratic Party to wake up based on the ignorance of Donald Trump, who she has deemed a fascist. Here at The Wilmington Journal we think this wakeup call should also be issued to the New Hanover County Democratic Party who last week threw all of its support to a Caucasian female to replace Representative Susie Hamilton. Not one African American received a vote from the New Hanover County Democratic Party. Candidate Deborah Maxwell was an excellent choice for the position. This is the seat that was once held by former Representative Thomas Wright and former Representative Sandra Spaulding Hughes. At election time these same folks will be knocking on doors, making phone calls, etc. to African American Democrats asking for votes for the Democratic candidates. We encourage our readership to speak up and put an end to this practice. Black Candidates and Black



Lauren Burke

Votes Matter.

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Everyone appears to have figured out that a dangerous, stupid fascist with no knowledge of how the federal government works is now the President of the United States. Everyone, that is, except members of the Democratic Party, now serving in the 115th Congress.

You have to wonder how many dangerously incompetent, racist and blindly ideological decisions the executive branch have to make before the Democrats in the United States Congress, who are supposedly in the opposition party, wake up. What is the strategy? What is the plan? Trump's careless staff couldn't even spell the name of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom correctly on a press release. What makes anyone think they'll be more detailed on other initiatives they plan such as an "investigation of voting fraud" or the selection of the next United States Supreme Court Justice?

Be certain to take note of the Democrats who vote in favor of Trump's cabinet nominees for Treasury, Education, Labor and Health and Human Services. If Democrats support Steve Mnuchin, Betsy DeVos, Andrew Puzder and Rep. Tom Price, there is no resistance movement in the Democratic Party in Congress.

Senate Democrats have unified against exactly zero of Trump's cabinet nominees. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) who is allegedly a progressive leader, voted in favor of Dr. Ben Carson to lead a department he has no qualifications to run. Senator Cory Booker (D-N.J.), who has great Instagram posts of food, voted with Republicans to raise prescription drug prices.

Senators who have no re-election fears whatsoever in 2018 are lying down and showing no signs of resisting Trump when the easiest show of resistance is a simple "thumbs down" on the Senate floor.

Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), who took over as Democratic Leader from retired Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.), so far, has decided to vote in favor of almost all of Trump's nominees. What makes this even more confusing is that the messaging of Democratic leaders is the opposite of the action. The Democratic Party is at its lowest point in four decades in terms of seats held in the U.S. House of Representatives, governors' houses and seats in state legislatures. With Trump's arrival and no strategy to be seen, there has never been a better argument for younger and newer leadership. The decision between Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) and former Labor Secretary Tom Perez for Democratic National Committee Chair will be a crucial benchmark for the party.

Over a million people took to the streets to participate in marches around the world, the day after Trump's Inauguration, which drew far lower numbers than President Obama's historic inauguration in 2009, with the Trump that needed to see resistance. There were protests in the streets of Washington on inauguration day. Thousands figured out there needed to be resistance to Trump before he took office, but Democrats standing on the floor of the U.S. Senate and House remain asleep.

Last weekend, Trump signed an executive order that blocked entry of all refugees to the U.S. for 120 days and barred Syrian refugees from entering the U.S. indefinitely. The order also blocked entry to anyone from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen - all Muslim majority countries. After confusion and protest at several major airports across the U.S., federal Judge Ann Donnelly granted a temporary stay so those in transit taken into custody could continue their travels.

On the evening on January 28, after a day of learning how airheaded and careless the Trump administration conducts itself, it was learned that Trump had installed his racist, anti-Semitic political advisor Steve Bannon as a member of the National Security Council (NSC). The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, four-star Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford was removed from the NSC.

This happened a day after the Trump White House released a Holocaust Remembrance Day statement that omitted the words "Jewish" or "Jews" from it and avoided mentioning that of one of the worst mass murders in history happened because of the faith of the victims. Then Trump officials doubled down on January 28, saying that not mentioning Jewish people was intentional because "others were killed too."

On the day of Barack Obama's first inauguration on January 20, 2009, top Republicans met for dinner to discuss strategy against his agenda. That strategy was eight years of obstruc-

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THANK YOU, NANCY

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you the passing of our longtime southeastern organizer and friend, Nancy Shakir.

Nancy was a teacher and courageous truth-teller; a mother and grandmother, a candidate for Congress and grassroots organizer. She packed a tremendous amount into her 77 years. A founding member and officer of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Nancy also served on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey

Council for the Social Studies and the New Jersey Center for Civic and Law-Related Education. She was a Non-Governmental Agency delegate to the United Nations Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, a delegate to the White House Conference on Families, and a commissioner on the Montclair, N.J. Civil Rights Commission.

In North Carolina, Nancy is remembered as a visionary leader; a tireless board member and volunteer; an anti-racism trainer and passionate educator; a radio, televi-

sion and newspaper personality, a proud member of Kappa Delta Pi, the National Honor Society in Education, and even a politician - she challenged Larry Kissell in 2010 for the Democratic seat in North Carolina's 8th congressional district, stretching from Charlotte to Fayetteville.

But her fellow Democracy North Carolina organizers Cheryl Ellis and Linda Sutton said it best. They called Nancy a "fierce warrior woman." Based in Fayetteville, she shared her vast knowledge of politics,

coalition building, and activism throughout southeastern North Carolina and beyond.

As Linda put it, "Nancy taught and gave her all to her fellow sisters and brothers in the movement. Always inspiring and motivating, we will miss Nancy at Democracy North Carolina, and the world will miss her for all she had to give. Well done Nancy, rest now."

Thank you, Nancy. Thank you.

Bob Hall
Democracy North Carolina

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RAINBOW COALITION

Trump's minion prepares to gut consumer watchdog

"Personnel is policy," says Gary Cohn, the former president of Goldman Sachs recently named to head President Trump's National Economic Council. He got that right, and every working family should shudder that Trump - after railing against the corruptions of Goldman Sachs and other big banks in the campaign - has put six former Goldman Sachs bankers at the head of his economic team.

Their first priority is to roll back bank regulation, and, as Gary Cohn told the Wall Street Journal, one of their first targets is to disembowel the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

The CFPB was created in the Dodd-Frank banking reforms passed after the excesses of the banks helped blow up the economy. Led by Elizabeth Warren (then a Harvard Law professor, now a U.S. senator), consumer and civil rights groups pushed for it against the full force of the banking lobby. The agency's sole mission is to protect consumers against the scams and schemes of fraudulent banks and lenders. Led by Richard

Cordray, a former Ohio attorney general and treasurer, it has been a stunning success, recovering nearly \$12 billion for 27 million consumers from the lenders who cheated or defrauded them.

The CFPB is the champion of what Trump calls the forgotten working families of America. It has protected veterans and military families, recovering \$100 million from lenders who preyed on them. It recovered over \$480 million for students who were deceived by for-profit chains peddling fraudulent products. It has moved against the payday lenders that gouge low-wage workers. It is about to issue rules prohibiting payday loans with interest of 300 percent or

more - literally immoral loans that earn the Bible's condemnation of usury.

Seniors are often targets of financial frauds. Last year, a survey showed that nearly one in five citizens 65 and older had been "taken advantage of financially." The CFPB has worked actively to shield them from deceptive practices. The big banks hate the CFPB and its investigations into their policies and practices. The agency has recovered more than \$1.5 billion for consumers bilked by credit card companies. For the first time, with the CFPB working people have a

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CASH IN THE APPLE

Important lessons

Needless to say, we could continue to write a multitude of columns about the nonsense going on in Washington, D.C.

about our new president, and how he is bent on causing one constitutional crisis after another. But this column, something else has grabbed our attention.

Last week, Black Entertainment Television, more commonly known as BET, presented three nights of the outstanding mini-series titled, "The New Edition Story," about the famous all-male 1980s R&B group from the projects of Boston that topped the charts with classic hits like "Candy Girl" and "Mr. Telephone Man." The mini-series was surprisingly honest about what happened to the young group when they first started out, and how not knowing the business cost them and their families dearly.

Ordinarily I don't watch anything with my daughter unless I've seen it first (for obvious reasons), but in this case, despite the constant cussing, and one or two lewd scenes with scantily clad women

(offers the perfect opportunity to stress more productive life options to your 14-year-old), I wanted my youngest to see it so that she would understand that behind all of the glitter and glam, is a cutthroat business that eats talented people alive if they just listen to the hype, and just pay attention to what's in the contract.

Though other movies and TV shows have been done on the same subject in past years, it was important for today's young audience to see and understand basically the same old story with a new perspective, and "The New Edition Story" delivered on all accounts. It didn't look cheap like past BET productions, and the storytelling and performances were top-notch. And because of that, BET raked in 4.4 million viewers on the first night, it's largest audience in five years. For cable TV, 4.4 million for any program is considerable.

We bring all of that up because the quality of the program obviously attracted and kept a large audience, which a show has to do in order to reach people and make a difference. The lessons learned from "The New Edition Story" for my young daughter and everyone else watching were invaluable.

First, never get caught-up in

the hype. Always listen closely to what's actually being said, and not said, and how. When someone seems to be trying just a little too hard to sell you on how good and wonderful something is, that should tell you that there is much that they're not telling you. That's why, where and when you can, hire an attorney expert in contract law to go over any proposed deals or offers BEFORE you sign ANYTHING. Folks get to thinking that it's all right to trust family or old friends, and once in a while that may turn out to be true. But more times than not, any time someone wants to run a successful con over someone they know well, family and friends are exactly the ones first in line. After all, who else can you sweet talk so easily?

A second lesson is to make sure that EVERYTHING is in writing, so that when problems emerge (and trust me, they WILL emerge) you already have a contingency in place to protect your interests. Don't let something become legal, and you have nothing in writing to prove your case in court before a judge or jury.

A third (and probably most important lesson) to remember is to know your value. If someone thinks you're impor-

tant enough to try and run a snow job over, then that means you have something they want. Know what that is, and make them pay you for its value. Or else you will always sell yourself cheap, getting virtually nothing in return for what you really bring to the table.

Those are just three of the lessons that "The New Edition Story" taught young viewers last week, and yet, I guarantee you there are hundreds of thousands of young people going into sports, entertainment, or even business, who have no idea what a dog-eat-dog world they're getting into.

Hopefully, with more brutally honest programs like "The New Edition Story," they will.

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.

BURKE

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tion against Obama's agenda and it worked. Whether Democrats in the Senate and House like it or not, they are

the first line of defense against the Trump Administration.

The careless refugee executive order was issued on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Trump will select a Supreme Court nominee this week. He

will go after voting rights. Have Democrats seen enough yet? If so, they need to stop crying over their election loss and start playing better defense.

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politics and African American leadership. She is also a frequent contributor to the NNPA NewsWire and BlackPress USA.com. Connect with Lauren by email at LBurke007@gmail.com and on Twitter at @LVBurke.

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cop on the financial beat.

At its head, Cordray has earned widespread applause. Consumer groups hail how he's made the CFPB transparent and responsive. Civil rights groups applaud the progress he's forced on diversity in hiring and services.

He's gone after lenders and others for charging people of color more for mortgages, auto

loans and credit cards. The CFPB has recouped over \$400 million in payments and credits to more than 500,000 consumers who experienced discrimination.

Now Cohn suggests he plans to weaken the CFPB by firing Cordray. Fire him? He should give him a medal. Under the law, Cordray has been appointed for a term that ends in 2018 and can only be fired for cause. To fire him, Cohn will have to violate that law.

Trump has given his eco-

nomie policy over to the big bankers. They are gearing up for another predators' ball. The first regulation Cohn wants to reverse is the "fiduciary rule," which requires investment advisers to put client's interests first when they deal with retirement accounts. Banks don't like the rule because it prohibits investment advisers from peddling products that line their pockets at their clients' expense.

One thing is clear. If Trump's bankers can get rid

of Cordray and geld the CFPB, millions of Americans will lose billions to the tricks and traps of the banks and lenders. Cohn has made Trump's intentions clear. Now we have to rise up and demand that Congress protect the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau from Trump's Goldman Sachs marauders.

Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

CHILDWATCH

Ripping America apart

"I had never been to Mexico. We left with just one trunk full of belongings. No furniture. A few metal cooking utensils. A small ceramic pitcher, because it reminded me of my mother."



Marian W. Edelman

Emilia Castañeda, born in the U.S.A., deported from Los Angeles County

If you are reeling from the series of Executive Orders and

Memoranda issued by President Trump in his first two weeks in office, and horrified by what clearly seems to be an unconstitutional, un-American and unjust ban on Muslims from seven countries that has caused outrage at home and abroad, keep reading. When candidate Donald Trump first promised a "deportation force" during the Presidential campaign, that idea sounded inhumane and disturbed many of us. But did you know it's been tried before? When Emilia Castañeda was nine years old, she and her brother and father were forced to leave their home in Los Angeles on one-way train tickets to Mexico paid for by Los Angeles County - leaving behind the house her father had purchased before the Depression, most of their possessions, and even the small plot of land where Emilia's mother was buried. Emilia wasn't able to return home to Los Angeles for nine years. She was one of an estimated one to two million people pressured or forced to leave the United States for Mexico in the 1930s.

President Herbert Hoover's government called the program "Mexican Repatriation," but scholars estimate about 60 percent of the people forced to "repatriate" to Mexico were actually U.S. citizens like Emilia. Mexican Americans were rounded up indiscriminately at workplaces or handed train tickets by social workers in cities and towns across the country. Historian Francisco Balderrama estimates one-third of Los Angeles's Mexican population was expelled between 1929 and 1944. Many Americans don't know about this shameful chapter in our history. Those who lived through it and whose families were separated and destroyed in the process are now watching with horror as history seems poised to repeat itself.

Families like the deported Castañedas were swept up in scapegoating that blamed them for taking away scarce jobs and taking up spaces on welfare relief rolls at the height of the Depression. The same language is back along with similar tactics. Drafts have been circulating of potential executive orders by President Trump that would "deny admission to

any alien who is likely to become a public charge." Disqualifying immigrants in the past for being poor or arriving without a bank account or a job lined up would have radically reshaped the narrative of American history and America itself. It would certainly have kept out the immigrant ancestors of millions of current Americans of every color, ethnicity and faith. These new draft orders appear to have that goal.

Restrictions circulating in draft form would make it harder for immigrants to enter the American workforce. Existing federal law already prohibits undocumented immigrants from obtaining federal welfare benefits, and prohibits new permanent residents or green-card holders from qualifying for welfare and other public benefits during their first five years of residency. The draft order would target immigrant families legally receiving a certain level of public assistance like food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid after five years of residency for being a public charge, and make that a deportable offense. In other words, being poor or falling on hard times during an economic downturn would be a crime. All this is despite the fact that studies show poor immigrants are less likely to use welfare than poor native born Americans and that immigrants are a net benefit to the American economy.

Executive orders like these, if made final, would pit poor children of immigrants against other poor children when all are America's children and deserve an equal opportunity to reach their potential. By targeting those who legally receive public benefits and marking them for deportation, the draft order criminalizes compassion, sows fear and will rip families with mixed immigrant status apart. The draft order is based on myths and lies, rather than truth and consequences, and goes against the most basic tenets of all the major faith traditions and American values. For more than 40 years the Children's Defense Fund has been working with Republicans and Democrats to keep families together in the best interest of the children. In these dark days for America, we must speak out, resist using any and every nonviolent way possible and never give up until our nation can regain its bearings.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

TO BE EQUAL

New justice must bring independence to the Supreme Court

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Looming over this moment is the fact that the current Supreme Court vacancy is the result of more than 300 days of tremendous political obstruction that has undermined the integrity of the Court as an institution. Thus, any new Justice must be someone who will restore the standing of the Court, while bringing true independence to the role."



Marc Morial

Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the national Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

role in the progress of the Civil Rights Movement. The executive and legislative branches of government have, at times, had to be prodded toward active reform of racial justice. It is the most vulnerable in our society who have the most to gain or lose by any change in the direction of the Supreme Court. That's why on Tuesday evening, when the new President announced his nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the Court, I vowed that the National Urban League would conduct a thorough review of Gorsuch's judicial record and public statements to determine whether he is fit to serve on the nation's highest court. How might he be expected to decide in a case of such monumental significance as Brown or Loving?

At first glance, I have concerns about Gorsuch's apparent judicial extremism and his criticism of those who

have sought advancement of individual rights through the courts. Gorsuch has consistently ruled against the rights of workers and consumers who were harmed by employers and corporations, and against disabled students pursuing their right to a meaningful education. He has ruled against the rights of workers and consumers who were harmed by employers and corporations, and against disabled students pursuing their right to a meaningful education.

I was especially alarmed by Gorsuch's ruling in an excessive force claim in which a police used a stun gun to kill a young man suspected of growing marijuana. Gorsuch said the use of force was justified even though "the crime of which he was suspected was not itself a violent one, he was likely to be apprehended eventually and he hadn't

harmed anyone yet."

The Supreme Court's function is to serve as a check on the power of Congress and the President. With the current President's proclivity for authoritarianism, this responsibility is graver than at any time in modern history. Does Gorsuch have the integrity to stand up to the man who appointed him, as circumstances are almost surely to require?

The Enlightenment Age political philosopher Montesquieu, whose work heavily influenced our Founding Fathers, said "There is as yet no liberty if the power of judging be not separated from legislative power and the executive power." To ensure liberty, we must determine whether Gorsuch can be independent.

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

Trump serious about helping regular folks?

Stopping shady solar panel salespeople would be good...

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As a progressive who worked hard to help get Secretary Hillary Clinton elected, it is challenging for me to accept Donald Trump as President. But, he won. At least for now, I have to make the best of a bad situation. Which means progressives like me will have to both resist the Trump administration's odious policies, and also pressure - and even cooperate with - the administration to implement policies that reflect our worldview.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

This is why I was interested to see a recent letter sent to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) by three Democratic Members of Congress. Signed by Congressmen Henry Cuellar of Texas, Emmanuel Cleaver of Missouri and Bennie Thompson of Mississippi - it urges the CFPB to look into bad actors operating in the rooftop solar industry.

What we are talking about here are those salespeople that go door to door, and bombard consumers with telemarketing calls, urging them to put solar panels on their rooftops. Now, for some people, rooftop solar makes both environmental and financial sense. This is why I generally support the industry.

But what concerns me - and those three Democratic Congressmen - are the shady

operators that mislead potential customers about the cost saving benefits of installing those panels. The letter outlined three major concerns.

First, that new customers may be unaware that the panels can cost upward of \$15,000 and that they will have to pay that money back. This purchase can generate an additional lean against their home making it harder to sell their house, which also decreases its value. For those Americans barely getting by, and counting on every dollar of equity in their house, this is problematic. This is especially true if they hope to sell their home to fund retirement.

Second, salespeople sometimes tell customers that they will save a lot of money on their utility bill because the price of electricity from utility

companies is going up. That simply is not accurate. In reality, many people's electric bills are coming down, stabilizing or going up only single digits. This is because of cheap and abundant natural gas used to produce electricity. Solar panel customers don't see any savings on their electric bills, but have to pay back the cost of buying or leasing the panels. Every month, people are out of pocket more - not less - money.

Third, the letter to the CFPB points out that many of these solar panel sales pitches include promises of "no money down" and other high-pressure sales tactics. Anyone who has ever dealt with a shady salesperson - whether for solar pan-

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BLACKONOMICS

Making Black History

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"There are [Blacks] who are willing to worship the pyramids of 4,000 years ago but will not build pyramids in the present so their children may see what they left behind as well. We have a leadership who rallies the people to look at past glories but leave their children neglected..."



James Clingman

Dr. Amos Wilson, Afrikan Centered Consciousness versus the New World Order

write four articles on making Black history, and offer ways to improve on what has already been done by following the paths left by our people and building something new. Then, next year this time, we will have more to celebrate - something our children can see in their present rather than in their past.

This first feature of "Making Black History" is centered on a call being put forth by THE One Million Conscious and Conscientious Black Contributors and Voters (OMCCBCV). Imagine the impact of millions of black voters going to their respective Boards of Elections and changing their registration designation to "No Party Affiliation" (NPA). Now that is a great way to MAKE Black History rather than sit back and reflect on the Black history made by our progenitors.

The original NPA idea came from co-convenor of THE One Million, Amefika Geuka, who recently discussed with me a mass movement by Black voters to declare our independence of both dominant political parties. We decided to launch the effort this Black History Month (Feb. 2017). We want at least One Million Black voters, in the next ninety days, to register "NPA", thereby, serving notice on all politicians that Black folks will no longer be their puppets and will no longer be ignored. Changing our designation to NPA will strengthen us col-

lectively and give us the power to leverage our votes for our own best interests - our "permanent interests" - as a viable, resolute, and independent voting bloc. It will let politicians know that we are serious about quid pro quo, something they understand all too well. Finally, we will be able to get some "quo" in return for our "quid."

Now, I understand that many Black people who are died-in-the-wool Dems or Repubs will never register as NPA, but this is not about waiting for or even trying to coax all Black voters to comply with this very sensible and simple strategy. A critical mass of Black voters, willing to close ranks around Congressman Bill Clay's famous assertion: "We have no permanent friends and no permanent enemies, just permanent interests," will give us the leverage we must have, nationally and locally, to determine the outcomes of various elections and gain reciprocity from those whom we support.

So, this is my first recommendation on how we MAKE Black History this month instead of just celebrating it and being told what our history is via commercials, sales, and folks who know very little or no Black history. A case in point is the recent Tweet by Vice President Mike Pence, who wrote, "As Black History Month begins we remember when President Lincoln submitted the 13th Amendment,

ending slavery, to the states." Say what?!

He suggests we celebrate Black History by acknowledging a White man - someone who did not end slavery by "submitting the 13th Amendment." I wrote to Pence and suggested to him, in keeping with his "Lincoln freed the slaves" theme, that he should make history by calling for the "exception" clause to be removed from the 13th Amendment (THE One Million's Plank #11). Then slavery in all forms and under all circumstances, especially for those "duly convicted of crimes" would be eliminated. Don't you just hate condescension?

The call for us to register as "NPA" is also in line with the advice business mogul, Bob Johnson, gave in his interview with me. (See entire interview on www.tricedneywire.com) He agrees with this tactic, and I will be reaching out to him to be the National Honorary Chairman of this effort. Meanwhile, just go do it; we don't need fanfare or hoopla.

Get to your respective registration Boards and change to "NPA," and let's stop accepting someone else's interpretation of Black History. Let's make our own.

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.

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els or a used car - knows that these tactics are not the tools of an honest broker.

Plus, as the Wall Street Journal exposed this January, we know many solar panel salespeople are pitching so-called government loans that can be used to help make homes more energy efficient. In reality, these Property Assessed Clean Energy, or PACE loans, are a type of loan which gives creditors top priority on securing repayment - even priority over a mortgage. No wonder, according to the Journal, that PACE loans are likely "the fastest-growing type of financing in the U.S." The title of the article should make us all fearful: "America's Fastest-Growing Loan Category Has Eerie Echoes of Subprime Crisis."

While there have been rumblings that the Trump Administration would curtail the CFPB, the letter from Congressmen Cleaver, Cuellar and Thompson illustrates why this regulatory agency is important. Action against these shady rooftop solar companies, who seem to target communities of color, is one way that this administration

could showcase its commitment to the working people who supported it. Indeed, as President Trump hosted a "listening session" with some Black Republicans "in honor" of Black History Month, he made no specific policy commitments. It would have been fantastic had he taken this small issue on, signaling that he understands the exploitation that some communities experience because of this solar chicanery.

The solar industry generates more than 200,000 jobs across the nation. While Donald Trump might not be concerned about producing clean energy, he says he cares about protecting American workers. That is why I am urging his Administration, and the CFPB, to take steps to eliminate the bad actors in rooftop solar. Unless we do, people will catch on, and walk away from solar. That will hurt our economy and our fight to beat climate change. Hopefully one out of two of those concerns is enough for the new Administration to take action to protect consumers.

Julianne Malveaux is an author, an economist and President Emerita of Bennett College for Women. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available on Amazon.

New Hanover County

JADE Dance Team, will perform at halftime for Cape Fear Community College Homecoming Game located at 411 N. Front Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on Saturday, February 25th at 3:00 PM. Visit us on Facebook at "HOME OF JADE".

Community Briefs

New Hanover County Schools will host a Magnet and Year Round Options Fair at Eaton Elementary School, 6701 Gordon Road, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Featured schools include: Eaton, Freeman, International School at Gregory, Snipes and Virgo Preparatory Academy. Staffs from each school and other NHCS staff will be available to greet parents, answer questions and provide detailed information about the programs and how to register your student. All parents living in New Hanover County are welcome to attend these events. Bilingual families are invited to attend; bilingual liaisons will be available at both events. There is no cost to attend. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Sabra Wright, Title I Program Specialist, at (910) 251-6011, ext. 107 or sabra.wright@nhcs.net.

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 New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on upcoming NAACP community events and other important community issues will be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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

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 March 31st, or until all funds are exhausted. For additional information, please call 910-253-2422.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Happiness is a part of life

Happiness is a part of your life you live with everyday. Some take advantage of all the happiness they can find, some go in a different direction. Sometimes this direction is not the best way possible. Sometimes we can find happiness by helping others find happiness. A neighbor's home was destroyed by fire, and there



Verniece Stanley

were four children in the home. This household needed as much help as they could receive while they waited for the insurance company to pay off. That is, if they had insurance. The necessary things needed immediately would be clothes, food, and shelter. Any assistance given would help

bring them happiness. There are many situations we have to face alone, and help in these situations is appreciated. Any help given is instrumental in keeping those who need it up to date with needed happiness in our present day. For example, help in finding good job opportunities tends to bring about a certain degree of happiness. Other opportunities may be all around, and the more of such opportunities we can help others find, the more happiness we can help bring them. Prisoners, once they are released, are often trying to make a new life for themselves. They must seek happiness while they understand they are under the scrutiny other people everyday.

A part of our pursuit of happiness is the right to seek a good education. Therefore, our society must be sensitive to the funding of our public schools. That is, our elementary and sec-

ondary schools, as well as our colleges/universities. Not enough money is expended toward quality education for our young people.

There are those who are not interested in appropriate healthcare for all. That's why the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is threatened by the present Trump Administration. Its repeal will cause numerous people to suffer from the lack of healthcare.

Our young men and women must be careful to keep pushing for the best education possible, building positive relationship among themselves and others. If you do well, good will come back to you. I am proud when I see people, particularly our Black men or Black women fighting against all odds, supporting one another, help each other make great choices. In our community, our focus ought to be on becoming a source of strength and serving

as role models. It would be good for us to keep these things in mind. Things can change for us, and we can know true happiness as long as we hold on to God's unchanging hand and stay next to Him.

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.

CFCC & One Love Tennis bring special Black History Month exhibit to Wilmington

Wilmington, NC- Cape Fear Community College is pleased to partner with One Love Tennis to honor Black History Month by hosting an exhibit on loan from the International Tennis Hall of Fame, entitled "Breaking the Barriers," which highlights the impact and achievements of African Americans in the sport of tennis. CFCC is also hosting special screenings of the documentary "Althea," followed by a Q&A session with Lenny Simpson, Executive Director of One Love Tennis and local Black tennis pioneer.

The exhibit features unique photos, news accounts, and historical

pieces that highlight notable trailblazers in the fight for racial equality in tennis including Althea Gibson, who called Wilmington home and broke the color barrier by entering the U.S. National Championships in 1950.

"We are so fortunate to have this exhibit at this time. Not only is it Black History Month, but it is the 100th Anniversary of the American Tennis Association," said Simpson.

The exhibit has been on display in CFCC's Union Station Lobby as of February 1st and will be there until February 16th; the film screenings will be held February 15th at 2:00 p.m. for CFCC students, faculty and staff, and at 6:00 p.m. for the general public,

in the Union Auditorium, Room 170. The exhibit and screenings are free to the public.

One Love Tennis will brought over 100 of the organization's students from five Wilmington Community Centers to visit the exhibit in Union Station on Tuesday, February 7th.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Cape Fear Community College, the Sea Devil Athletic Department, and our CFCC students, to share in this fascinating exhibit, especially when some of the events and stories originate in our own community," said Chris Libert, CFCC Assistant Director of Athletics for Student Activities and Community Relations.

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Carole S. Leake

Carole Smith Leake, age 89, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at St. James AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Carole "Biddy" Smith Leake affectionately known as Mama Leake passed Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Carole Smith Leake was born on June 18, 1927 in Scotch Plains, New Jersey to the late Louis & Pearl Smith. Carole grew up in Warwick, VA, now Newport News, VA. She enjoyed her childhood days, schools, church, and her community. Carole's faith in Christ came at an early age joining Fountain Baptist Church. Her father moved the family back to his home town of Ward City, VA., now known as Newport News, VA. When she was in the 3rd grade she took a class through the American Red Cross on CPR. She wanted to be a nurse from the experience and started working in the community helping people.

After high school, Carole started working for Warwick County as a Personal Property Surveyor. She later worked for the Police Department, Traffic Division. She later married Jake W. Leake. She had two daughters, Deborah (deceased) and Bernadette Bloodworth of Wilmington, NC. She traveled with her husband abroad to many countries. She became a caregiver and baby-sitter to many. She would drive people to the doctor, to the grocery store, commissary, etc. When they went to the Far East there was a letter already there about her works and Col. Pittman asked her to work with the Protestant Women of the Chapel newspaper in Okanawa. Major James Stewart called on her to be historian of the Boy Scouts of America Far East.

When Mr. Leake retired, they moved to California. She became caregiver and helper to many people in Fresno, California. She would send cards, sit with them, go to the store or help anywhere she saw a need. She became a member of church Women United and was the historian for 14 years.

She moved to Wilmington, NC in August 1998 and made Wilmington her home. She joined the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church and started a card Ministry through the Missionary Department. She sent birthday cards, sympathy cards, get well cards, thinking of you cards to members and any of their family members that she hears about. She sent cards all over the United States. By her works she was recognized as an "Unsung Hero" by Elderhaus, Inc.

Mama Leake was a wonderful person who went beyond the call of duty to help some-

body. She lived by the motto as Dr. King once said "If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show somebody he's traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain."

Carole was preceded in death by: Pearl Foulkes Smith (Mother), Louis Smith (Father), Jake W. Leake (Husband), Deborah Harrison (Daughter), Dorothy Harris (Sister), Martha Smith (Sister), Rudolph Smith (Brother), George Smith (Brother), Arthur Smith (Brother), Quentin Smith Sr. (Brother), Al Smith (Brother) and Robin Harrison (grandson).

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughter, Bernadette Bloodworth (Dan); grandson, Dan "Tyger" Bloodworth II (Stephania); granddaughters, Venus Bloodworth-Henry (Rev. Anthony), Karen Harrison and Carole Harrison; great-grandchildren: Aaron, Alea, Kymel, Tyler, Darryle, Andrew and Angel; special adopted daughter, Arlene Robinson Lawson; special adopted granddaughter, Sinaya; special church friend, Thalia P. Grady and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Jackie V. Gregory

Jackie V. Gregory, age 53, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Jackie was one of five children born to the late Gene Edward and Judy Stringfield Jordan and was the beloved wife of Michael Gregory for over 27 years. She was born and raised in New York, New York. Jackie graduated from Wingate High School in Brooklyn, New York where she was a cheerleader, played tennis and ran track. She furthered her education and took college courses in accounting while working as an executive assistant for many years. In addition, Jackie enjoyed preparing taxes.

Jackie met the love of her life, Michael Gregory in her early twenties. They were united in holy matrimony in September of 1989 and to this union started their family. Jackie and her family later moved to Wilmington, North Carolina where she began her career in hotel management and later work in retail. During this time, Jackie professed her faith and gave her life to Christ at New Covenant Holiness Church where she was a member before joining Temple of Praise Christian Church.

Jackie was a very kind and gentle soul with a loving and

generous heart. She was always giving to others, especially those in need. As a result of her generous spirit and pleasant personality, she was loved and adored by many. She always made others feel comfortable regardless of the circumstances.

During Jackie's extended illness, she continued to enjoy life to the fullest and thanking God for the simple pleasures of life. Staying connected to family and friends was very important to Jackie. She loved spending time with her family; especially her grandchildren, watching movies, playing board games and she enjoyed her husband's delicious meals. One of Jackie's favorite pastimes was playing scramble with her husband. She was known as the Scramble Queen.

Jackie was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents; brothers, Gene'o and Phillip Jordan.

Jackie is survived by and will forever be remembered and missed by her treasured husband, Michael Gregory; her loving three children, Sharmonique Rodgers, Jordan Gregory and Christopher Gregory all of Wilmington, North Carolina; God-son, Amir Stith, Wilmington, North Carolina; her caring sisters, Vernice Jordan, Columbia, South Carolina, Cynthia Jordan, Wilmington, NC, Marie Michel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; step-mother, Earlene Jordan; one stepbrother, Larry Wells; four step-sisters, Charlene (Victor) Hall, Glenda (Brian) Gray, Linda (David) Holmes, Wallace, North Carolina and Samantha Wells of Durham, NC; her precious grandchildren, Khalief Ballard and Kaleb Rodgers, Wilmington, North Carolina; her caring aunts and uncles, Gloria Rolle, Annette Davis both of Wilmington, NC, Hayward (Patty) Stringfield, John Stringfield both of Rocky Point, NC, Michael (Margo) Stringfield of Bolivia, North Carolina, Esther Ruth Herring, Hampstead, North Carolina and Bobby (Henrietta) Hankins, Durham, North Carolina, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Today we may feel sad, but we realize that Our Lord and Savior never makes a mistake. We are consoled by the beautiful memories, joyous times with Jackie and her courageous journey. Her passing may leave a temporary lonely place in our hearts, but to have lived with someone so strong and passionate is a blessing to our family. Remember Jackie fought the good fight and she finished her race. May we humbly submit to God's will. *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.*

Valerie R. Ballard

Valerie R. Ballard, age 56, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at St. John AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Valerie Rene Ballard departed this life on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Valerie was born in Wilmington, N.C. on February 21, 1960 to the late Cain Ballard and Evangeline James Bryant. She was preceded in death by a brother, Pearlie R. Johnson and a sister-in-law, Pamela H. Ballard.

Valerie was educated in the New Hanover County Schools system, graduating from E. A. Laney High School in 1979. She was a member of St. John A.M.E. Church, where she served faithfully on the Usher Board and the Fellowship and David Choirs, until her health failed.

She leaves to cherish her memory sisters, Debra Simpson of Leland, NC, Kimberly B. Graham (caregiver) and Winnie Ballard of the city; brothers, Kenneth Ballard of Charlotte, NC, Gregory Ballard of Castle Hayne, NC, Reginald Ballard (Angela), and Darryl Ballard (Ernestine) of the city; uncles Elijah Boney (Lucretia) of the city, Eugene Boney (Betty) of Brooklyn, NY, and Preston Boney of Queen, NY; aunt Rae Boney of Brooklyn, NY; several nieces and nephews; adopted family, the Beatty's; special friend, Daniel Williams; and a host of cousins, other relatives, and

friends; caregivers, Angela Ballard, Cynthia James, and Toya Bryant. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.nc.com.*

children born to the late John Lee and Mary Magdeline Grady. He attended school in

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Earl Grady

Earl Grady, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2017. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Unity of Wilmington.

Earl was born on July 3, 1933. He was the last of nine

In Loving Memory Of



Mrs. Daisy N. James Alford
Sunrise: August 2, 1936
Sunset: February 9, 2014

REST IN PEACE

You are not forgotten my love.
Nor will you ever be as long as life and memory last.
Your soul will live in me.

Your husband Leroyn,
Deneen and Latasha

In Loving Memory Of



**Vencella Durham Wallace Sunrise: October 19, 1966
Sunset: February 14, 2014**

If Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grown in Heaven Lord please pick a bunch for us.

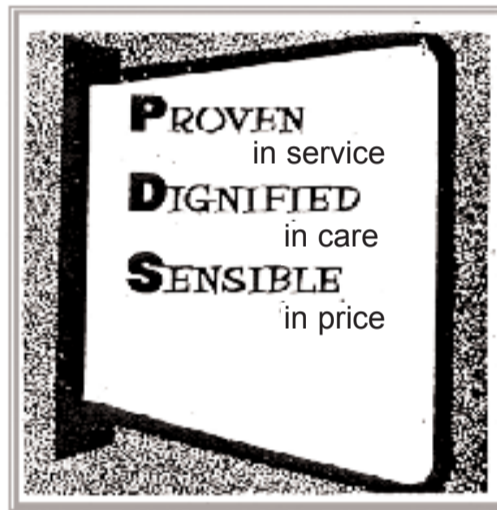
Place them in Vencella's (Mousie, V) arms and tell her they're from us. Tell her that we love and miss her and when she turns to smile place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile

Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day But there is an ache within our hearts that will never go away.

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New Hanover County

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.



Chords Across America Gospel Ministries, 1020 Rankin St. (James Walker Building) will hold an evening service on Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 p.m. with guest speaker Minister Kojo. For additional information contact Pastor Ronetta W. Davis at 910-623-4192.

Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ Outreach Ministry, 609 Nun St., will present A Sunday Afternoon Outreach in Word and Song with Rev. Tony Mills of St. James AME Church, Kelly, NC and Elder James Harvey and The Mighty Warriors of Warsaw, NC on Sunday, February 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Religious Briefs

Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Dr., will hold their Founders' Day from Sunday, February 20th - Friday, February 24th, 7:00 p.m. nightly and Sunday, February 26th at 4:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Sunday School Department will sponsor an African American Cuisine Food Sampling and Storytelling on Saturday, February 18th at 600 Grace St. at 3:00 p.m..

The Greater Wilmington District will hold its 65th. Annual District Conference in just a few days. Our conference theme is, "Contending For the Faith". District Superintendent Lorenzo Edge and District Missionary Sarah Rogers are inviting everyone to worship and fellowship with us during this upcoming event. All services will be held at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, GWD headquarters, located 1119 South 4th. St., Wilmington, N.C. Here is the schedule of events. Pre-Musical Sunday, February 19th, at 5:00 p.m. Rev. James Nixon and Union Missionary Baptist, Tuesday, Feb. 21st. at 7:00 p.m. Elder Tyquan Sparks, Columbia, S.C. (guest speaker) Wed. Feb. 22nd. At 7:00 p.m. Prophetess Amatha Floyd, Whiteville, N.C. (Women's Day speaker) Thurs. Feb. 23rd. at 7:00 p.m. Supt. Herbert Davis, Durham, N.C. (guest speaker) Friday Feb. 24th. at 7:00 p.m.

The Trustees of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church will host their 9th Annual Negro Spiritual Festival on Sunday February 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.. Various choirs and groups will be participating. Please join us at Ebenezer, 2929 Princess Place.

Brunswick County

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.

Mt. Nebo L.F. Boone Willing Workers will hold their Valentine's Banquet on Saturday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m. at 801 S. 10th Street.

New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, 88 Snowfield Rd., will celebrate Black History Month on Sunday, February 13th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Honorable Judge Pauline Hankins. Dinner will be served following the program.

Pender County

Pender County Training School/South Pender High Alumni, Inc., will hold a recognition breakfast on Saturday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m. at The Empowerment Center, 2929 Princess Place Dr., special guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. William Newkirk of Oak City Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. For information call 910-675-8528.

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TELL SOMEBODY

"Love Thy Neighbor"

"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Galatians 5:14

Love - Unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another
Neighbor - Fellowman; One living or located near another

Valentine's Day promotes the season of showing love. Since God is Love, this season should never end for the true Child of God!

"Beloved if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." I John 4:11



Sylvia Hooper

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I John 3:17

There was a lawyer in Luke 10th. chapter that asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbor?" And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion him. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the host and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinketh thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." St. Luke 10:29 - 37

Love is an action word that is exemplified when one is moved with compassion, and shows mercy, like Jesus did in

Mark 1:41 It takes mercy to show love to a neighbor or a brother or sister in need. Mercy is compassionate treatment of those in distress. If we would just remember how much mercy the Lord showed toward us when our soul and life was in distress. We wouldn't have such a problem showing mercy to others. Matthew 5:7 says, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Luke 6:36 says, "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." Lamentations 3:22-23 says "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

True religion demands love in action. Therefore, if we see a need, we should try to meet it. Many of those around us have fell among thieves, and have been stripped and wounded. They have been left to die, and will die if someone does not come to where they are, see them in distress, and be moved with compassion to do something about it! We cannot afford to become cold and indifferent to the needs of those around us who are suffering for whatever the reason. Love is not an option. Love is a mandate to the Church of the Living God. Yes, we should love the Lord with all our hearts, but also love our neighbor as ourselves. For all the law is fulfilled in one word... LOVE~! There are only four letters in l-o-v-e, but it is a great and mighty word. And yes, We serve a great and mighty God! Tell Somebody!!!

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

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

"Can I help you with your bag?"

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a beautiful, bright, and sunny day for the Senior Citizens' Fellowship to start the celebration of Black History Month. Our meeting was called to order by Mrs. Eloise Purdie. She asked Mr. George Hill and the choir to come forward. We opened by singing "I'm On the

Battlefield". Prayer was given by The Reverend Tommy Duren. Our next song was "All Night, All Day."

Our speaker for today was The Reverend Clifford Barnett, Pastor, Warner Temple AME Zion Church. He opened with prayer. His subject was "Burdens Mine; Sharing Your Burdens." He said that everyone has burdens. He said that we should help others to the best of our

ability. He said that God will reward us. He ended with a prayer. He was given a round of applause. Several members shared their experiences with overcoming personal burdens. They were all thanked for sharing.

We then discussed the passing of The Reverend Dr. Mary Benjamin. Her funeral will be held on Saturday February 11, at 12:00 noon. She will truly be missed.

The minutes were read and approved. We then had roll call. The winner of our callers was Mrs. Frances Burney, with 10. The sick report was read by Mrs. Fbbie Bradley. We were asked to pray for all. We then had announcements and "Smiles."

We has one visitor, Miss Vivian Kennedy Shaw. Our circle was formed and prayer was given.

We had 48 members present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

"Do you have your emergency list?"

My Fellow Seniors:

Thirty years ago, my brother wrote a list of people to contact in case of an emergency. He pasted that list on the door of his refrigerator before going to the hospital for the last time. Have you made such a list? Did you discuss it with your church family, so that others can get on board?

My husband commented on a well kept cemetery as we were passing by, so I decided to let that be his resting place. I wasn't worried about

the cost. But now, after paying on it for six months, I think they are putting more on the interest than on the principal. You must be wondering why I go to the newspaper with personal affairs. No one else does that. Actually, I would rather talk about it at church, but I did not find the opportunity.



Ruth Johnson

Actually, I would rather talk about it at church, but I did not find the opportunity.

The funeral director had some good advice for the family, but it was a little late. Maybe we "coulda, woulda, shoulda," invited him to speak to the church at a more convenient time.

Anyway, we can be grateful to God that The Wilmington Journal allows us to dwell on personal issues in the paper. Like church, The Journal is a chain that links us together. It can be used in group discussions.

So we have two strong arms to guide us as we walk this rocky road if we reach

out to one another and trust God to lead us. We will make this world a better place, no matter what we have to face.

In the next issue, I hope we can go over some of the things our fore parents had to face. It will make us realize that the road we are walking is not so rough, and, even if the brighter day is a long time coming, we can handle it. Actually we can walk in the dark.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

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New Hanover County and received his highest education performing the work he loved best as "jack of all trades". Earl met and married Loretta Foye of Rocky Point on October 9, 1955 and was "daddy" to seven children.

His memory will be cherished and remembered by his wife, Loretta F. Grady; children, Freddie Foye (Evelyn), Gloria Sharpless, Antron D. Grady, Martha Grady-Smith (Stevie), James Wilder (Christina), Maurice Wilder and Donald Adams; grandchildren, Sabrina, Priscilla, Tryee, Freddie Jr., LaToya, Antron, Destiny, Javonta, Shalura, ShaRetta, William, Steven, Samuel, Marcus, Alesha, Shanita, Patricia, Donyal and Donna, fourteen great grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Infant Rasean D. Glenn II

Infant Rasean D. Glenn II, son of Jennifer E. Monroe and Rasean D. Glenn, passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Please keep Jennifer, Rasean and their families in your thoughts and prayers. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Rev. Dr. Mary L. Benjamin

Rev. Dr. Mary L. Benjamin, age, 93, Pastor and Founder of LightHouse Shining Ministries, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2017. A visitation will be held from 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm, Friday, February 10, 2017 at LightHouse Shining Ministries, 6622 Carolina Beach Rd. Funeral services will be 12:00 pm, Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Lewis T. Nixon

Lewis T. Nixon, age 96, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, February 6, 2017. A visitation will be held from 6-8 PM Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1:30 PM, Sunday, February 12, 2017 at Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral*

Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Albert L. Grantham, Sr.

Albert L. Grantham, Sr., age 74, of Wilmington, passed away, Tuesday, February 07, 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.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Cleon John McIntyre

Cleon John McIntyre was the youngest of twelve children born to Mary Louise and Clarence McIntyre. Born September 14, 1971, he lived much of his life in Brooklyn, NY until he relocated to Wilmington, NC. He departed this life January 13, 2017. His funeral was Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Cleon loved to read and attended a number of religious studies. While he was distracted by a worldly life, he was always aware of the awesome presence of God. In his last hour he was found on his knees, and prayerfully making his peace with God.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving father, Clarence McIntyre, Sr.; a son, Jamal McIntyre; and a daughter, Awtaya Nicole Brown; granddaughter, Khloe Nicole Jenkins; four brothers, Lester A. Jacobs, Jr. (Audrey), Ray Jacobs, Clarence McIntyre and Carlton McIntyre; six sisters, Jeresa (Hew) Alston, LaNora (Lewis) Duncan, Renee Jacobs, Regina Lee McIntyre, Vanessa (Joel) Gregory and Tarsha (Demetrious) Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Roger Hill

Roger Hill, son of the late Cora Lee Hill, was born November 15, 1950. His funeral service was Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Johns Chapel Cemetery.

Roger was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He was employed with Textilease in Wilmington, NC, from which he retired in July, 2005. Roger married Peggy Washington on April 1, 2005. In addition to his mother, Mrs. Cora Lee Hill Allen, Roger was preceded in death by his brother, James Sterlin Hill.

He leaves to cherish his memories: three sisters, Regina (Jeff) Hill, Nellie (Leroy) Grady and Caletta Allen; three brothers, Dennis

Hill, Curtis (Ann) Hill and Gregory Hill; one aunt, Beatrice Kellam; one uncle, Joe Lewis Hill; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including special friends, James John Baldwin "Man Tan" and Charles Brinkley. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Addie Bernice King Russell

Addie Bernice King Russell was born September 16, 1923 to the late James and Vandalia King, the seventh of eleven children. Eight siblings preceded her in death. A woman of strength, courage, and enduring love, she departed this life on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the Brunswick Cove Nursing Home. Her funeral was held Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

She received her education at Sophia Henry's School in Sandyfield, NC. At an early age, Bernice gave her life to God and joined the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC where she remained until relocating to Wilmington, NC. After her husband Willard's death, Bernice moved closer to her family and reunited with her Mt. Zion Church Family. She remained there until her health would not allow her to attend. One of her favorite ways to pass time was sewing. As a seamstress, she excelled in the design and alteration of beautiful suits, dresses, coats, and capes for many many others. Nothing was more important than taking care of her home and family. Although she was blessed with only one biological daughter, she opened her home and her heart to raise others throughout her lifetime, who lovingly called her "Nana" as well. Her loving kindness and generosity was genuine, and she will be sorely missed by so many whose lives she touched in a special way.

Cherishing memories of Bern, Chummie or Nana, as she was fondly called are: her daughter, Larnice Jones of Winnabow, NC; son, Kevin (Teralyn) of Temple, TX; sisters, Geneva Ballard and Alethia Stanley; sister-in-law, Ruth King; grandchildren, William Bostic (Kimi), Larnice Bostic, James Ramos, Shawn Bostic and Kevin Blanks, Jr; goddaughters, Joyce Dwyer and Crystal Armstrong; nine great-grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; her very special friends, Nicie Keaton, Geraldine Armstrong, Peggy Green, Ethel Mae Jefferies, Ollee Alston, Luvenia Graham and George Hill; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Kimberly Radford McNeil

Kimberly Radford McNeil was called home on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. She was born August 24, 1977 to Elmer Flowers and the late Elois Radford. Funeral service was held Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at Salvation and Deliverance Family Worship Center. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Catherine Radford and her grandfather, Willie Ballard. She accepted Christ at a very young age and became a member of Salvation and Deliverance Church where she was an avid Sunday school member, played drums and danced on the praise team. She attended North Brunswick High School, graduating in the Class of 1997. She obtained an Associated Degree in Medical Science from Miller-Motte Technical College and attended Shaw University, earning The Bronze Pin for high academic achievement in pursuit of her Bachelor Degree along with other credentials and certifications. Kim was a dedicated employee of Wilmington Surgical Associated for the past year. Kim was united in holy matrimony to Lionel Shannell McNeil. She had a contagious smile and laugh that added joy to any event. Kim's Uncle William and Aunt Mable McKoy greatly influenced her life and she held them in high esteem. Kim ran track and exceeded track records of many, leaving a Legendary Athletic Mark at North Brunswick High School. Kim's one true love was her children, and she was an awesome mother, setting an example of educational excellence and great determination.

She is survived by husband, Lionel Shannell McNeil; sons, Jaheim Radford, JaQuan Radford and Shan "OJ" Graham, Jr.; daughters, Destiny Radford and Alani S. McNeil; father, Elmer L. Flowers; brother, Jermaine Flowers; sisters, Camasha Flowers and Breanna Sutton; aunts, Marjorie Radford, Brenda Brown, Shirleen Bryant (James), Janice Brown (Eric), Wanda Ballard and Sheila Grady; uncles, Marshall Radford, Artis Radford, Altheodor Radford, Marcus Ballard, Willie Ballard, Jr., Marshall Ballard, Jeffrey Ballard, Gregory Ballard and Chris Powell; great aunts, Deloris Boyer and Mable McKoy; great uncle, William McKoy; mother-in-law, Sandra McNeil; brothers-in-law, Ricky, Anthony, Darrion, Taron, Keymon; sisters-in-law, Dana, Danielle, Seda, S. Taylor and J. Taylor; special cousins/ friends, Cammy, L'Wanda, Trinetta, Crystal, Petra, Tiest, T'Wanda; and a host of other relatives, classmates and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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TO: NIKCOLE L. MASENGILL, a/k/a NIKCOLE L. PRATT, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHILDREN, BORN IN GREEN COUNTY, MISSOURI AND LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISSOURI

EFRAIN GALEANA, PUTATIVE FATHER, TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED FEMALE CHILD S.C.P., BORN IN GREEN COUNTY, MISSOURI TO NIKCOLE L. PRATT

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ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MALE CHILD, C.J.P., BORN IN LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISSOURI TO NIKCOLE L. PRATT

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following January 26, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Nikcole L. Messengill and can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, 910-343-5415 or Alexis.C.Perkins@nccourts.org.

Attorney Margaret Jennings has been appointed to represent Efrain Galeana, and can be reached at 1501 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, 910-762-0850 or mjennings@ec.rr.com.

Attorney Dawn Oxendine has been appointed to represent Bryce Suel, a/k/a Brice Howard, a/k/a Brice Barnes, and she can be reached at 4932 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC 910-397-7979, or at Dawn.jasonvaughnlaw@gmail.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 26th day of January, 2017.

Dean W. Hollandsworth Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services 1650 Greenfield Street Wilmington, NC 28401 PO Drawer 1559 Wilmington, NC 28402-1559 (910) 798-3511/Fax: 798-3772

January 26, February 2, 9, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Raymond C. Miller, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of May, 2017, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of February, 2017

Dolores M. Miller, Executrix of the Estate of Raymond C. Miller 8704 Barmore Circle Wilmington, NC 28411 Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC 16 North Fifth Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Mary Drummond (17-E-129), late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before May 10, 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of February, 2016

Nell Chapman Case, Executrix of the Estate of Mary Drummond Craige & Fox, PLLC 701 Market Street Wilmington, NC 28401 910-815-0085

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK CASE NUMBER: 16 SP 2452

IN RE ADOPTION OF: BABY GIRL BROWN

TO: "James" and any Unknown or Unnamed John Doe who may be the biological father

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption has been filed for the adoption of a female child, born December 23, 2016, in Greensboro, Guilford county, North Carolina to Christina Melissa Brown a/k/a Christina Brown Harelson (white woman, then age 41, light brown hair, hazel eyes).

It is believed that the child was conceived in the Brunswick county, North Carolina area in March 2016. The last known residence of the putative father "James" was in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

You must either file a written response to the Clerk of Superior Court of Guilford County or otherwise make defense to such petition within forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this notice (February 2, 2017) exclusive of such date, to participate in and to receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing.

Upon your failure to respond to the petition within the time prescribed, petitioners will apply to the court for an order that your consent to the adoption is not required and for a decree of adoption which will terminate any parental rights you may have with respect to the child.

Amy Wallas Fox Attorney for Petitioners Claiborne Fox Bradley, PLLC 417 East Blvd. Suite 101 Charlotte, North Carolina 28203 Telephone: 704-702-0300

February 2, 9, 16, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Barbara Krug Evans, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of April, 2017, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of January, 2016

Robert Taylor Evans, Executor 105 Ravenstone Drive Cary, NC 27518

January 26, February, 2, 9, 16, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Alexander D. Moss, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before May 2, 2017 or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 2nd day of February, 2010.

Janis Moss of the Estate of Alexander D. Moss c/o BRITT LAW FIRM 720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401 Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Annie Charles Smith Harris A/K/A Charlie Smith Harris, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of May, 2017, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of February, 2016

Samuel Lapsley Harris, Executor 1612 Jarvis Street Raleigh, NC 27608

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Earl Kenneth Wood, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of May, 2017, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of February, 2016

Anne Clements, Executrix 1822 Ridge Rd. Munster, IN 46321

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Bradley Farina (17-E-132), late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before May 10, 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of February, 2016

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

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Catherine L. Oliver, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of April, 2017, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of January, 2016

Patricia A. Oliver, Administratrix 2734 Worth Dr. Wilmington, NC 28412

January 19, 26, February, 2, 9, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA L. MOORE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 16-E-001616

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF WANDA L. MOORE of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before April 19, 2017 or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 19th day of January, 2017.

NEL M. NICHOLS and ROBERT A. MOORE, III Co-Executors of the Estate of WANDA L. MOORE SAFFO LAW FIRM, P.C. Post Office Box 7095 Wilmington, NC 28406 (910) 256-3364

January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In Re The Estate of LANIER MADISON ROACH, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of LANIER MADISON ROACH, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before 05/08/2017 or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. On this day, February 2, 2017.

Douglas L. Roach, Personal Representative c/o Sherman and Rodgers, PLLC by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr., Attorney for the Personal Representative 8120 River Road Wilmington, NC 28412

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HATTIE LEE BELLAMY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Hattie Lee Bellamy, deceased, late of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the 12th day of May, 2017, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of February, 2016

Sue Elizabeth Tate, Executrix Terry B. Richardson Attorney for the Estate 209 Princess Street Wilmington, NC 28401 Telephone No.: 910-763-7420 Fax No.: 910-762-4176

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In the Matter of the Estate of Frederick Douglas Wall, Jr., Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Frederick Douglas Wall, Jr., deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before April 28, 2017, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of January, 2017.

Katherine Elisabeth Wall Executor of the Estate of Frederick Douglas Wall, Jr. c/o Anthony L. Register Alley, Register & McEachern 701 North 4th Street Wilmington, NC 28401

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF New Hanover PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S In Re The Estate of Zola Mae Morton, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Zola Mae Morton, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before 05/08/2017 or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, February 2, 2017.

Larry K. Morton, Personal Representative c/o Co-counsel for Law Office of Jason Vaughn, PLLC by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr., Attorney for the Personal Representative 4932 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403-5264

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, Gary J. Bien, having qualified on the 30th day of January, 2017, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jewel Faydene S. Corbett (17-E-118), deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the 4th day of May, 2017, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 31st day of January, 2017.

Gary J. Bien, Personal Representative ESTATE OF Jewel Faydene S. Corbett David Anderson GRAVES MAY, PLLC 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington NC 28403

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Leroy Haynes, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of May, 2017, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of February, 2016

Carla R. Marshall, Administrator 2782 Cedar Hill Rd. NE Leland, NC 28451

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

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