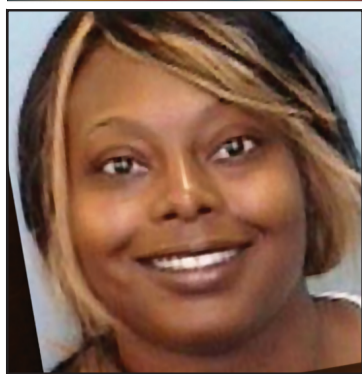


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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BERNEST HEWETT

**Justice Department
to meet with
Board of Education**

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, the United States Department of Justice will meet with the Brunswick County Board of Education. The meeting will convene Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 6:30 p. m. at the central office in Bolivia. We still have problems

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**Leaders from NC HBCUs
to attend DC meeting**

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, the presidents of many of the 106 historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) across the nation will convene at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. for what is being called a "Fly-in" conference with various members of Congress, and officials from the Trump Administration, among others, to discuss how the federal government, under Republican control, can be more supportive.

The *Wilmington Journal* reached out to the offices of the presidents of all ten HBCUs in North Carolina, receiving confirmation of attendance from only Winston-Salem State University and Bennett College in

Greensboro, where interim president, Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, presides.

"I think I can safely speak for all of my colleagues in saying that we expect, and hope to have, dialogue and actions regarding infrastructure support, Pell Grant increases to build a pipeline of college ready students, Title III funding and other support structures to strengthen HBCUs for the future," Dr. Dawkins said. "Speaking for myself, I am excited about the chance to meet with members of the Trump Administration to discuss HBCU's and ways we can strengthen them for posterity."



DAWKINS

Dr. Dawkins continued, "I think it is great that our new president is reaching out to HBCU's just a few [weeks] after taking office, and I sincerely hope his administration will work to ensure that HBCU's are given their fair share of federal funding. HBCU's are vital to the fabric of American education, and I hope next week's meeting is the first of many productive meetings in Washington."

According to Jay R. Davis, Director of Communications and Media Relations for WSSU, Chancellor [Elwood] Robinson has accepted an invitation extended to HBCU leaders from the Thurgood Marshall College



ROBINSON

Fund to attend a meeting with leadership in Washington, D.C., on February 28.

Davis did not express what Chancellor Robinson hoped to hear while attending the meetings. Robinson is traveling this week and could not be contacted directly for comment.

The convener of the two-day conference in Washington, D. C. next week is Republican Representative Mark Walker [R-NC-6], a White conservative congressman who wants to see the "full repeal" of the Affordable Care Act; strongly supports North Carolina's controversial HB2 "bathroom law," and, when once asked if starting a war with Mexico was appro-

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ALPHA PSI OMEGA MEMBERS, 2017 DEBUTANTES, MOTHERS AND GUESTS

PHOTO BY JOHN DAVIS

**"Continuing a Tradition of Grace and Culture:
The Alpha Kappa Alpha Debutante Tea"**

BY CYNTHIA BROWN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Sunday February 12, 2017 the Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® sponsored its Debutante Tea. The event was held in the Williston Auditorium of Cape Fear Museum of Science and History in Wilmington, NC. It continued the more than 50-year tradition of preparing young ladies for their transition into womanhood

with grace.

Approximately 50 guests, comprised of sorority members, debutantes and their mothers were in attendance. The event opened with remarks from chapter president Kimberly Bankston, Tea Committee Chairperson Chrystal Fray-Davis, and Amy Mangus, museum staff. A session on proper dining etiquette was facilitated by Mrs. Fray-Davis. All in attendance enjoyed light refreshments including fruit, cheeses, fin-

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MELINDA J. ANDERSON

**Anderson to serve
on Council for
Global
Community for
Academic Advising**

BY CAROLINE CROPP
UNCW CONTENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Melinda J. Anderson, director of University College, has been appointed to the council of the National Association for Academic Advising.

NACADA promotes student success by advancing the field of academic advising globally. The organization provides opportunities for professional development, networking and leadership for its diverse members. Council members are responsible for managing the policies, procedures and programs to

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**Trump fails to push for racial unity
he promised in inaugural address**

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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In his inaugural address on January 20, President Donald J. Trump quoted the Bible's premier passage on unity. Yet, when it comes to race - America's biggest divide - Trump has missed nearly every opportunity to make a major impact or statement to that end. This week, Trump visited the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture in commemoration of Black History Month. Yet, in the month leading up to Tuesday's tour of the museum, he has missed major opportunities to show empathy or understanding of

the African American struggle for justice.

"The Bible tells us, 'how good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity. When America is united, America is totally unstoppable,' he said in front of the millions watching by television around the world and gathered on the Washington Mall for his inauguration. "It is time to remember that old wisdom our soldiers will never forget: that whether we are black or brown or white, we all bleed the same red blood of patriots, we all enjoy the same glorious freedoms, and we all salute the same great American Flag.

And whether a child is born in the urban sprawl of Detroit or the windswept plains of Nebraska, they look up at the same night sky, they fill their heart with the same dreams, and they are infused with the breath of life by the same almighty Creator."

He continued, "So to all Americans, in every city near and far, small and large, from mountain to mountain, and from ocean to ocean, hear these words: You will never be ignored again. Your voice, your hopes, and your dreams, will define our American destiny. And your courage and goodness and love will forever guide us along the way."

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WHITE HOUSE PHOTO
**President Donald Trump takes
oath of office Jan. 20 after
which he promised to be
president of "all Americans".**



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in our public school system, where there is supposed to be equal justice for all, regardless of race, creed, or color: It is very disheartening for people to have hatred for people of color for no reason other than skin color. Now we find people who want to hunt down Hispanic people and deport them or do bodily harm to them for no just cause. Why is this? Why do we claim to be Christian hearted men and women and yet be so filled with hatred? We are supposed to be a free nation living by moral principles, but now our school system has, by their own hand, revealed this hatred in the actions toward Blacks and Hispanics all along by the work done in the Brunswick County School System. Come out on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. and join the meeting.

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

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ger sandwiches and assorted teas. Ms. Bankston provided

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meet member needs and advance the association. Anderson will serve a two-

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After visiting the African American History Museum, the President said in remarks, "We have to fight bigotry, intolerance and hatred." Then he promised to heal the divide. Yet, so far, he has missed nearly every opportunity to impact gross racial disunity across the nation, to attempt to heal racial divides or articulate a way forward. That includes his failure to publically apologize for his insistence that then President Barack Obama was not a legitimate citizen of the U.S. - even after Obama's citizenship was proven.

• Most recently, on February 17, President Trump stood before a vastly White cheering crowd in Charleston South, S.C., ground zero for one of the worst domestic terrorist attacks in U. S. history and failed to acknowledge or even mention it. That attack occurred on June 17, 2015 when 21-year-old White supremacist Dylann Roof, brutally murdered nine Black people who had just led him in Bible study and prayer inside the historic "Mother Emanuel" African American Episcopal Church. Included in the slaughtered was the pastor, S.C. State Sen. Clementa Pinckney. Trump was in Charleston for the unveiling of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft. But the gravity of the Roof attack sent shock waves around the nation so strong that the S. C. legislature, at the behest of then Republican Gov. Nikki Haley - now Trump's ambassador to the United Nations - finally agreed to remove the hateful Confederate Flag from the top of the State Capitol building. It was lowered and removed nearly a month after the attack. President Barack Obama delivered the Pinckney eulogy. On Dec. 15, a jury found Roof guilty of 33 counts of federal hate crimes and later sentenced him to death.

• The Southern Poverty Law Center and the FBI have reported sharp increases in the rise of hate groups since Trump's campaign and election; plus a spike in hate crimes and threats predominately against Blacks, Jews and Muslims. Yet, President Trump has failed to speak directly to this issue.

• On Feb. 1, President Trump held a Black History Month "listening session" with Black Republicans at the White House, which he described as "our little breakfast, our little get-together". At the gathering, hosted by his White House public engagement assistant Omarosa Manigault, Trump generally praised the works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., abolitionist Frederick, Underground Railroad heroine Harriet Tubman, and civil rights martyr Rosa Parks, "and millions more Black Americans who made America what it is today. Big impact." But, he mentioned nothing about the specific works of these civil rights leaders; nor the injustices and inequities that continue. Even while listing "the need for safer communities" more law enforcement, more jobs, better wages and better schools, Trump once again failed to say what he would do to deal with these issues, which have historically been exacerbated by racism and White supremacy. "I am proud to honor this heritage, and we'll be honoring it more and more," he

the first pouring and Mrs. Cynthia Brown provided the second pouring.

This year marks the 53rd Debutante Program and Presentation sponsored by

Alpha Psi Omega Chapter. The program will culminate in the presentation of five lovely young ladies to society on March 11, 2017 at the Burney Center on the cam-

pus of UNCW.

Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® celebrates its 85th chapter anniversary on June 2, 2017.

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year term.

"I'm passionate about student success and I look forward to supporting NACADA's efforts to advance the field of academic advising," said Anderson. "As a critical piece

to supporting student success, academic advising has been elevated and highlighted as a key practice to increase retention and persistence. I will learn all that I can from this experience and incorporate

best practices at UNCW."

Advancing university academic programming, scholarly activities and global learning are key components of UNCW's Strategic Plan. Anderson joined UNCW in

August 2015. She was formerly the director of pre-health and pre-law advising at Virginia Commonwealth University and has more than 15 years of experience in higher education.

said.

It was in this meeting that Reverend Darrell Scott, pastor of the New Spirit Revival Center in the Cleveland, in an apparent attempt to impress the President, said he'd been contacted by Chicago gang members, implied that they were Trump supporters and wanted to meet with the President about lowering the "body count". Rev. Scott later confessed that what he'd said was false.

• Perhaps most notable among missed opportunities are the people who Trump has selected as his chief advisors. While calling for America to unite across divisive political and racial lines, he has appointed Steve Bannon, former head of the alt-right, White suprema-

cist voice Breitbart News, as a chief advisor and Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general, a man avidly opposed by the civil rights community because of his past racism, including his reputation of embracing the Ku Klux Klan, a reputation that caused him to be rejected for a federal judgeship in 1986.

• Meanwhile, another missed opportunity: President Trump has now offended the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) after he apparently ignored a letter sent to him from the CBC in January. The Jan. 19 "Dear Mr. President-elect" letter from CBC Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.) outlined ways the 49-member caucus would like to work with President Trump.

During an East Room Press Conference Feb. 16, President Trump, in response to a question from long time White House Radio correspondent April Ryan about whether he will discuss his urban and inner city plans with the CBC, responded by asking her whether "they're friends of yours" and whether she would set him up a meeting with them. Ryan quickly clarified that she is a reporter and does not set up meetings between politicians. CBC leaders later expressed that the President's overture was disrespectful at best. It appears the meeting may take place between the CBC and the President in coming weeks.

The pending meeting with the CBC and an HBCU funding

executive order said to be on the horizon are yet new opportunities to begin fulfilling his promise. Despite missed opportunities only a month into his presidency, in his official Black History Month proclamation, Trump indicates there may still be hope that he will press toward that racial unity and justice.

He wrote, "As we journey toward a stronger, more united Nation, let us use this commemoration of African American History Month to serve as a reminder of the need for meaningful dialogue and shared commitment to collective action that uplifts and empowers, as well as of the strength, ingenuity, and perseverance required of us in the years to come."

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PARENTS WANT CONFEDERATE FLAG SYMBOLS BANNED FROM SCHOOLS

[HILLSBOROUGH] Orange County parents say they want Confederate flags and Confederate flag symbols that are either worn or displayed by students in public schools there banned. They say they see too many students wearing tee-shirts with the Old South symbol, or displaying it on



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their cars on school property. School system officials say while there is a policy prohibiting disruptive clothing, displaying the Confederate flag is not considered a violation. Concerned parents are expected to confront the school board at a later date.

NC RIGHT-WINGERS ALLEGEDLY MET TO DISCUSS VIOLENCE AGAINST MUSLIMS

[KERNERSVILLE] A national Muslim civil rights group is asking the FBI to investigate several conservative NC activists who met last Thursday in Kernersville to

discuss perpetrating violence against Muslims, published reports say. According to the Triad City Beat, a meeting at a local seafood restaurant had members of the Tea Party, white patriots and other right-wing members discussing how to kill Muslims, "shed blood" and "start killing the hell out of them." A spokesman for the organization CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) says, "Calls to violence against members of any minority group warrant a criminal investigation by state law enforcement authorities and the FBI. We call on President Trump to repudiate the grow-

ing bigotry in our nation targeting Muslims, Hispanics, immigrants, refugees and other minority groups."

FLU SEASON DEATH TOLL IN NORTH CAROLINA AT 32

[RALEIGH] According to the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, eight people died of flu-related illness last week - the most in one week, bringing the death toll this flu season to 32 in North Carolina. Officials say they're dealing with Influenza A H3N2, which is known to affect elderly people more than others. Thus far, 22 of the flu-related deaths

were of people 65 or older.

COOPER AND STEIN WITHDRAW MCCRORY'S VOTER ID REVIEW REQUEST

[RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper and state Attorney Josh Stein formally withdrew a request of the US Supreme Court to review a federal appellate court's ruling last year that North Carolina's voter ID law deliberately targeted African-Americans with "surgical precision." That review request was originally made by Gov. Pat McCrory before he was voted out of office. McCrory and GOP leaders in the legis-

lators believed that North Carolina's voter ID law was needed because of unproven voter fraud. In a statement, Gov. Cooper said, "We need to make it easier for people to exercise their right to vote, not harder, and I will not continue to waste time and money appealing this unconstitutional law. It's time for North Carolina to stop fighting for this unfair, unconstitutional law and work instead to improve equal access for voters."

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appropriate in order to secure the border, he joked that it was, though he seriously added that the National Guard should be utilized. Yet, despite his ultra-conservative rhetoric, Representative Walker, Chair of the House Republican Study Committee, apparently has a soft spot for HBCUs. His wife, Kelly, graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a degree in nursing. Summer interns from local HBCU's work in the congressional offices of Walker and NC 12th District colleague, Representative Alma Adams; NCA&T State University in Greensboro is in his district; and he is a member of the Congressional HBCU Caucus.

Walker has invited House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI),

South Carolina Senator Tim Scott, Senator Marco Rubio and other influential Republican leaders to take part in the conference Tuesday to meet with HBCU leaders. According to a spokesman, they understand the history of HBCUs and their unique role in higher education and why the Republican-controlled federal government should continue to support their future.

The event is supported by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, a Washington, D. C. based non-profit group that helps needy students attend the HBCU of their choice. Its president, John-

ny Taylor, says HBCUs have no choice but to work with whoever runs Congress and whoever is in the White House.

To that end, it is also expected that the Trump Administration will issue a new executive order next week, moving the HBCU Initiative from under the U. S. Department of Education to direct supervision of the White House. There have been unconfirmed reports about what else the Trump executive order contains, but, at least, one N. C. college president is optimistic.

"UNCF and The Thurgood Marshall College Fund have pushed for the White House Initiative on HBCUs to be removed from the Department of Education and placed directly under The White House, led by an executive director. Therefore, we are happy to hear that this is being strongly considered," Bennett interim president,

Dr. Phyllis Dawkins, said. "This move, should it occur, will provide direct access to a senior adviser, who reports to the President, thereby identifying policy priorities that are important to HBCU's."

HBCUs reportedly comprise only three percent of all colleges and universities in the country, yet they are responsible for 27 percent of African-Americans with bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering and math, according to the U. S. Department of Education.

While there is naturally some caution, hopes are high that a positive bond can be forged with President Trump. There are still hard feelings from eight years of the Obama Administration that, while HBCUs ultimately saw more funding, they also saw Pell Grants cut for Black students, and parental qualifications for

the PLUS Loan program for college students changed, ultimately disqualifying many parents on the credit bubble, resulting in many Black college students' being forced to drop out of school.

HBCU enrollments dramatically dropped, and many schools are still recovering, officials say.

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MARTIN

Representatives Hanes and Conrad support new traffic bill

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A bill that, if enacted, would require the NC Division of Motor Vehicles to begin producing driver license handbooks that instruct motorists, especially young drivers, on how to properly and legally conduct themselves while engaging with law enforcement during traffic stops, is getting bipartisan support in the state House by two members of the Forsyth County delegation.

The proposed measure is important, at least one law enforcement official says, because while police, sheriff's deputies and state troopers are rigorously trained on how to act and react during traffic stops, much of the driving public, especially young people, don't realize that the slightest provocative move could be mistakenly interpreted as a threat by that officer, and end fatally.

It's one of the reasons many black parents say they have "the talk" with their driving age teenage children on how to follow the instructions of law enforcement when stopped on the road, the first rule being keep your hands plainly in sight, and don't move unless the officer either instructs you to, or you advise the officer accordingly. If passed, "...at the request of the Department of Public Instruction, the Division shall provide free copies of the handbook to that Department for use in the program of driver education offered at public high schools."

While Section 1 of the bill, once signed into law, becomes



REP. ED HANES, JR.



REP. DEBORAH CONRAD

effective January 1, 2018, the remaining sections become effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year."

House Bill 21, also known as "Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops," is co-sponsored by Forsyth County members Ed Hanes Jr. (D-Dist. 72) and Debra Conrad (R-Dist. 74), among others. It was filed January 25th, passed first reading on January 30th, and referred to the House Committee on Transportation that same day.

"With all the recent media stories about interactions between citizens and police, I agreed with the bill sponsors that basic guidance on how to react to traffic stops for speeding or for any reason deemed necessary by a law enforcement officer would be helpful to mitigate the escalation of the situation," Rep. Conrad told *The Chronicle*. (Winston Salem). "It should enhance safety for all involved and be a reassurance to officers that citizens are better prepared to cooperate in providing information or following instructions during such encounters

with law enforcement officers just trying to do their job."

HB21 needs to be passed in committee, and then heard and voted on by the full House and Senate process, before it can be sent to Gov. Cooper for his signature to become law.

Among other requirements, the bill states, "The driver education curriculum shall include...instruction on law enforcement procedures for traffic stops this is developed in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, and the North Carolina Association of the Chiefs of Police. The instruction shall provide a description of the actions of that a motorist should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers."

From the law enforcement point of view, the proposed law could be a needed asset towards helping the public understand the constant stress officers are under every time they make a traffic stop.

"I do think it's a great idea to educate the public about what's going through an officer's mind," Col. Glenn McNeill, new commander of the state Highway Patrol, told *The Chronicle*. Just prior to being appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper, McNeill was head of training for the SHP, has read the bill, and supports it.

Col. McNeill said when officers stop a motorist, "We don't know whether they're a law abiding citizen or not. We're trained to treat every stop as if it's our last."

"When someone reaches for something, because they're nervous as a result of being stopped, ...we don't know that that's why they're nervous. Are they nervous because they've just committed a crime? Our troopers are placed in harm's way day after day regarding all of the dangerous traffic stops that they conduct, and we don't know who we're stopping. So any opportunity our troopers have to educate the public is a good thing regarding how they should interact," McNeill said.

Health care professional Larnetra Richardson of

Winston-Salem agrees that the instruction is needed.

"Yes, unfortunately I think it's probably going to be necessary for everyone, especially people of color," Ms. Richardson told *The Chronicle*. "It probably should include steps like slowing down, maybe even turning on flashers, remaining in the car, sitting upward with hands on steering wheel at "10 and 2" to keep hands in sight. Sad that it has come to this."

However, Mutter D. Evans,

Winston-Salem community activist, consultant and former local broadcast owner, added this cautionary.

"Generally speaking, any attempt to educate is a plus; however, because these guidelines are included in the handbook does not mean they will be read, retained and regularly reviewed. In order for it to be productive, I feel it should be included in driver's ED instruction classes and at least one question should reflect this on the written exam," she said.

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Our Voice

CASH IN THE APPLE

Attacking the press

You know if President Donald Trump was normal, then one would be tempted to take his cowardly attacks on the news media of this country seriously. There's no doubt that rabid Trump supporters believe everything he says, even though they see his month-old presidency already crumbling under the extraordinary weight of his foolishness. No sooner had Melania replaced the drapes in the Oval Office, did a federal appellate court tell Trump his Muslim ban was never going to fly, and the president's national security advisor, a former three-star US Army General named Michael Flynn (a prime candidate for the more-than-one -screw-loose award if I've ever seen one) proved to possess the unique talent of allegedly lying to the FBI to cover up something Trump said he would have directed him to do anyway.

Cash Michaels

Oh, did I leave out that several of the president's Cabinet appointees are certified whackos, matched only by the certified white nationalist whacko Trump has as a senior policy advisor. There's a lot more, but you get the picture. There is plenty this president needs to be held accountable for, and it will take skilled investigative reporters at the nation's major national news media to expose the Trump administration for all of the harm it's in the process of doing.

But Pres. Trump doesn't want to be held accountable for what he does, and that's why he's attacking the press with abandon, hoping that their collective knees will knock, and they'll back off just enough to pull tons of wool over everybody's eyes (and ears).

The strategy is really quite simple - delegitimize the press in the minds of his supporters so that when he does something there's clearly no excuse for, those numbskulls will believe him first, despite ten-ton facts the media is reporting proving the president is all sorts of crooked. He successfully demonized his 2016 Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton, just like he did his 16 Republican primary foes.

You see Trump believes that demonizing people for personal gain is as American as apple pie (one in which he clearly is the worm). He knows that there are plenty of people, mostly white, who continue to believe that this country belongs to them, always has, and always will. These are folks who really don't care what happens to anyone else, just as long as they are on top, and remain there.

That's why Trump is able to get away (or at least try to) with running his mouth about keeping Muslims from seven particular countries out of the United States. Mind you, Christians from those countries are more than welcomed, probably because, in Trump and his supporters' minds, they're not likely to be terrorists.

Apparently the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, ardent supporters of Trump during the presidential elections, don't qualify bon-a-fide violent terrorists in Donald's book.

In Trump's world, those who refuse to acknowledge his self-proclaimed "greatness" - even to the point agreeing with him that his was the greatest election victory in modern history (NOT), and that 3 million people voted illegally against him, costing the Trump the popular vote (NOT), are not "true" Americans.

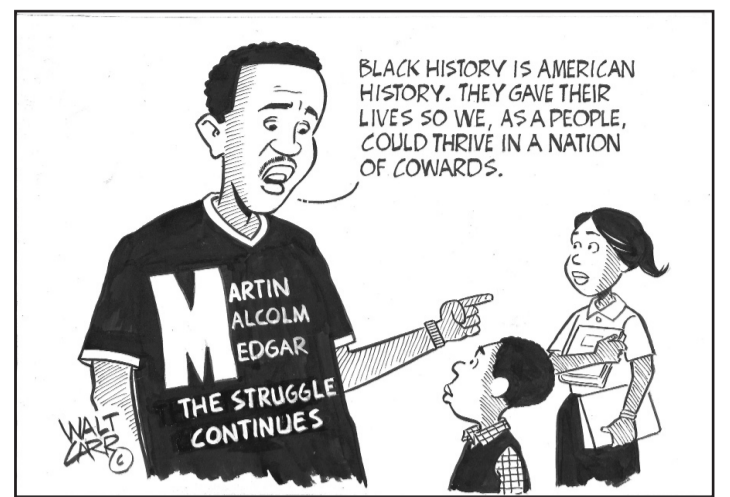
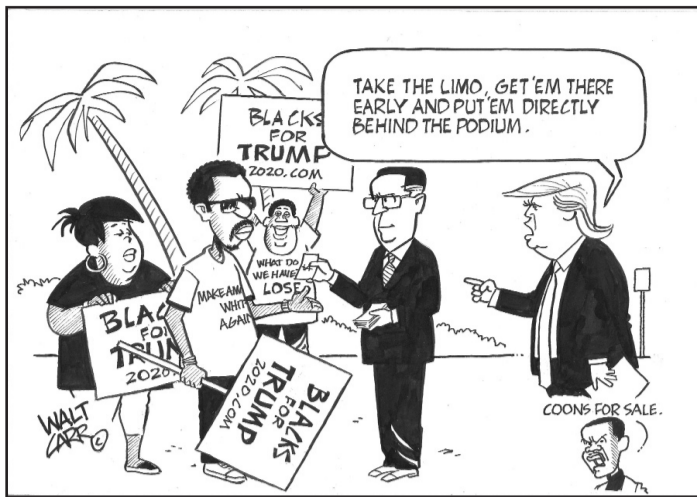
In fact, he says, they are "enemies" of the American people. No, Donald, a vibrant American press is an enemy only of the ignorant. So I guess you and your followers will be at odds with reality for at least the next four years. Cash Michaels is a member of The *Wilmington Journal's* editorial board.

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.*

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AFRICA AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH 2017

Welcome AFRICA AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, 2017.

Exit with sincere thanks and appreciation Black History Month, 2016.

AFRICA AMERICAN HIS-

TORY MONTH, 2017 enters with a more accurate title, identification and dynamic agenda.

Exit the label (black) negatively imposed upon people of color from Africa who were forcefully drug to America draped in chains as slaves, to work, serve, buy and sell as

animals at the whim of the cruel slave master.

The bastardization of human beings applied to the numerous ports for slave trading in the West Indies, North and South America to name a few.

Welcome AFRICA AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH 2017,

again, as an even brighter spotlight focuses on accurate AFRICA AMERICAN HISTORY and the conspicuous contributions from African Americas to America's immortality.

Wilhelmina S. Banks
Bristol, VA

Matters of Opinion

Painful documentaries and hard choices

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I usually don't pay much attention to the Academy Awards unless African American actors are nominated and win or unless African American themed films have an opportunity. This year, I am paying much attention, what with *Fences*, *Hidden Figures*, and *Moonlight* among the nominees for Best Picture, and with Denzel Washington (*Fences*), Ruth Negga (*Loving*), Mahershala Ali (*Moonlight*), Viola Davis (*Fences*), Naomie Harris (*Moonlight*) and Octavia Spencer (*Hidden Figures*) up for best actor/actress or supporting actor/actress roles. To be sure, I think that there should have been more nominations for *Hidden Figures*, and that Denzel should have been nominated for a directing award. But we all know the Academy "ain't fair". Let's see what the outcomes are.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

One of the more difficult choices may be the choice for Best Documentary. Two films that rocked my world have both been nominated. Raoul Peck's *I Am Not Your Negro* was riveting and had me sitting at the edge of my seat. James Baldwin had always been a searing critic of race matters in these United States. To see his wit and wisdom come to life reminded me of how passionately he cared, and how wittily he responded, to some of the questions too often raised about Black life. To hear Samuel Jackson's voice-over of Baldwin's words, and to combine that with some of the Peck-inspired visuals, is absorbing. The multi-media experience raises questions about stereotypes that reign in film, even in cartoons, and how these stereotypes shape the way African Americans are perceived and treated in our nation. I have never experienced such silence in the theatre, a few uh-hums, but none of the whispered conversation typical of a movie experience. I've seen the documentary once, and plan to see it again, both because I was a big Baldwin fan, and also because the movie is sharing immutable facts that many would like to forget.

The other film nominated for Best Documentary is Ava DuVernay's *13th*, an examination of the relationship between the 13th Amendment to the Constitution (the one

that outlaws involuntary servitude, except when one is convicted of a crime) and the current system of mass incarceration. DuVernay is masterful in connecting stereotypes of Black people to the way the criminal justice system treats us, in weaving voices of luminaries like Angela Davis, Michelle Alexander, and Jelani Cobb with footage of police violence in Ferguson, Mo, and in using the voices of the formerly incarcerated to examine the system. When I saw *13th*, I sat next to a sister who sobbed her way through the last moments of the movie. *13th* leaves much to be desired, much to shake one's head about, much to become enraged and energized about. The adage "follow the money" is never more pointed than it is when we look at issues of mass incarceration. Predatory capitalists are making profits on everything from maggot-infested meals served to telephone calls, and inmates and their families are the losers. This movie is a call to action.

There is much overlapping material in these two films, and I'd not advise anyone to see both films on the same day. Both films enrich us, and I'd be hard pressed to say which is better than the other. I hope that the Academy chooses one of the two, and will be most chagrined if they duck the

choice and go with one of the other nominations. Even if neither film is chosen, I'm grateful that, at this moment in our history, we have films that remind us where we have been, what our challenges have been, and that the struggle, indeed, continues.

This year's Academy Award nominations gives African Americans much to celebrate, and these nominations are also reminders that momentary visibility is not the same thing as structural change. How many African Americans can actually green-light a movie? How many compelling stories, like that depicted in *Hidden Figures*, will never be movies because of misperceptions about American audiences and racial material? When will African American history be viewed as American history and savored all year instead of only in February? Kudos to Raoul Peck and Ava DuVernay. Their films make the case that documentaries about African American life and history can reach broad audiences.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Trump's tough talk won't fix Chicago

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump is fixated on what he describes as the "carnage" going on in Chicago, suggesting that if Chicago's horrendous homicide rate doesn't come down, he'll "send in the feds." At his recent press conference, he announced plans to create "a task for reducing violent crime in America, including the horrendous situation - take a look at Chicago and others - taking place right now in our inner cities."



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

During his campaign, Trump suggested that he knew the answer for solving the crime problem in Chicago: "How? By being very much tougher than they are right now." He claimed he met with a couple of top Chicago police officers and one said, "I'd be able to stop it in one week," if they could take the gloves off.

Trump apparently has no idea of just how harsh Chicago police have been on young

African-American men. His comments above came in the wake of the protests over the use of force by the police, including the murder of Laquan McDonald that was caught on camera and covered up.

Why is the homicide rate so high in Chicago? Actually, it came down earlier in this decade as it did in other cities but has spiked in recent years. Trump defines the situation correctly when he says there are two Chicagos. "There's one Chicago that's incredible, luxurious and all - and safe. There's another Chicago that's worse than almost any of the places in the Middle East that we talk about, and that you talk about every night on the newscasts."

Chicago is the most segregated large city in the country. Poverty is concentrated in poor, largely African-American neighborhoods. With concentrated poverty and grotesque youth unemployment, drugs and guns spread and crime and homicide follow.

Trump doesn't say how Chicago got that segregated. It wasn't an accident. Housing segregation was enforced by urban planning, restrictive zoning and housing covenants. Violence frustrated efforts to push integration. The result is

two cities, segregated and massively unequal. In the neighborhoods of concentrated poverty in Chicago, nearly half of the young black men are neither in school nor employed. A dire new study from the University of Illinois at Chicago's Great Cities Institute reported that over 80 percent of Chicago's African-American 16- to 19-year-olds have no jobs. This is a recipe for violence, gangs and trouble.

Some blame gangs and the easy access to guns and drugs. But this is confusing symptoms and causes. "Where do gangs come from? You can't divorce the gang problem from the problem of deep concentrations of poverty," says Robert J. Sampson, author of "Great American City: Chicago and the Enduring Neighborhood Effect."

Racially segregated, impoverished communities suffer from having no jobs, no hospitals, poor schools, mean streets, environmental toxins and inadequate housing. The persistence of violence and concentrated poverty in Chicago comes, Sampson concludes, from "extensive social and economic segregation."

The solution to crime and homicides in Chicago isn't tougher police tactics. Chicago

police are already infamous for how tough they are. The solution is a deconcentration of poverty along with revitalization of impoverished neighborhoods. Jobs for young people make a dramatic difference. We need mixed-income housing throughout the metropolitan area. Experiments that moved people from impoverished Englewood to affluent suburban neighborhoods proved remarkably successful. Revitalization of urban neighborhoods and breaking down walls of segregated living patterns requires leadership - from the city and from the federal government.

If Trump truly wants to succeed in reducing homicides in Chicago, he should not only be meeting with the mayor and the governor but also with other elected officials, ministers and community leaders - offering a major plan to rebuild those neighborhoods and put people, particularly young people, to work - while opening up mixed-income housing across the metropolitan area.

Tougher cops sounds macho, but it's a posture, not a policy, a diversion, not an answer.

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REALITY CHECK

Nearly 190 years later, we have yet to bring these visions to fruition

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In the February 1981 issue of Ebony Magazine, brilliant journalist/historian, Lerone Bennett, Jr., provided the best reason for studying and learning from history that I have ever heard or read. "The past," he wrote in an article, "Why Black History Is Important to You," "is a bet that your father placed that you must now cover." Nowadays I believe Lerone would say ancestors rather than fathers but his point is clear and precise.

I thought about his quote when teaching a History of the Black Press course at the University of the District of Columbia. When discussing the editorial in Freedom's Journal, the first Black newspaper (March 11, 1827) in this

country, I read them the following excerpts presented by editors Samuel E. Cornish and John W. Russwurm: "Education being an object of the highest importance to the welfare of society, we shall endeavor to present just and adequate views of it, and to urge our brethren the necessity and expediency of training their children, while young, to habits of industry and those preparing them to become useful members of society..."

"The civil rights of a people being of the greatest value, it shall ever be our duty to vindicate our brethren when oppressed; and to lay the case before the publick. We shall also urge upon our brethren...the expediency of using their elective franchise; and of making an independent use of the same. We wish them not to become the tools of party..."

Cornish and Russwurm continued, "Useful knowledge of every kind, and everything that relates to

Africa, shall find a ready admission into our columns; and as that continent becomes daily more known, we trust that many things will come to light, proving that the natives are neither so ignorant and stupid as they have generally been supposed to be."

I also discussed "David Walker's Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World," but in particular and very expressly, to those of the United States of America:

"I would crawl on my hands and knees through mud and mire to the feet of the learned man, where I would sit and humbly supplicate him to instill into me that which neither the devils nor the tyrants could remove, only with my life-for coloured people to acquire learning in this country, makes tyrants quake and tremble on their sandy foundations."

"The whites have always been an unjust, jealous, unmerciful, avaricious and blood-thirsty set of beings

always seeking after power and authority...In fine we view them all over Europe, together with what was scattered about in Asia and Africa as heathens, and we see them acting more like devils than accountable men. But some may ask, did not the blacks of Africa and mulattoes of Asia, go on in the same way as did the whites of Europe. I answer no-they never were half as avaricious, deceitful and unmerciful as the whites, according to their knowledge."

The sentiments expressed in those two publications, one published in 1827, the other in 1829, are some that we are still dealing with in 2017 - nearly 190 years later. Let's hope that many more of us will commit to covering the bets placed by our ancestors such as Cornish, Russwurm and Walker.

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A. Peter Bailey

CHILDWATCH

Confronting Oscar-nominated *Moonlight's* moving and powerful truths

Everyone should watch the film *Moonlight* nominated for eight Academy Awards. Why? Because it's a very powerful story of a poor Black boy's struggles to reach adulthood with countless odds stacked against him. Because it's a relatable story for children and youths struggling to make it to adulthood without being derailed by homophobia, violence and drugs. Because it's my or your story if we faced perilous hurdles to survive, learn in school and have a safe place to sleep at night. Because it's a too common American story - one not everyone wants to tell and too few want or are ready to hear and do anything about.

Moonlight is not only a moving coming of age story but much more. It's a window into the terrors bred by pervasive structural poverty and racism in our boastfully rich and still unequal nation. It is also a story about homophobia and the struggle of gay children to grow up in the midst of that fear. It is the story of strength despite daily threats petrifying a skinny, dreamy, scruffy-looking eight-year old who can hardly understand all the harsh realities he faces and how he will overcome them alone. It's a painful story marked by parental neglect, abuse, fear, and despair. Yet *Moonlight* is not a sad story but one of hope, of resilience, love, redemption, and second chances. It's a story that frees all Americans to lift our veils of convenient ignorance and scorn for gay Black boys and children, youths and adults who face terrible choices struggling to survive and grow up all across America. That so many do with their bodies and humanity not in complete tatters is an example of fierce will and human resilience.

When my husband and I saw and discussed this brutally honest portrayal of a young, poor, gay Black boy struggling to grow up in Miami's Liberty City, we decided to go back to see and experience it again. For me it brought back a flood of memories growing up as a Black girl in a small South Carolina town and time when Jim Crow and homophobia reigned but before drugs saturated and poisoned our nation. Most Black children back then were surrounded by caring Black adults in our close-knit community and faith congregations who buffered us against the segregated and hostile outside world that told us we weren't worth much or were different or inferior because of our skin color. But there were a small group of Black children and adults who were pariahs and shunned by many in the Black community - labeled "sissies" or "faggots" or bad people. Some gossiped about and excluded them as abnormal because they were gay and treated them as "others" which too many still do in our nation. Although we have seen a sea change in protections for the LGBTQ community we must finish the struggle, and accept and respect and protect all children regardless of their race, sex, disability or sexual orientation. Like *Moonlight's* Chiron, countless children still are being "othered" by too many leaders, schools, faith congregations, communities and politicians, who refuse to accept, often bully, ostracize or discriminate against them. *Moonlight* captures the impact of the soul-scarring experience of being bullied and the hidden layers of pain a child born poor and Black and gay often endures. I hope *Moonlight* makes all of us see ourselves and our children in Chiron and so many like him.

The film captures the despair of our vulnerable child pariahs grappling not only with their sexual preferences on top of their compounded daily burdens of racism, poverty, parental drug addiction, and violence. *Moonlight* does not sensationalize Chiron's life, play with audience emotions, or make a political statement. Instead it allows his story to unfold from boyhood to manhood with a powerful simplicity in many scenes requiring no dialogue. How wonderful to see Chiron finding moments of revelation and joy amidst neglect, abuse and torment at home and school. How sad that he became a drug dealer as an adult after seeing drugs ravish his own mother and that his mother's drug dealer and girlfriend were his lifelines of survival. Chiron grows up to sell drugs too because it is one of the only pathways he sees as available to him - a tragic story that plays out daily for so many poor Black boys who end up in prison or dead because equal education and jobs don't exist and all the odds are stacked against them in our economically rich but spiritually anemic nation.

Moonlight's director Barry Jenkins and screenwriter Tarell McCraney grew up in the same Liberty City neighborhood in Miami as the boy in the film. They were able to capture and share this extraordinary story of struggle towards manhood for the many fragile and invisible children like Chiron still there struggling daily to survive and reach adulthood in our too heedless nation. *Moonlight* opens our eyes and hearts. I hope more serious moving films will continue to open our eyes and hearts to our country's past and present child abuse and neglect and move us to affirm the humanity of all our children and their right to a fair chance to grow up safely and hopeful.

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.



Marian W. Edelman

TO BE EQUAL

Yale University consigns a present-day to the past

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"*Homo sapiens is the species that invents symbols in which to invest passion and authority, then forgets that symbols are inventions.*" - Joyce Carol Oates, Author, *New York Times*, December 30, 1999.

Don't allow anyone to tell you differently. Symbols matter. Whether these symbols are flags, icons or names on buildings, symbols are short hand and they stand in for those core values we reject and those we accept.

After years of outcry, protests, and an act of glass-shattering vandalism, Yale University has recently announced that the name of the residential college commemorating John C. Calhoun will be changed. Calhoun, a Yale alumnus, served our nation as its seventh vice president, its 16th secretary of state, its 10th secretary of war, and as a senator representing South Carolina, but his service to our country - his legacy - is overshadowed by

his fierce defense of the indefensible institution of slavery. Calhoun, a self-described white supremacist, was a slaveholder and an ardent supporter of slavery. During his 1837 senate address, he publicly hailed the institution as a "positive good."

Erected in 1933, the college that has borne the name and the heavy symbolic weight of Calhoun's name for 86 years will be renamed for Grace Murray Hopper, a computer science pioneer and Navy rear admiral, who received her master's degree and doctorate from Yale.

But, changing the name of the Calhoun College was never a foregone conclusion. As recently as last spring, Yale President Peter Salovey maintained that, despite the din of protest, the university would keep Calhoun's name. In a campus-wide email to students, he wrote:

"Ours is a nation that continues to refuse to face its own history of slavery and racism. Yale is part of this history, as exemplified by the decision to recognize an ardent defender of slavery by naming a college for him. Erasing Calhoun's name from a much-beloved residential college risks masking this past, downplaying the lasting effects of slavery, and substituting a false and mis-

leading narrative, albeit one that might allow us to feel complacent or, even, self-congratulatory. Retaining the name forces us to learn anew and confront one of the most disturbing aspects of Yale's and our nation's past. I believe this is our obligation as an educational institution."

But rather than create an atmosphere of reconciliation and soul searching, the public sanction of symbols of division and hatred often energizes and justifies its adherents, while arousing alienation and resentment in its opponents. How can we appeal to our better angels, when every day we are greeted by the demons of our past?

Corey Menafee, a cafeteria worker at Yale, also made his feelings known about the building and the racially-charged stained glass panels that adorned the college featuring idealized images of slavery, which, at one point, included a stained-glass window depicting a shackled Black man kneeling before Calhoun (the kneeling Black man was later taken out of the picture). With the poke of a broomstick, Menafee knocked down and shattered a racially-charged glass panel in the dining hall that depicted two slaves, a man and a woman, carrying bales of

cotton on their heads. His reasoning was simple, saying, "It's 2016, I shouldn't have to come to work and see things like that."

Menafee's action, campus protests, and the racial reckoning taking place across many American college campuses at that time, and on the streets of communities that were fed up with wages of police brutality and the insults of judicial indifference, played a significant role in revisiting the controversy over Calhoun's name. In the end, Yale did the right thing, with the president noting in a statement to students, "The decision to change a college's name is not one we take lightly, but John C. Calhoun's legacy as a white supremacist and a national leader who passionately promoted slavery as a "positive good" fundamentally conflicts with Yale's mission and values."

While I applaud Yale's change of heart, I want to encourage the university to "confront one of the most disturbing aspects of Yale's and our nation's past," not only by unshackling itself from its reprehensible symbols, but by addressing slavery's legacy of racial inequality and

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BEYOND RHETORIC

Louisiana is quickly evolving

Louisiana today is a very different state from the times that of my youth. I love the place as my bloodlines have lived there since the 1830's. I can begin tracing my roots through my four great grandfathers. On my father's side, there is

Harry Watkins and Cicero Alford. Harry's people came to America through a slave market in Virginia, perhaps Richmond. From there he was sold to slave owners in Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Cicero came through the slave market in Savannah, Georgia. His master (perhaps his father, James Alford) operated a plantation in Noonan, Georgia. From there they moved to eastern Alabama and then eventually settled in Bossier Parish. On my mother's side, there is Rev. James Salter and Bill Brown. Both seem to have come through Savannah also. James ended up in Webster Parish, Louisiana. Bill was unique. He was quite a physically built man. He was drafted into the breeding industry. Slave masters would buy him like a strong bull and had him impregnate as many women as possible. He traveled from plantation to plantation and eventually ended up in

Webster parish also. He must have had over 100 children. One of his last children was my grandfather, Isaiah Brown. Much of the descendants of Bill have been blessed with his physical prowess.

When World War II started America began changing in a big way. So many of the males in my family went to the Pacific and eventually Europe to defend our nation. What the war provided was a surge in job opportunity as America built up its industrial might to prosecute the war. My parents and their siblings started moving to Southern California in the form of an exodus. Freedom from a vicious Jim Crow racism and a way to provide adequate funding for their growing families. Still the love of Louisiana stayed in their hearts.

As children, my relatives would visit Louisiana every two years. Sometimes we would travel more if there was a funeral. I was born in Ventura, California and most of my relatives were in the greater Los Angeles area. As a high school student, I would spend summers with my grandparents, aunts and uncles. I would rotate every few days spending time and understanding their local environment. Often, I would run into some of my California relatives and friends doing the same thing and even schoolmates who had the same roots as I. Those were great times learning the

ways of my elders and fellow cousins. It was the best thing my mother could have done for me. When you know your roots, you become "whole".

We were heartbroken about the Katrina disaster. However, there were no deaths in my family and somehow, we all got by. The land is still there and the damage has been repaired. Life in Louisiana has now become more than back to normal. It is growing economically at a very nice pace. Energy is the base for Louisiana. Right now, and for the distant future Energy is growing by leaps and bounds. Despite the last eight years of environmentalists' attacks on the state's economy, the economic world is quickly changing for the better.

The political leaders of Louisiana have wisely taken advantage of the fact that its neighbor Texas refuses to legalize gambling. Thus, they have opened casinos and race tracks all along their border. From Bossier Parish to Calcasieu Parish casinos and race tracks are popping up generating a windfall of profits for the state and local economies. You visit Louisiana Downs race track in Bossier Parish and all you see in the parking lot are cars with Texas license plates. They have also made it a great attraction for the filming industry. And yes, the energy world has soared to new heights.

Fracking has brought back

natural gas to new industrial heights. We are even exporting it. The long-awaited Keystone Pipeline is starting to roll which will bring thousands of good paying union wage jobs. In addition, the new Bayou Bridge Pipeline is in the planning stages. This will bring in 2500 new construction jobs immediately. The Lake Charles area is planning on creating over 7000 new high paying jobs within the next three months.

The ports of Louisiana are bustling with more and more shipping activity and expansion plans are under way for all of them located within the state. With the enlargement of the Panama Canal, new shipping lanes are in place traveling from the West Coast to the Gulf and East Coast regions by sea as opposed to long distance road or rail travel (much less costly).

The state funded colleges are working diligently expanding to prepare their human talent to rise to the challenge of a well-educated and trained workforce. A great investment for the future! All of this makes me and every other child of Louisiana roots so proud.

God is blessing Louisiana! Mr. Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce® (founded in 1993). Website: www.nationalbcc.org Email: halford@nationalbcc.org.

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committing to increasing the diversity of its student body and faculty. According to the New York Times, the university has promised to invest \$50 million in a faculty-diversity initiative to address the fact that less than three percent of Yale's arts and sci-

ences faculty is Black. And of Yale's close to 5,400 undergraduate students, only 11 percent identify themselves as African American.

While a battle has been scored, the war to commit to inclusion still remains to be won.

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

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New Hanover County

STRUT for KIDS, 501c3, is announcing its 8th annual Cardinal Strut which is a fundraising race to provide assistance funds for pediatric cancer patients in New Hanover County. The race will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 starting at 8:00am at Holly Tree Elementary school. From age 2 to 82, we have a race for you! This year's Cardinal Strut returns with the same great 5k, 10k and fun run. We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting the Cardinal Dash, Wilmington's first ever one mile straight shot race. Who will be crowned the fastest man, woman and child in Wilmington? The post race party will feature breakfast for all participants, music, kid friendly health/wellness expo and great awards. The deadline to register and guarantee a race t-shirt is February 17, 2017. All registrations should be completed online at www.cardinalstrut.com.

The National Black Leadership Caucus NHC Chapter will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Robert Taylor Senior Homes, 1308 No. 5th Ave. For more information please call 910-274-7067 or 910-919-2930.

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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Are you overwhelmed with dietary information? Reduced fat, fat-free, and full-fat options surround us daily, and it can be difficult to tell if a product is healthier or just a fad-diet trend. Come join us for two fun sessions where we give you the tools and knowledge to make decisions about what is healthy versus misleading marketing. Our first session will cover fats- saturated, unsaturated, and trans fat facts. The session will also include how food companies market their product ingredients to fool you. The second session will cover unit pricing and smart shopping. We will also have delicious taste tests at each class! These interactive classes will meet on Thursday, March 2nd and April 6th from 5:30pm until 6:30pm. All classes will be held at the New Hope Clinic located at 201 Boiling Spring Rd, Southport, NC 28461. These classes are open to the public at NO COST! All are welcome. To learn more about other Family and Consumer Science programs contact Morgan McKnight, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent at 910-253-2610. Visit the Extension website at <http://brunswick.ces.ncsu.edu/>.

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Janie Mae Yates
Sunrise: Feb. 21st, 1925 Sunset: Dec. 13th, 2012

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

People can be hopeless, jobless and homeless

You can be hopeless, homeless and jobless, living in Brunswick County or other parts of North Carolina. When we think about the 100 counties in N. C. and in various other places in America where poverty reigns, we realize that one in five children in America grow up hungry. We are learning more about how a good breakfast helps make children's days brighter and their attention spans longer.



Verniece Stanley

Working together can build stronger relationships in the community and such relationships are what the community needs.

We look about us and see the homeless have become homeless because of various reasons. Among other causes, very strong winds and heavy rains have rendered many families homeless. We must be prepared to help others in times like these. It's important to do what we can to help others improve the quality of their lives.

Violent storms bring destruction in our lives. We have times of sadness and tears but we can overcome these hardships in various ways. We ought to reach out to our elected officials and talk to them about the various needs of our communities. We have any number of educational needs in our schools, healthcare for those who cannot afford it, and economic development that will help bring better jobs in the community for young people and others.

It is so important to live comfortably in our community and, at the same time, be able to help others. We could be role models for our young people in the community and give our young people a better chance at the good life in today's society.

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.

This event is being sponsored by the Coastal Carolina Chapter, St Augustine's University National Alumni Association. Members of this organization are proud graduates who will be present to tell you about their experiences at St Augustine's University.

Coastal Carolina Chapter, St. Augustine's University National Alumni Association to hold Recruitment Fair for middle and high school students

A Recruitment Fair will be held at the Derrick Davis Community Center-Maides Park at 101 Manley Avenue in East Wilmington. Recruiters and Olympic Athletes will be at the Center on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. to present information and

interact with Middle and High School students from New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender and other surrounding counties.

This is an opportunity for students and parents to learn about the many opportunities available to receive an excellent

education at a small setting where students can thrive in a variety of courses of study!

This proud Episcopal HBCU is located in the Capital City of Raleigh, NC and has a rich history of serving students from all over the United States and from other countries as well.

"Heart Health and Our Next Generation: Links, Incorporated® at Freeman Elementary"



PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA BROWN
Dr. Khadija Tribie-Reed, member of the Wilmington (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and pediatrician with MedNorth Health Center, teaches girls at Freeman Elementary how the heart functions; girls listen to each other's heartbeat.

BY CYNTHIA BROWN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Aiding young girls at the Rachel Freeman School of Engineering, the Wilmington (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated® has engaged in programmatic services aligned with the five facets of Links' programming: Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, International Trends, The Arts and Health & Human Services. The project is now in its second year.

During the month of February 2017, the chapter facilitated workshops which exposed the children to their rich African American heritage through creative arts and displays as well as heart health and learning about the human body. The most recent session focused on heart health and was facilitated by the Health and Human Services facet of the chapter, chaired by Ms. Wendy Lofton.

On Thursday February 16, 2017, members of the Wilmington (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated® met with girls at Freeman to facilitate a workshop on how

the human heart functions and how to keep it healthy. The girls rotated between two learning modules.

In one room, Dr. Khadija Tribie-Reed, pediatrician with MedNorth Health Center, engaged the young ladies in a "hands on" discussion about the human heart, lungs and circulatory system. Using a model, the girls were introduced to the chambers of the heart, major blood vessels, the lungs, and the role of blood and how it is transported throughout the

body. They tested the model heart, and watched "blood" as it entered and exited the chambers of the heart. Later, they listened to each other's heartbeat. In a parallel session, another group of girls received instruction from Mrs. Jacquelyn Warren and Ms. Wendy Lofton on healthy heart and pulse rates following pre- and post-exercise.

The girls received heart healthy snacks and a heart health workbook to help them continue learning about the circulatory system.

The chapter is on site regularly each month during the active school year.

The Links, Incorporated® is an international friendship organization comprised of professional women engaged in service projects. Mrs. Emma H. Jackson is president of the Wilmington (NC) Chapter. Ms. Wendy Lofton is chair of the local chapter's Health and Human Services facet. For additional information please visit us at www.linksinc.org or www.wilmingtonnlinksinc.org.

Wilmington's Alpha Kappa Alphas:
Sisters in Service

1946 Chapter Members During Founders Day Celebration • Photo Courtesy of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® - Alpha Psi Omega Chapter

Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 2:00 pm ~ Free

Join Wilmington resident Cynthia Brown and members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® as she discusses the history and achievements of the organization and its local chapter, Alpha Psi Omega. In 1932, 24 years after the national organization was founded, a group of five visionary women chartered the local chapter. Since then, the chapter has worked to address the health, economic and educational needs of citizens of the lower Cape Fear region. Hear stories about some of the amazing women who shaped this organization's history and its impact on the local community.

Cynthia serves as archivist / historian for the local chapter and is a 40-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.



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Ms. Victoria Michelle Sweat

She was born April 15, 1958 in Wilmington, NC to the late Joseph and Lillie Sweat. She grew up in Taylor Homes where she played Soft Ball as a youth.

In the 70's the family moved to Parkwood Estates, where she attended New Hanover High School and graduated in 1976. Vickie was a well-rounded athlete, playing volleyball, basketball, Powder Puff football, soft ball and ran track and field. She was also in JROTC and sang with the school chorus. She continued her Soft ball career as an adult playing for several city leagues. She also worked in Fiberglass Fabrications as a machine Operator.

Victoria joined Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in the early 90's. She was a member of different choirs until her health failed. There wasn't a person that didn't call Vickie a friend. Simply put everyone loved her.

She left us peacefully on February 09, 2017 in her home. She leaves to cherish her memories a special companion Helen Carmichael of forty years, he beloved daughter LaShaine Sweat of Atlanta, GA; raised as daughters; La'Treekia and Mar'Teekia Sweat of Greensboro, NC; four sisters Brenda Merrell, Annie Nixon (Michael), Sheila Watson(Danny), and Barbara Bloodworth (Tony) all of Wilmington, NC; brother, Joseph Sweat, Jr. Her extended relatives through the Carmichael Family; Special Uncle Robert Carmichael; Special Sisters; Priscilla Brewington (James) and Denise Smith (Devin), a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, and a special daughter Mya Jackson.

A service was held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 12 noon at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Internment at Calvary Memorial Cemetery, North Carolina. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Ms. Dorothy Spears

On Saturday February 11, 2017, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, gently closed the eyes of His Angel Dorothy Spears and she entered peacefully into eternal rest.

Dorothy was born on October 19, 1951 to James Clayton Spears Sr. and Nora (Spears) Myers. She was the oldest of ten children. She is preceded in death by her Father and Mother and six other siblings and a very dear niece LeKenya Spears.

She attended high school in

Wilmington, NC and received her CAN license and spent the majority of her working years caring for others.

She leaves to cherish her memory; two sisters, Harriet Rivers and Debra Spears of the city and one brother, Alfonza Spears, a favorite aunt Hannah Wilson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors and a lifelong special friend Barbara Rush as well as her caretaker Diane Holmes.

A service was held on Friday, February 17, 2017 at Apostolic Tabernacle at 11:00AM. Internment at Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery, North Carolina. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Annie Ruth McLaurin

Annie Ruth McLaurin, age 73, of Castle Hayne, passed away, Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Faith Temple COGIC. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Born on September 12, 1943, Annie Ruth was the eldest daughter of the late John B. Sumlin and Ruth Thomas Sumlin. An honor student, she was a proud member of the Williston Senior High School Class of 1961. After graduation she moved to New York, where she married fellow Wilmingtonian James McLaurin, Jr., who preceded her in death.

The McLaurin household was always lively, filled with good music, good food, and the antics of their children, including Anita Brenda Rowell (Leander), Rhonda Bellamy, Pamela McLaurin, Andre McLaurin, and Letonya Harris (Eccho). In later years, she would come to regard Adrienne Wright as a daughter and Tony Bellamy, Darrin Daniels and Derrick Taylor as sons. She also shared special relationships with each of her 12 grandchildren: Cedeidre Freeman, Tyshon Freeman, Keith Freeman (Christy), Rashaad Bellamy, Aya Bellamy, Latoya McLaurin, Talesha Sims (Chris) or Poopie, as our mother lovingly called her, Crystal Buckhanan, Andre McLaurin, Jr., Franklin McLaurin, Shaquan McLaurin and Shyasia Wilson and was blessed to see 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by granddaughter Rakeama Eason, grandson Lamar McLaurin, great-granddaughter LaDasha Freeman, and great-grandson Noah Bellamy.

Annie Ruth enjoyed dual careers her entire adult life. She retired from the State of

North Carolina after 30 years at the Juvenile Services Center as a Youth Counselor Technician. She was also known for her legendary cooking skills and served as the center's dietician at one time. Her solid presence endeared her to colleagues and "juvies" alike. She shared a special relationship with colleague-turned-daughter Helen Davis.

Simultaneously, Annie Ruth worked for more than 25 years as Senior Tax Advisor V for H & R Block. She was an expert on the intricacies of tax law and served as wise counsel to legions of family and friends who sought her guidance annually.

While in New York, she worked as a paraprofessional for New York City Schools and was president of the Morris Ave. Block Association, where she ran summer feeding programs for youth.

Annie Ruth was a woman of strong faith and fondly recalled her spiritual upbringing at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church. After returning to Wilmington, she became a devoted member of Faith Temple COGIC before joining From Death to Destiny Outreach Ministries, pastored by her daughter Apostle Letonya Harris. She loved music, especially gospel music, and the family home was often filled with the sounds of Aretha Franklin, Thomas Dorsey, and Willie Mae Ford Smith.

Annie Ruth's kitchen was the center of the home for her family and the large extended circle of friends who made their way to her table. Family and friends would regularly stop by because they "had a taste" for Annie's fried fish, potato salad, or anything else she put her hands to.

She was also fond of fishing, Scrabble, travel, and couponing, which resulted in a feature article in the Wilmington Star News on the money she saved New Hanover County each week by clipping coupons.

Also left to cherish her memories are those who knew her best - her siblings, including William Thomas (Sandra), Robert Sumlin, Carolyn Lee (Leroy), and Mary Lewis (Arthur). She was preceded in death by her brother, John Bernice Sumlin. She is also survived by aunt Mary Johnson, uncle Walter Thomas, nieces, nephews, and cousins, including Geraldine Lamb, with whom she shared a special bond. She was blessed by several long-time friendships with extended family, including Velma Burnett, Peggy Greene, and Brenda Logan Green.

Annie Ruth passed away at Lower Cape Fear Hospice & Life Center, which provided comfort for her loved ones during her transition. The family is also very appreciative of the

kind attention given to our mother by Mary Crawford and Roxanne Bland during her illness.

Annie Ruth Sumlin McLaurin was the salt of the earth. Her quiet determination, common sense, and clean heart have been a steadying influence on all who knew her. Though we are profoundly saddened at her passing, we celebrate a life well-lived. *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*

Marlyn G. Mallette

Marlyn Gailles Mallette was born to the late Bennie and Gertrude Gailles on April 28, 1946. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Mallette. She departed this life on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Jacksonville, NC. A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 21 at Davis Funeral Home.

Marlyn was born in Wake County and was later relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina. She graduated from Williston High School in 1968. She then received a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Marlyn was an entrepreneur who managed Mallette Realty Company and Mallette's Cleaning Service. She was a member of St. Luke AME Zion Church in Wilmington, NC for many

years serving as a church treasurer, trustee and a choir member. She later joined St. Julia AME Zion Church and was a faithful member until her health began to fail.

Marlyn was a devoted member of the Wilmington Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. After moving from Topsail Beach she lived and worked in Jacksonville, NC. She was employed at the NC Employment Security Commission and later retired from State Vocational Rehabilitation. Her love for Delta led her to join the Jacksonville Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She will be remembered for organizing very successful fundraisers including The Three Sopranos and Bach to Blues in 2001 and 2002.

Those left to cherish her memories are: her son, Johnathan Mallette of Jacksonville, NC; her twin sister, Marian Crumdy of Greensboro, NC; her brother Bernard Gailles(Ellen) of Wilmington, NC; her aunt Ruth Robertson of Knightdale, NC; nieces Melvinia D. Robinson and Joi Lynn Edwards of Greensboro, NC; nephews Tone McDuffie, Joseph McDuffie and Dhairus Newsome all of Wilmington, NC; great nieces Janay Robinson, Janise Robinson, Taylor Edwards and Jalyne Edwards, all of Greensboro, NC; and great nephew Aadyne Allston of Greensboro, NC. Marlyn leaves a host of cousins, close family, friends and many other special friends whom she loved dearly. *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

William Bradley

William H. Bradley, Sr; age 69, of Durham (formerly of Wilmington), passed away, Wednesday, February 15, 2017. A visitation were held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services 1:00 pm, Thursday,

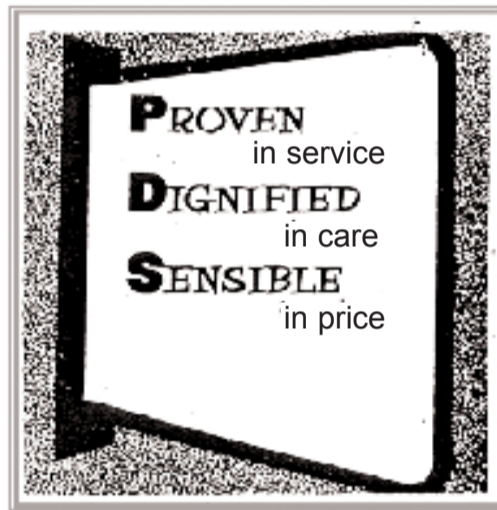
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1st Anniversary, in Loving memory of **Frankie Bernice Devone Grady** who died February 18, 2016. R.I.P. A loving mother, grandmother, wife, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. We miss you dearly. Family & dear Friend

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Church Women United will hold their program United Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3rd at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 216 S. Fifth St at 10:30 a.m. For further information contact Angel Priscilla Dualeh at 910-833-0167.



Religious Briefs

Greater Love Chapel Church of God in Christ, 1105 N. 8th Street will be hosting the 38th Gold Coast District Prayer Conference from Monday, February 27th- Sunday, March 5th at 7:30 p.m. nightly. On Thursday, March 2nd is District Missionary Day with District Missionary Louvenia Haynes presiding. On Saturday, March 4th Youth Explosion will start at 10:00 a.m. and at noon the guest speaker will be Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard, Jurisdictional Bishop and on Sunday, March 5th, Superintendent's Day will be with Superintendent A.E. Peterson presiding at 11:00 a.m.

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

St. James A.M.E. Church, 3425 Castle Hayne Rd., will be holding a fashion show sponsored by the Young People Department of the church on Saturday, February 25th at 5:00 p.m.. The cost is \$5.00. For ticket information contact Veronica Faulk at 910-232-8270, Lena Williams at 910-471-6648 or Janice Gaines at 910-520-7329. And on Sunday, February 26th at 3:00 p.m. the Lay Organization will a Black History program featuring Luther and Emerson Whitted presenting Hidden Figures of the Rock Hill Community.

Brunswick County

Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 237 Snowfield Rd., Leland, will observe their annual "Fifty Men in Black & Fifty Women in Red" musical program on Saturday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. For more information call Rose Ann Bryant at 910-253-6739.

Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Zion will honor all veterans during its morning service at 11:00 am on Sunday, February 26th. All veterans are invited to join us and are encouraged to wear their uniforms or any part thereof. Additionally, we request that you bring an 8x10 photo as we will build of a portrait wall. Should you require additional information, please contact Clifton Ballard at 910-371-2706. Johnson Chapel is located at 1882 Lincoln Road, Leland, NC.

Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 1490 Village Road, Leland, NC on March 12th, Rev. Patricia Smith, and the St. James A.M.E. Zion; Southport we will be our guest for our Ushers Anniversary 3:00 pm.

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Davis Funeral Home. The interment will take place at 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Anthony R. Nixon

Anthony Ray Nixon, age 51, of Leland, passed away Saturday, February 18, 2017. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, February 24, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. 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

David E. Bennerman

Davis Earl Bennerman, age 60, of Leland, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held 1 hr prior to services. 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.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

United States Colored Troops

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND
SHEILA ROSS
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What another great day! Mrs. Eloise Purdie greeted us today. Mr. George Hill and the choir came forward to sing "Kumbayah." Prayer was given by Deacon John Greene. Next, we sang "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder". Minister Doris McQuillan told us we were all "blessed and highly favored."

Mrs. Shirley Drye introduced our speaker for the day. Our speaker was Mr. Frank Kennedy, from Warner Temple AMEZ Church. He gave us information on USCT, which stands for United States Colored Troops. The USCT was founded during the Civil War after June 1864. Most of the troops were from Maryland and Virginia. Battles in Wilmington took place behind where the museum is

today. He also shared a picture that was featured in the Star News back in January. USCT are the only Black cannonries on the east coast. Mr. Kennedy was given a hand and thanked so much for the information he shared with us.

We then discussed past experiences that some of us had during our younger years. Mr. Benjamin Forman was our visitor for the day. Our minutes were read and

approved. We then had roll call and the "Callers" report. The winner was Mrs. Mary Martin who had 10 present. The sick report was given, and we were asked to pray for everyone. Announcements were read, and smiles were given by Mrs. Mary Martin. Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together."

Our meeting was adjourned at this point. We had fifty-one present today.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Buy American made goods

My Fellow Seniors:



Ruth Johnson

Once upon a time, our people were urged to support Black businesses, even when it cost a little more, but now the situation is far more serious. It is time for everyone to buy American made goods.

When we buy items made in another country, we might save a few cents, but we are depleting our own economy.

I realize some of these companies are owned by American businessmen. They are creating jobs for people living in foreign countries and sending the products back here to undersell American made goods. When are we going to realize the well is running dry?

I once worked with a foreign lady who was always

searching for goods made in her country. She lived in America and worked here, but she always found ways to support her native land.

I also heard a little girl say, "My mother gets seven paychecks." What she meant was, all the people who lived in the house were pooling their incomes in order to move up the ladder.

We don't do that. We also don't look for items made in America. We buy whatever is cheaper in order to save a few

pennies. We are sending jobs around the world, and bringing workers to America to take the jobs that can't be moved.

Do our young people know anything at all about the crash of the stock market? Of course not, and we don't either. We just like to hear how great America is. If my grandfather were here, he would say that we need to smarten up. Have a good day.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

St. Stephen AME Church recognizes four outstanding female members during Black History Month-February 19, 2017



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA BROWN

Pictured L-R, Lela Thompson, Elizabeth Martin, Leigha Birt and Deborah Maxwell (not present-award accepted by her daughter Dawna). Background - Linda Thomas, 2017 Women's Day Chairperson.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A Lesson in Love"

"My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth: even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." Proverbs 3:11,12

Lesson: Something to be learned or studied

Correction: punishment intended to reform for the purpose of moral improvement

When a father exercises parental love in the form of correction or discipline, most children fail to "see" the love! When they hear these words, "It's going to hurt me, more than it hurts you", they seldom stand in agreement. The mind of a child is not like the mind of an adult. As a matter of fact, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." In the mind of a child, love is saying yes, to every request, with little or no thought to results and/or consequences for childish behavior. The truth is, love in the form of correction can literally save the life of a child. The child that grows up with no correction may grow up with little to no self respect, and little to no respect for others especially those in authority! He is open and vulnerable to peer pressure, negative influences and toxic relationships,



Sylvia Hooper

because he was never taught restraint or self discipline to avoid self destruction! A wise parent will exercise wisdom in helping their child avoid any trap of the enemy that will put their child in harms way. Today, there are many adults who are, older, wiser, and actually "thankful" for parents who loved them too much to allow them to run free without correction or chastisement. Some may actually appreciate the "lessons in love" they formerly used to despise!

God's instructions to parents are clear and encouraging. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beat him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" Proverbs 23:13 The spirit in which a parent delivers correction is so important and should never be confused with child abuse, which is against the law! Too many adults are bearing physical and emotional scars from overzealous parents, who turned what should have been lessons of love into nightmares. Parents should remember, when your child grows up, he will remember! Will it be a (Lesson in Anger Management) or a (Lesson in Love)?

There will be times when our heavenly Father will chastise and correct us. Our attitude toward God, should remain reverent and respectful, because God knows what we need and when we need it. "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of The Almighty. For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole." Job 5:17-18 This man is happy, because he recognizes that God is teaching him "A Lesson in Love".

Proverbs 4:7 says, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." To further our understanding on "A Lesson in Love", we refer to the Book of Hebrews 12th. Chapter: "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint (give up) when thou are rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which correcteth us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

When we look at the end result of the chastening of the Lord, we have to say "Thank You Lord" for all you've done for me! I thought it was an attack, but I found out it was indeed a "Lesson in Love"! 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.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE 14-SP-730

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by **Patricia K. Kalencki and Henry C. Kalencki** dated 04/24/08, and recorded 04/25/08, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 5305 at Page 2727, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$236,500.00, and Loan Modification Agreement on March 24, 2010 in Book 5474 at Page 2875, Loan Modification Agreement on July 28, 2010 in Book 5499 at Page 2941 and, Loan Modification Agreement on October 3, 2013 in Book 5774 at Page 341 and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale in the County Courthouse of New Hanover County, in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, on **March 7, 2017 at 12:00 PM O'clock**, all that certain parcel of land secured by the above-described Deed of Trust recorded in Book 5305 at Page 2727, situated in New Hanover County, North Carolina, as more particularly described therein, which legal description is made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

ADDRESS SHOWN AS SECURITY ON THE NOTE AND DEED OF TRUST: 3514 Melissa CT, Wilmington, North Carolina 28409.

PRESENT RECORD OWNERS as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds not more than 10 days prior to posting the notice is/are: Patricia K. Kalencki and Henry C. Kalencki.

In the event the property which is the subject of this Notice of Sale is residential real property with less than fifteen (15) rental units, an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to the N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

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The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as by law required and will also be subject to a ten (10) day right of redemption or to the filing of a bankruptcy petition. In the event of an upset bid, redemption or the filing of a bankruptcy petition, or any other reason that the Substitute Trustee deems necessary to redo the sale, the bid deposit will be returned and no other remedies will be assertable.

This 28th day of January, 2017.

Frances S. White or Rick D. Lail, either one of whom may act, Substitute Trustee
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Charlotte, N.C. 28230.0081
(704) 817-8134

February 23, March 2, 2017

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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

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 Bardmoor 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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Terry Marilynn Richman**, 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 **16th 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 16th day of February, 2017

Theodor D. Richman, Executor of the Estate of Terry Marilynn Richman
810 Johns Orchard Lane
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Robert Bowden, Jr.**, 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 **16th 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 16th day of February, 2016

Brenda Bowden, Administratrix
2922 Princess Place Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Clairce A. Murray**, 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 **16th 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 16th day of February, 2016

Ben G. Murray, Jr., Executor
9225 Piney Woods Rd.
Watha, NC 28478

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF PENDER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS In Re The Estate of HAZEL SWART WHITE, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **HAZEL SWART WHITE**, Deceased, late of Pender 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 **05/26/2017** - or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, February 23, 2017.

Savannah Lindsey Holmun, Personal Representative
c/o The Rodgers Law Firm, PLLC
by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr., Attorney for the Personal Representative
8120 River Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION File No. 17 JT 20

IN THE MATTER OF: G.D.K. (DOB: 12-08-2016)

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

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

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You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 16, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR March 20, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 16th day of February, 2017.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel.#: 910-795-0230
Fax #: 910-401-1485

February 16, 23, March 2, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Charles 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 Executor 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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as the Executor of the Estate of **Linda S. Strawcutter** (New Hanover County File No. 17 E 200) late of 3822 Echo Farms Blvd, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **24th day of May, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of February, 2017.

CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS, PA
Attorneys for John W. Strawcutter
509 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 23, Mach. 2, 9, 16, 2017

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