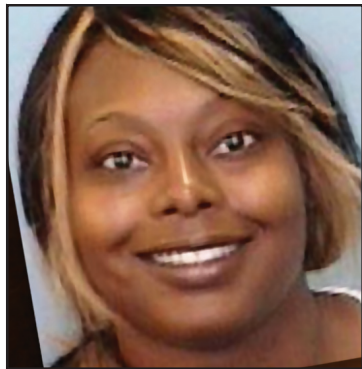


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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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**

**DISTRICT ELECTIONS**

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we are on the verge of another election in some districts. It is your responsibility to get out and get informed about who you want or what you want your government to become. It is for sure that our system is not fair to qualified African Americans. The records and facts prove this. If you don't get up and get out to vote, there will be no change in the system, which refuses to give up the past and move forward. *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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**Adams: How earnest is Trump's support for HBCUs?**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Amid controversial remarks about historically Black colleges and universities (HBCU's) being "HBCU's are real pioneers when it comes to school choice" from the new U. S. Education Secretary, Congresswoman Alma Adams (D- NC-12) is urging Republicans to join with the 49-member Congressional Black Caucus, and the 55-member Congressional Bi-partisan HBCU Caucus - which she founded and co-chairs - to strengthen HBCUs and partner with Black schools to ensure the future for promising students.

Meanwhile, presidents and chancellors from at least eighty HBCUs, including Interim President Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins of Bennett

College, Chancellor Harold Martin of NC A&T University, and Chancellor Elwood Robinson of Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, among others, met with President Donald Trump Monday in the Oval Office, on the eve of his signing a new executive order vowing that HBCU's will be "an absolute priority for this White House" and that the HBCU Initiative normally handled in the U. S. Department of Education, is being moved back to the White House for presidential attention.

The HBCU fly-in was arranged by US Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC-6) of Greensboro, in hopes of impressing on Congressional leaders the need to increase the federal budget for traditionally underfunded Black schools.

However, according to published reports, there is no specification for

how much funding is in the Trump administration budget for HBCUs so far, and, according to The Associated Press, "GOP lawmakers said there were currently no concrete plans for increased funding."

During remarks made at the Tuesday luncheon in Washington, DC for the HBCU Fly-in Conference, Representative Adams reminded all that she, once "a poor Black girl...from the ghetto of Newark, N. J..." is the product of NC A&T University in Greensboro. She also earned her Ph. D from The Ohio State University.

"So I stand here today as a living testament of what HBCU's do, and have always done, for students who simply need an opportunity, like I

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**CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS**



**BRIGADE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB'S 2017 YOUTH OF THE YEAR NOMINEES: JOSH(WINNER), SHAVONE, AND LJ**

**Brigade Boys & Girls Club announces 2017 Youth of the Year winner**

BY CINDY ANZALOTTI OF BRIGADE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

**O**n February 15th, the Brigade Boys & Girls Club hosted the 2017 Youth of the Year competition, and celebrated three exemplary high schoolers from the Montgomery-Register Teen Center. Josh, Shavone, and LJ each presented their stories of how they came to Brigade, and how it has positively impacted their lives. In the end, the judges chose Josh Bell as the winner of the competition.

Josh is a senior at Hoggard High School, and has been a Brigade member since 2007. He is well known around the Club as being an amazing, driven, polite,

and brilliant, young man, and he fully believes that you should "always put forth your best effort."

"I began attending Brigade in the third grade, when I was eight years old," Josh explained. "The years since have been the greatest of my life because Brigade has been by my side every step of the way. This organization has done so much for me and so many others. It provides our community's youth with a safe haven to come to and be part of as one big happy family. Brigade has always encouraged me to be the best I can be and to never give up in life. I am truly blessed to have Brigade

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**REV. WILLIAM BARBER**

**Despite questions, NAACP President backs state boycott**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Controversy abounds in the aftermath of a dramatic announcement last week that the national and state NAACP are calling for an "international" economic boycott of North Carolina because, they say, of "repressive" policies marshaled by the Republican-led State Legislature. "True democracy remains a distant ideal that the racist actions of members of the NC State

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**NC NAACP concerned with U.S. Justice Dept. voter ID reversal**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It's not as if it were not expected once conservative former Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions took over as U. S. Attorney General, but still, there has been an abundance of concern since Monday when the U. S. Justice Department announced that it was reversing its "longstanding position," according to the Washington Post, "...that Texas intended to discriminate when it passed a strict voter ID law."

Under the Obama Administration, the US Justice Department has always been on the side of those challenging voting rights violations, including here

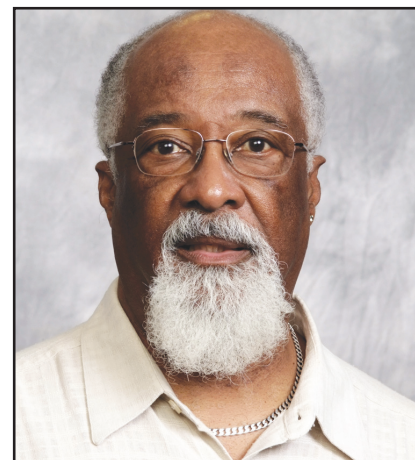
in North Carolina. Even though the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year that North Carolina's 2013 Voter ID Law was unconstitutional because it suppressed the Black vote "with surgical precision," there is concern because State Republican legislative leaders want the US Supreme Court, which will soon have a conservative majority again once President Trump's nominee is confirmed, to review lower court rulings, striking down voter ID and redistricting, in hopes of a reversal.

To NC NAACP President Reverend Dr. William Barber and NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee Chair, Attorney Irv Joyner, two people who

have been on the front lines of battling North Carolina's voter suppression, the latest news from the Trump administration does not bode well for North Carolina's voting rights.

"It's bad," Rev. Barber said Tuesday. "For the United States Dept. of Justice to become adversarial to voting rights and the power of the office to be used in the defense of voter suppression is dangerous to our democracy. This is systemic racism, and, if U. S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions seeks to go backward in a time of the worst attacks on voting rights since "Jim Crow," then he

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is the racist we knew he was." Rev. Barber continued, "Jeff Sessions has done nothing to restore the VRA (Voting Rights Act) which is just one reason he should have never been confirmed. We can still win cases in the courts because of the Constitution, but to have the Department of Justice as an adversary in our fight against

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in my life."

We at Brigade are so proud of all three of these teens and their accomplishments, and we even more excited for

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Legislature continue to disgracefully push further and further out of the reach of the African-American community," said NAACP President Cornell William Brooks.

"The NAACP refuses to accept this attack on democracy or the commoditization of bias against people due to racial or gender identity here in North Carolina or anywhere else around the nation. This we will fight against with all of our resources until we win."

But despite important questions about how the boycott would work, at least one local NAACP leader says leveraging dollars spent in the State is the most effective way to force meaningful change.

It was last December when NCNAACP President The Reverend Dr. William Barber announced that the State Conference would formally ask the national NAACP Board of Directors for permission to call for an economic boycott in response to various policies and actions emanating from the GOP-led NC General Assembly.

Three weeks ago, right before the Eleventh Annual HK on J March and People's Assembly, the national NAACP Board "announced a resolution calling for an international economic boycott of

voter suppression is un-American and immoral."

Attorney Joyner has led many of the key court cases to overturn North Carolina's voter ID law. Many times, the Obama Justice Department was a willing partner.

But now

"It is not a surprise that the U.S. Justice Department, which is now under the control of an ultra-conservative Trump administration, has changed its position in the Texas Case which is also pending before the Supreme Court," Attorney Joyner says.

"We expect the Justice Department will do the same as it relates to their support of our cases here in North Carolina. Our cases, however, are not dependent upon the support or agreement of the U.S. Justice Department, but are based upon established United States constitutional precedents and laws."

"We realize that the Trump Administration and the Berger (State Senate Leader) and Miller (State House Leader) are doing everything in their powers to stack the deck against the commands of the law," Joyner continued. "Despite this, we are eagerly moving forward in our fight to save the voting rights of African Americans and other people of color. This is a fight that we must have and is the fight that we must win for the people."

their "Great Futures." As Brigade's YOY, Josh will now compete at the state Youth of the Year competition in Durham on March 31st and April 1st.

Special thanks goes to Live Oak Bank for hosting this competition at their beauti-

ful facilities, and to Katie Ridd from Port City Community Church, Rushell Bongiorno from Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Advantage, Avril Pinder from New Hanover County Government, and Katherine Cammack from the Babies

Hospital Foundation for being the 2017 YOY judges.

Established in 1896, the Brigade Boys & Girls Club is the oldest club in North Carolina and has been at the forefront of youth development since its inception. The Club works with a diverse

group of at-risk youth in New Hanover, Pender and Onslow Counties. Brigade

programs ensure that the community's children have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures.

the State of North Carolina in response to actions of an all-White legislative caucus, which unconstitutionally designed racially-discriminatory gerrymandered districts, enacted a monster voter suppression law, passed Senate Bill 4 stripping the incoming Governor of power and passed House Bill 2."

The NAACP Board described "HB2" as a "...anti-transgender, anti-worker and anti-access to the State court for employment discrimination."

Last Friday, during a press conference in front of the NC Legislative Building on Jones Street, with national NAACP President/CEO Brooks looking on, NCNAACP President Barber stood firm on why an economic boycott was necessary.

"The actions of the all White caucus of extremists in our legislature and the former Governor are out of con-

trol. They have consistently passed legislation that is a violation of our deepest moral values, voting rights, civil rights and the fundamental principle of equal protection under the law."

Reverend. Barber continued, "The federal court ruled against their voter suppression and racially gerrymandered districts. We believe their attacks on the transgender community and attempt to strip the Governor of power will also be found unconstitutional. Their decision to block local municipalities' ability to raise wages and their limitation of access to state courts are wrong and we must stand strong against any and all attempts to deprive citizens their rights ordained by God and guaranteed by the constitution."

Barber and Brooks called on all sporting and entertainment events, conferences and other business interests to

avoid North Carolina until Republican lawmakers reversed course. No national NAACP meetings will take place in the State as well, and the civil rights organization might even consider divestiture of investments in the State.

The national NAACP famously boycotted South Carolina for 15 years until it removed the Confederate Flag from the State Capitol grounds.

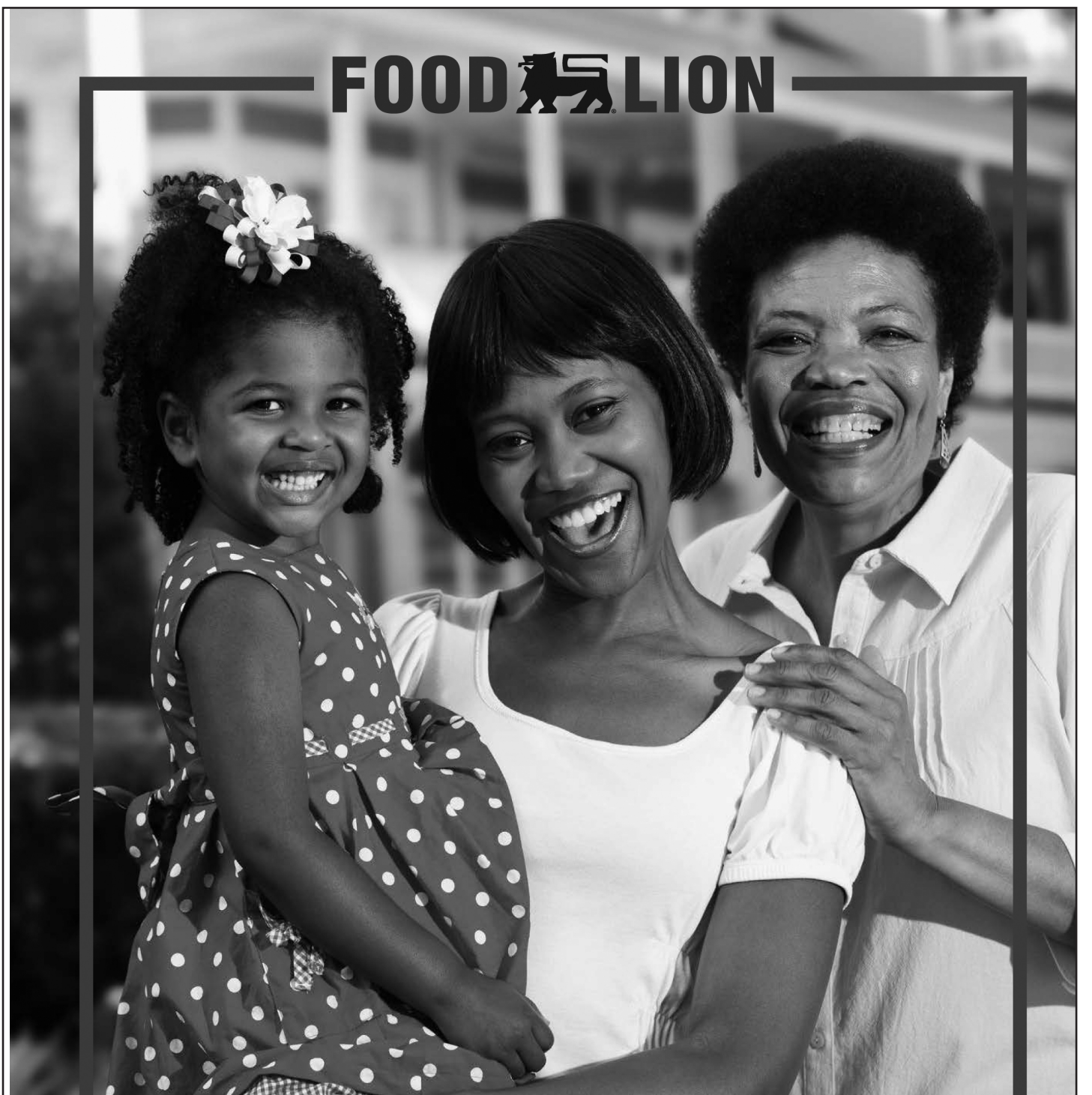
Republican Senate President Pro tem Phil Berger [R-Rockingham] immediately blamed Democratic Governor Roy Cooper for the NAACP declaration, saying the governor should "condemn William Barber's attempt to inflict economic harm on our citizens and work toward a reasonable compromise that keeps men out of women's bathrooms," referring to HB2, which has already cost the North Carolina hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars in cancelled events and businesses refusing to move to North Carolina.

Ford Porter, Governor Cooper's spokesperson, fired back, "While Governor Cooper continues to urge business to come to North Carolina, in spite of HB2, Republican legislative leaders need to stop holding our economy hostage to this disastrous law."

Reverend Barber maintains that, if victory is to be won over Republican repression, it must all start in North Carolina.

"What has happened in North Carolina makes this State a battleground over the soul of America and whether our nation is sincere about making democracy real for all people, not just those with the right bank account, right sexuality or right skin," Rev. Barber said at the press conference.



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**DURHAM MAYOR HONORED DURING LAST STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

[DURHAM] Bill Bell, the mayor of Durham for the past 16 years, gave his final State of the City address this week, saying that while much still has to be done to combat crime and poverty in the Bull City, he's proud of all of the accomplishments on his



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watch, especially rebuilding downtown. "What I hope is, if we're successful in this area, then we can transfer what we've learned into other communities and make those things work also," Bell said in his remarks. Before the end, the mayor received the first William B. Bell Civic Award for his work and dedication to Durham.

**GOVERNOR UNVEILS HIS FIRST BUDGET REQUEST TO HOSTILE LEGISLATURE**

[RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper

is making good on his promise to invest in North Carolina, especially in public education, in his first two-year budget as governor to go to a hostile Republican-led General Assembly still steaming at him for the ongoing HB2 controversy. Lawmakers literally don't even have to read the Democrat governor's budget request, and Cooper legally cannot veto it. In his budget, Cooper seeks to improve high school graduation rates, pre-kindergarten enrollment, and more adults statewide with college

degrees.

**ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REFUSES GO BAN CONFEDERATE FLAG SYMBOLS**

[HILLSBOROUGH] Despite pressure from the local NAACP branch and outraged parents, the Orange County Board of Education Monday refused to ban all symbols of the Confederate flag from school campuses. Instead, the board is establishing an "equity committee" to advise the board on "symbolic speech." Like tee-shirts, book covers,

license plates, etc. Black students complained that some white students use the symbol to express "superiority" over them in school.

**BI-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE GROUP CALLS FOR NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

[RALEIGH] A new, bi-partisan effort is underway in the NC House to establish a non-partisan redistricting commission to draw voting districts in what many say is a

fairer and more equitable way. House Bill 200 calls for the majority and minority legislative leaders to appoint staff to develop congressional and legislative maps. Normally, the controlling party every ten years is in charge of drawing the voting districts, usually for political advantage. GOP lawmakers were hit by a federal appellate court for "stacking and packing" black voters in a handful of "minority-majority" districts, which is unconstitutional.

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**HBCUs**

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did," she told the HBCU luncheon audience.

Representative Adams also reminded all that she also taught for forty years at Bennett College. "Those of us who have invested our life's work on these campuses know firsthand what I'm talking about," Rep. Adams said. Then, in an apparent dig at US Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, and her much criticized statement that HBCU's were "real pioneers when it comes to school choice" for Black students, which is historically inaccurate. Rep. Adams said, "Founded out of necessity and exclusion from other institutions of higher education, HBCU's -- OUR SCHOOLS -- have been providing pathways to education and upward mobility for more than a century."

After then noting that HBCU's account for half of all Black teachers and forty percent of degreed Black health professionals, Adams noted that Rep. Walker, the fly-in conference convener, is a member of the Congressional Bi-partisan HBCU Caucus.

"It is my sincere belief that the Congressional Bi-partisan HBCU Caucus planted the seed that created the opportunity we are experiencing today," she said, later adding in an interview that, while she doesn't doubt her colleague's sincerity about HBCUs, she wonders why he's carrying the HBCU support torch now, many years after his wife graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a nursing degree. NC A&T

University is now part of Walker's 6th District.

"I invite, and encourage, my Republican colleagues to work with Democrats and the Congressional Black Caucus, that has historically championed HBCU's in Congress, and whose members have already introduced legislation that would advance the work at these institutions," Rep. Adams continued.

"Further, I challenge you to join me and the Congressional Black Caucus in encouraging Congress to reauthorize the Higher Education Act; support the return of the White House Initiative on HBCU's to the White House; restore year 'round Pell [Grants] and increase the purchasing power of these grants; protect and strengthen public education; co-sponsor and help push through such legislation as: the HBCU Capital Financing Act, which Congressman Byrne and I just introduced; the Historic Preservation Act sponsored by Congressman Clyburn, the HBCU Innovation Fund Act, along with other significant bills."

"It's time to move the conversation away from "why do we need HBCUs" to "what would we do without HBCUs and how do we work together to ensure that HBCUs, not only survive, but thrive," Congresswoman Adams concluded.

In an interview after her luncheon appearance, Adams said that she and Rep. Cedric Richmond [D-LA-2], Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, were the only Congressional Democrats invited to speak at the fly-in luncheon because of their caucus leadership positions. In fact, her name wasn't even on the program.

"They wanted it to be a Republican thing," she said, suggesting that this may be part of an effort to ultimately appeal to Black voters.

The North Carolina congresswoman criticized the choice of Education Secretary Betty DeVos as luncheon keynote speaker, especially after her erroneous earlier statement about HBCUs.

"In terms of really knowing about our schools, I can't

imagine she was the best speaker [available]," said Rep. Adams, adding that the Education Secretary, who made millions in Michigan being a strong school choice advocate, will probably have to get "a lot of OJT (On the Job Training)."

Adams said she supports moving the HBCU Initiative from DeVos' agency to the White House because "it might get the attention that it needs there..." though there is some concern that it might get "politicized."

Congresswoman Adams admitted that she was "skeptical" about President Trump's true intentions regarding his overtures to HBCU's and promises made. "We're going to have to hold him to what he says. He certainly wasn't supportive (during the campaign) of people who look like me. So I don't know."

Of Pres. Trump's Monday meeting with the various HBCU presidents and chancellors in the Oval Office, Rep. Adams added, "Hopefully it wasn't just a photo op."

During the interview, Adams reiterated that the idea for the HBCU fly-in conference originated from remarks she made to her HBCU Caucus last December as something she felt the bi-partisan group should do. Apparently the idea was taken to Republican House leadership and approved.

"But we planted the seed," she insisted. "We could have done [the fly-in] as a bi-partisan effort...but this was an opportunity for Republicans to shine and show-up Democrats."

Rep. Adam's Maryland colleague, Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD), a Howard University alumnus and former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, issued a statement Tuesday, saying in part, "If President Trump is serious about helping HBCU's, he must also be serious about removing the structural barriers African Americans still face, and he should put his money where his pen is by urging his colleagues in Congress to increase federal funding to HBCUs."



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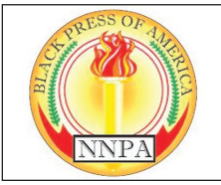
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## Our Voice

### "We stand on Black History's shoulders"

On Feb. 24th, I was invited to deliver the keynote at the Black History celebration of HCL America in Cary. Needless to say, I didn't want to deliver remarks that were a waste of anybody's time. So here is an excerpt of what I said. The name of the speech was, "We Stand on Black History's Shoulders":

I am supposed to be talking about Black history with you folks today, but what about the future? What do we have going for us now that ensures a good, productive future for all of us?



Cash Michaels

You see, if you study the Black History of the past close enough, you realize that all of the gains African-Americans have made today, and will make tomorrow, and the next tomorrow, and the next, are all rooted in the courage and vision of those who stood up for the very principles all Americans claim to aspire to today - the right to freedom, liberty and justice.

You know, one of the things that truly puzzles me today is this popular meme of some young

African-Americans that they don't want to hear, see or learn anything about slavery because what it tells them is that their people were once the property of others, and if they are parents, they refuse to allow their children to see those brutal images of black people being chained, being whipped, being beaten to death in many cases, just because of the color of their skin.

Some of these young people today simply refuse to accept that once upon a time, their ancestors had no freedom. They don't want to see it. Don't want to watch "Roots," nothing. And I feel for them, because out of the horrendous history of what slavery was in this country, come courageous stories of struggle, and faith, and family, and industriousness. From the pain of the past, came civil and social rights movements, not just for African-Americans, but for women, for members of the LGBT community, for those seeking to actually become American citizens, and are threatened with mass deportation.

And those whose constitutionally-protected right of freedom of religion now makes them automatic suspects in what parades around these days as national security.

As a teenager watching the news, I always found it fascinating to see people yearning to be free, locking arms and singing in their foreign language "We Shall Overcome," knowing that Dr. King would be smiling in his grave that his message of freedom still resounded around the world.

That is why, by the way, I'm always interested when I hear mostly African-Americans complain that the sculptor of the King Monument in Washington, DC was Chinese, as if to say that because Dr. King was black, then so should everything about him be. But the Dr. King I know was a global social justice hero who reached out to the world, who, as a man of GOD, prayed that all of mankind would one day find peace through brotherhood. King was a champion for the global struggle for justice. How can any of us deny an artist of any ethnic or racial background their skilled expression of what Dr. King's "Dream" meant to them?

Right now I'm co-producing a documentary titled "Origin of the Dream," based on a tremendous book by NC State University Professor W. Jason Miller, and directed by Rebecca Cerece, a skilled documentarian. The film is about the new discoveries we're finding of an intellectual partnership between Dr. King and poet Langston Hughes, and how Hughes inspired many of Dr. King's speeches.

Now Prof. Jason Miller is white, yet he knows more about Langston Hughes than almost anybody. Rebecca Cerece is white, yet she directed the award winning documentary, "February One" about the 1960 Greensboro sit-in movement. The three of us working together on this project is the epitome of Dr. King's stated dream.

The Black History of the past, providing the shoulders that we ALL stand on today!

Barack Hussein Obama...ever heard that name before?

There are so, so many African-Americans, including myself, that were dead wrong - we did see a black man elected to become president of the United States - twice, twice in our lifetimes. Before the 2008 election, none of us ever thought that we would see it. And yet, as we stand here today, Pres. Obama's election is now American history. And he has made us proud.

Proud because whether you agreed with many of his policies or not, Obama blazed a very difficult trail. It can be argued that he tried to do too much, that attempting to bring a bitterly divided nation together, fix the economy, fight terrorism, and do so all in spite of a Republican-led Congress that was very clear in its declaration that they were determined that he fail, was a bit much for any president of the United States to tackle.

Let alone the first black one.

But Pres. Obama gave it his best, and did so with pride and honor, and will go down in history as one of our best commander-in-chiefs ever. Say what you want about Pres. Obama, but you never had to worry about his mental capabilities.

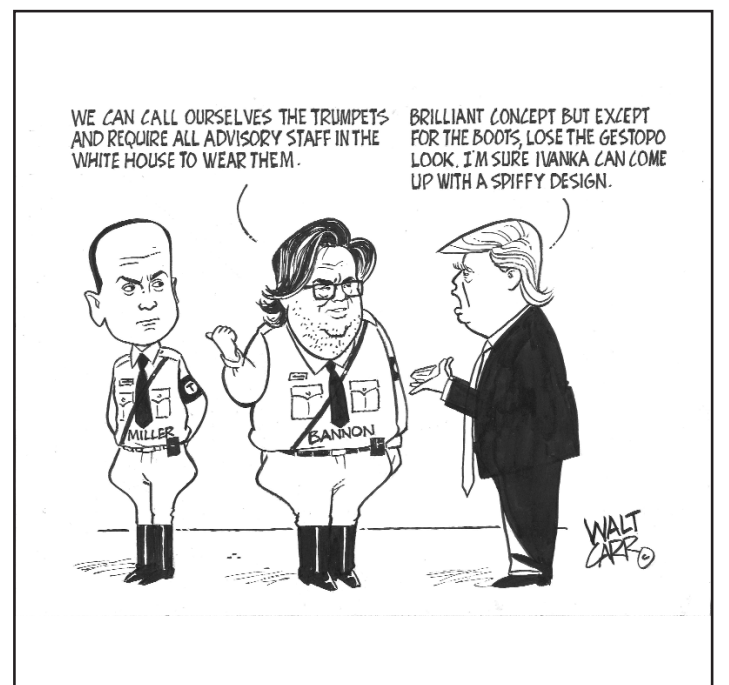
He, perhaps, is the best example of Black History providing us the shoulders on which all of us - all Americans - stand on to do great things for our future. There are lessons of courage, like the Tuskegee Airmen. Lessons of great imagination like scientist George Washington Carver and the many, many ways to make useful products from peanuts. Lessons of great artistry like the music of Stevie Wonder; or the stage (and screen) award winning performances of actress Viola Davis.

And, of course, leadership like Pres. Barack Obama...and I could go on, that teach us that, given the trying times that we're in, given the trying times that we're always in, there will be a black history tomorrow, because we're striving and learning, and growing, and building black history today!

Thank You!

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## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion

### RAINBOW COALITION

### Private prisons slam door on justice

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

March 7 will mark the 52nd anniversary of Bloody Sunday, the historic march and shocking police riot in Selma, Alabama, that helped build public support for passage of the Voting Rights Act. Now, a half-century later, an avowed critic of that law - former Alabama Sen. Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III, who was born in Selma - has been confirmed as attorney general of the United States. In one of his first acts in office - reversing Obama's order to phase out the federal government's use of private prisons - he has begun to weaken civil rights protections.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The decision on private prisons reflects Trump's desire to repeal all things Obama. It expresses the ideological bias of reactionaries like Sessions toward privatizing public functions. It also reveals the pervasive corruption already apparent in the Trump administration. The two largest for-profit prison companies in the United States - GEO Group and CoreCivic (formerly Correc-

tions Corporation of America) - and their associates have, according to Reason Magazine, contributed "more than \$10 million to candidates since 1989 and have spent nearly \$25 million on lobbying efforts."

When Trump stoked public fears of violent crime in our cities, called our prison system a "disaster," and endorsed "privatizations and private prisons," the industry ponied up hundreds of thousands of dollars to support his candidacy. Since Trump won the election, share prices of GEO Group and CoreCivic have soared more than 100 percent. In our corrupted politics, Sessions' act helps consolidate their return on investment.

Reviving private prisons, however, represents far more than mere anti-Obama venom, ideological preference or even political corruption. It tramples basic civil and human rights. And African Americans and Latinos, who disproportionately populate our prisons, will suffer the most.

Incarcerating people in for-profit prisons is morally indefensible. Locking people up and turning them over to companies whose primary concerns are profits and return to investors is a recipe for abuse. And the record of private prisons demonstrates repeatedly that abuse is per-

vasive. In Sessions' home state of Alabama, for example, whites constitute two-thirds of the total population but only 42 percent of the prison population. African Americans represent only one-fourth of the total population, but over half (54 percent) of the incarcerated.

This is the cause of repeated upheaval and scandal. Private prisons suffer more violence. Underpaid guards too often punish prisoners without accountability. Private prisons, Obama's Justice Department found, aren't as safe for prisoners or for guards as public prisons. They lack the services that might revive hope rather than crush it, such as educational programs and job training. Despite their companies' claims, private prisons don't save government much money either.

Worse, the thirst for profit overrides the needs of the incarcerated. Private prisons are notorious for skimping on food, facilities and health care. They gouge prisoners even for using the telephone to stay in contact with loved ones. Worse, the private companies generally demand that the government guarantee that their cells will be full, even if actual crime rates are falling or if harsh sentencing is rolled back. Nearly two-thirds of private prison contracts mandate that state and

local governments sustain an occupancy rate - usually 90 percent - or taxpayers pay for the empty beds. At the federal level, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) budget is mandated by the Congress to maintain detention beds for at least 34,000 immigrants daily.

Sessions' order impacts some 14,000 federal prisoners, a number that has been trending down in recent years. Most of the 2 million prisoners in America are sentenced and held at the state and local level. To them, Sessions is sending a strong signal. The federal government will be ramping up detentions, particularly of immigrants. It signals to states and localities - many of which have been souring on private prisons - that the federal government is all in for privatization.

Trump has promised a new day for what he calls America's "inner cities." But what we've seen so far is a return to the failed policies of the past - law and order rhetoric combined with calls for tougher police tactics, harsh sentences, and now a corrupt and indefensible embrace of privatized prisons. With Sessions in the DOJ, Trump's divisive racial rhetoric is about to turn into policy.

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

## Political involvement is necessary, not sufficient

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The unfortunate election of Donald J. Trump to the Presidency of the United States speaks volumes about the limits of African American involvement in the political system. Don't get me wrong. I was born and will live and die a political junkie, obsessed with the minutiae of politics. Actually, I'm a recovering politician; having run for office, got my butt beat, and flirted with the possibility of doing it again for years. Politics is about making the rules of distribution, of deciding how laws determine who gets what, when, where and why. Politics importantly ensures that those who make the rules are favorably disposed toward justice and fairness. Politics allows resistance when those elected don't follow the lead of their constituents.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Economics and politics are closely aligned. Economics also determines who gets what, when, where and why. So-called free markets determine the flows of economic distribution, but politics often regulates the way that these so-called free markets work. I say that these markets are "so-

called" free because we know that politicians distort markets to their liking. During a recession, for example, politicians agree that bankers need a tight rein on them that they can't simply exploit for the purpose of earning predatory profits. After a recession, some politicians might loosen the rein on bankers and decide to let predatory markets flow free.

African Americans have righteously focused on politics and the political system, especially during the early days of the civil rights movement, when the fight for the right to vote was a priority. People like Fannie Lou Hamer were beaten within inches of their lives because they were determined to vote. Medgar Evers was killed because he was organizing voters. We had a focus on laws. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "The law will not make you love me, but it will keep you from lynching me." And so we focus on the laws and on politics.

The Trump election reminds us of the limitations of politics, and the need to focus on the economic aspects of our lives. Political involvement is necessary, but not sufficient for Black progress. Every single economic indicator shows African American people lagging. Not much has changed since Dr. King said, in 1967, "Of the good things in life, the Negro has approximately one half those of whites. Of the bad things of life, he has twice

those of whites. Thus, half of all Negroes live in substandard housing. And Negroes have half the income of whites. When we view the negative experiences of life, the Negro has a double share. There are twice as many unemployed. The rate of infant mortality among Negroes is double that of whites and there are twice as many Negroes dying in Vietnam as whites in proportion to their size in the population." The numbers have changed some, but the bottom line is that African Americans are not full equal participants in our economy.

How do we fix that? How do African Americans flex our full economic muscles? How do we reward those corporations that support equality, and punish, through selective buying and boycotts, those who oppose freedom and equal opportunity? How do we stomp with the big dogs like the Koch brothers who buy politicians with the same ease that some of us buy potato chips? Do we even stand a chance?

I think that we have to spend as much time and place as much emphasis on economics as on politics. I think we have to be clear that poverty is a profit opportunity for some corporations. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has already reversed the Obama executive order that would stop the use of private prisons for federal incarceration. But these private prisons are

machines of predatory capitalism, and now that Sessions has approved their use, their stocks are soaring. So we have to ask ourselves if our pension funds, mutual funds, or other financial instruments invest in corporations like Corecivic (formerly Corrections Corporation of America, \$CXW) and the Geo Group (\$GEO). Can we push our investors to withdraw investment from these funds? Or will we be willing, in the name of predatory capitalism, to profit from this chicanery?

Similarly, from Ava DuVernay's film 13th, we are reminded of the others who profit from the prison industrial complex, including those who provide meals (Aramark is one of those companies) and phone calls. How much discomfort do they impose on our incarcerated brothers and sisters to make a profit?

Politicians make rules, but money talks when the nonsense walks. We need to spend as much time focusing on economics as on politics. We need to follow the money when we see oppression. And we need to be clear that the clearest path to Black liberation is that path that focuses on economics.

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TO BE EQUAL

# Claims of 'fake news' are an insult to an institution that has risked lives to advance liberty

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*The brutality with which officials would have quelled the black individual became impotent when it could not be pursued with stealth and remain unobserved. It was caught-as a fugitive from a penitentiary is often caught-in gigantic circling spotlights. It was imprisoned in a luminous glare revealing the naked truth to the whole world.* -- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Marc Morial**

In 1955, Jet Magazine and the Chicago Defender published photographs of Emmett Till's mutilated corpse, igniting international interest in the American Civil Rights Movement. Defender reporter Mattie Colin, who covered the return of the teenager's body to Chicago, captured his mother's anguish in her poignant articles:

"Oh, God, Oh God, my only boy," Mrs. Mamie (Till) Bradley wailed as five men lifted a soiled paper-wrapped bundle from a brown, wooden mid-Victorian box at the Illinois Central Station in Chicago Friday and put it into a waiting hearse. The bundle was the bruised and bullet-ridden body of little 14-year-old Emmett L. Till of Chicago, who had been lynched down in Money, Mississippi.

For many in the north, the brutality of the Jim Crow-era south was an abstract and distant concept. Reporters like Mamie Colin made it horrifyingly real. And no one dared demean it by calling it "fake news."

Friction between the White House and the journalists tasked with holding officials to account is part of a healthy democracy. But recent concerted efforts to delegitimize the news media are destructive and demoralizing. Among the low points of the recent presidential campaign were the vicious attacks on individual reporters which were a regular part of some rallies. White House press conferences,

which should be a source of lively give-and-take, have devolved into ad hominem attacks.

"The civil rights movement would have been like a bird without wings if it hadn't been for the news media," Rep. John Lewis has said.

Newspapers and the newly-popular medium of television brought into American homes disturbing scenes of activists in Birmingham and Selma being attacked by with dogs and fire hoses, beaten and tear-gassed by state troopers and sheriff's deputies. A photograph of Selma activist Amelia Boynton, beaten unconscious, ran on the front page of newspapers and news magazines around the world.

Among the martyrs of the Civil Rights Movement is Paul Guihard, a reporter for a French news service, who was shot to death in 1962 during protests over the admission of James Meredith to the University of Mississippi. Newspaper offices were the targets of shootings and bombing attempts.

The men and women of the Fourth Estate continue to risk

their lives in the performance of their duties. In the last quarter century, at least seven journalists have been killed in the line of duty in the United States, four of them murdered. One of the first important American journalists to face death threats for her reporting was Ida Wells, a trailblazing African-American woman who documented the savage practice of lynching in the 1890s.

The work of America's journalists has resulted in some of our nation's most important reforms. Upton Sinclair's expose of unsanitary practices in meatpacking led to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act and Federal Meat Inspection Act. Seymore Hersh exposed the My Lai massacre and the Army's subsequent coverup. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's Watergate reporting led to the indictments of 40 Nixon Administration officials and the eventual resignation of President Nixon. The Washington Post's publication

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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 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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of Florence Graves' investigation into sexual misconduct on Capitol Hill led to the passage of the Congressional Accountability Act.

Even the staunchest defenders of freedom of the press were not always happy with its results. As a delegate to the Continental Congress, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a

government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." As President, Jefferson blasted the press. But he never changed his position: "It is, however, an evil for which there is no remedy; our liberty depends on the freedom of the press and that cannot be limited without being lost."

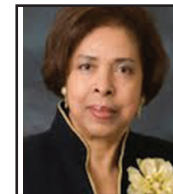
Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

# It's time for a review

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

One of my most important teaching activities was time spent in review with my classes. My classroom experiences taught me that in every unit of instruction there were elements of the subject matter that would not be understood, would be misunderstood, would not be prioritized/ordered appropriately or forgotten. The classroom review was an effective tool for test preparation and a determination of subject matter retention.

As a manager of personnel, I found formal, interim and informal personnel performance reviews to be effective tools in documenting and improving the quality of performance of our employees. These reviews gave them an accurate understanding of expectations of their jobs and gave us both a way to measure how well they met those expectations.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

I believe it is essential to review and evaluate the performance and motives of elected officials and how both impact on me and those with which I share similar interests and values. This review must be as broad and wide-ranging as the impact of the decisions made by the politicians under scrutiny. While providing options for periodic re-evaluation, this review must be thoughtful and as accurate as possible. It must be Promethean in predictability.

Applying that logic to the first 30 days of the Trump administration, I have concerns at numerous and most unsettling levels. Rather than acknowledging his slim margin of victory in the Electoral College and loss of the popular vote in his policy-making, Mr. Trump is in disregard of the 54% of Americans who voted against him and he's gone full-bore in his plan to be a disruptive influence in the structure of American politics. I fear that his administration will exceed a state of disruption and devolve into an oligarchic autocracy. Like those who have returned George Orwell's "1984," a 69 year-old book, to the "best seller list," I wonder how

far we are from calling Trump Big Brother:

Those familiar with the rise of autocratic governments in the 20th Century draw our attention to the parallels with Trump World. Among the first acts by 20th Century dictators were to destroy and/or restructure the institutions and political processes upon which civil order was established. To date, the majority of Trump's Cabinet nominees express policy positions in direct opposition to the Cabinet positions they occupy. One only wonders what structural changes will alter the functions of the Departments of Justice, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Human Services and the EPA.

From Trump's mouth come ridiculous, unsubstantiated accusations of widespread, monumental voter fraud. Many in the Civil Rights community sense that Trump will attempt to further restrict/suppress the votes of minorities and other Democratic leaning populations. Yet, since last year, US intelligence sources confirm Russian interference in the 2016 Election.

Trump's administration has made an obvious effort to discredit and malign the public's

faith in the Judicial Branch and the Media. Demeaning characterization of "so-called judges" in disagreement with Administration positions are meant to create a loss of faith in our judicial system. Arguing the validity of lies labeled "Alternative Facts" and the direct characterization of unflattering news accounts as "Fake News" has become the hallmark of Trump and those in his circle. More commonplace are lies, distortions and misrepresentations of Trump and his allies. Just as commonplace are their appeals to sympathetic listeners to reject the truth of media reports as lies.

*Until last week, mainstream Republican leaders have failed to challenge Trump's disparagement of our valued institutions. Last week, Senator John McCain observed that one of the first acts of dictators was to destroy the open, free dialogue of society.*

*Our first 30 day review suggests that McCain is not off the mark. We must RESIST the destruction of the freedoms we have worked so hard to achieve.*

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BLACKONOMICS

# Making Black History, Part Four - Buy African coffee

This will end my four-part series on "Making Black History." Although there are many things we can do to make our own history, I have offered four so that next year we can celebrate what we did in addition to only celebrating what others did to make history. These offerings are quite simple and easy to do; it is my hope that we will bring them to fruition.

**James Clingman**

David Robinson, youngest son of Jackie and Rachel Robinson, moved to Tanzania, East Africa to do what many of us simply talk about: Reconnect. After getting permission from his village council, he and fifteen men, equipped only with axes, hoes, and shovels, began clearing 120 acres of forest, which later became known as Sweet Unity Coffee Farm. For months those men, including David's New York-born son, Howard, unified in one purpose, toiled, persisted, and achieved their goal. David's sister, Sharon Robinson, wrote a book titled, Jackie's Nine - Jackie Robinson's values to live by, in which David reflected on the work that had to be done to start his coffee farm. "Our fifteen men walking in single file, often in silence, fifteen men

walking to accomplish one task," he wrote. He described seeing men of various Tanzanian tribes collectively committed to one purpose, laying aside any differences and subscribing to one agenda that would benefit the whole. No complaining, no back-biting, and no jealousy, just working together to get the job done.

Robinson went on to write, "All men of my race, who had agreed to move together, to labor with one purpose, to toil until the land was open and fresh and planted with thousands of six-inch coffee seedlings. In the early morning, with feet moving quietly in unison, I felt that which I named our farm: 'The sweetness of unity.' The thrill of many coming together to act as one."

A few weeks ago I wrote about Sweet Unity Farms Coffee and asked my readers to purchase it and make it a regular part of their morning pleasure. For those who do not drink coffee, I asked that you give it as gifts for Kwanzaa, birthdays, etc. in order to support Brother Robinson's business and the small coffee farmers in the Tanzanian co-op. I suggested that we make an incredible collective economic statement by buying one million bags of Sweet Unity by October 2017.

This time I want to be even clearer by letting you know that this is not merely a consumer/black business issue. Your purchases of Sweet Unity

Coffee go much further than to the bottom line of an income statement; profits from sales also go to help educate Tanzanian children and adults, and to purchase solar panels for homes in their villages.

We can make history the same way David Robinson and his entire family, both here and abroad, have made and are still making history. Buy Sweet Unity Farms Coffee, and make it your coffee of choice, the way I and others have, thereby, living up to our "support black business" and our "connect with the Motherland" mantras, instead of just talking about it. We can fire an economic shot heard round the world by doing this simple thing and by making Black history in other ways as well, especially when it comes to empowerment and self-determination.

To review my four offerings through which we can make Black history: In the next ninety days, at least one million Black voters should change their registration to Non-Party Affiliated (The way staunch Republican conservative, George Will, has done); form alliances to buy and develop the land in our neighborhoods on which we can start and grow businesses that can, in turn, hire our youth; make a pledge on www.blackamerican-made.com to purchase products made by Black people, and add Black made products to the website as well; and purchase at least one million bags of

Sweet Unity Coffee this year, and experience the feeling that David Robinson had when he began to clear the land for his coffee farm-"The sweetness of unity." All it takes to empower ourselves economically and politically is a collective conscientious mindset and appropriate action.

Jackie Robinson was one of our "firsts;" let's honor his legacy by making this effort a "first" too. The U.S. coffee market is worth tens of billions of dollars. Shouldn't Black people claim a niche in that market, especially since our brothers and sisters grow and harvest the best coffees?

David Robinson ended his writing with sage advice, saying, "...I have seen the merit and often the necessity of joining hands to achieve a goal. Unity is often not a state reached easily, but the inability to achieve it can often mean failure." Go to www.iamoneofthemillion.com, click on "Products" and buy Sweet Unity Coffee.

*Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He can be reached through his website, blackonomics.com. He is the author of Black Dollars Matter: Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense, which is available through his website; professionalpublishinghouse.com and Amazon Kindle eBooks.*

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## New Hanover County

**Second Annual Project Moneet's Closet Prom Dress Giveaway** will be held Saturday, March 18th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the MLK Center, 401 S. 8th Street. First come, first served. Drawings for a free prom makeover, hairdo, manicure, pedicure, prom accessories and shoes will be held. For more information, contact Audrey Clark at 910-200-8030 or Ms. Tee at 718-913-2433.

## Community Briefs

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

## Brunswick County

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

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Looking back!

**W**e look back from time to time and see some really difficult days. We have had to work hard to survive. We've had to eat what we had. Many times we've had to make our breakfast on black strap molasses.



Verniece Stanley

Black history is very real and accords us a very rich heritage. We need to learn all we can about our history, tracing the facts to, and beyond, African slave trade. Fifteenth century European explorers invaded the African coast, seeking gold, ivory, and slaves. The Portuguese began selling slaves in Europe during the middle of the 15th century. Slave trade did not increase greatly until after the discov-

ery of America.

The years of the slave trade were infamous years. A few Europeans settled in western Africa. Those who stayed attempted to convert Africans to Christianity. The African slave trade grew in the 1500's, as the Portuguese needed labor to develop sugar plantations in Brazil and the Caribbean. The British, Dutch and French joined the profitable slave trade in the mid 1600's. Africans living on the west coast often enslaved their prisoners of war. The at hadslave trade encouraged African rulers to sell these prisoners for guns, iron, and clothes.

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Between the 1500's and the 1800's about 10 million Africans were kidnapped from their homelands and sent to America in the holds of slave ships under inhu-

man conditions.

The slave trade began to decline in the early 1800's. Many people in America and Europe had always condemned the brutality of buying and selling human beings. In 1804, Denmark took the lead and outlawed the slave trade. By 1824, most of the slave trading nations had followed the Danish example. In the United States, the slavery issue became one of the causes of the Civil War.

There was also an economic reason for the decline of slavery. As the European demand for African products, such as palm oil and peanuts, increased in the 1800's West African farmers began to depend more on the sale of the crops than on the sale of slaves.

The West African slave trade however did not completely end until the late 19th

century, four centuries after it had begun.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let's make it a great experience for all American citizens.

*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.*

## Nominations for 2018 Heritage Calendar now open

AT&T\* is accepting nominations of individuals to be honored in the 2018 edition of "The Heritage Calendar: Celebrating the NC African-American Experience."

The project honors men and women of all races who have contributed significantly to the lives and experiences of African-Americans in the state. In addition to monthly honorees, the calendar highlights dates of significance in North Carolina and nationally.

To nominate an individual for consideration, please visit our online nominations page. Nominations for consideration for the 2018 edition must be received by March 31, 2017.

The 2017 Heritage Calendar's honorees included:

•**Wardell Stephen "Dell" Curry**, a retired NBA basketball player and TV analyst

•**Joe Dudley & Eunice Dudley**, founders of DudleyQ

•**The late Anne Cannon Forsyth**, community activist who created educational opportunities for thousands of students

•**Philip G. Freelon**, one of America's most influential architects

•**Paul R. Jervay, Jr.**, 3rd generation journalist and publisher of The Carolinian;

•**Reverend Richard Joyner**, founder of the Conetoe Family Life Center

•**"Chatty" Hattie Leeper**, Charlotte's first female African-American radio broadcaster

•**The late Mayor Clarence Lightner**, the first African-American elected mayor of a

major southern city  
•**The late Victoria Casey McDonald**, invested a lifetime in helping North Carolinians of multiple racial and cultural backgrounds better understand and appreciate the rich history and culture of Western North Carolina

•**Christopher Suggs**, young CEO who founded a non-profit called Kinston Teens Inc at the age of 14;

•**Millie Dunn Veasey**, served her country and community for nearly a century becoming the first African-American female president of the Wake County chapter of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

•**Richard "Stick" and Teresa Williams**, achieved positions of North Carolina leadership unmatched by any other husband and wife as the first couple to each serve as chair of the Board of Trustees of a University of North Carolina Institution—Stick at UNC Chapel Hill and Teresa at Western Carolina University.

Another component of the project was the lesson plans based on the life of each honoree, developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and available online as resources for educators statewide.

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## Myrtle Grove Middle School wins 2017 Black History Quiz Bowl



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## MYRTLE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTESTANTS

BY TUFANNA L. BRADLEY-THOMAS  
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In UNCW's 8th Annual Black History Quiz Bowl recently held in the Lumina Theater in the Fisher Student Center, Myrtle Grove defeated Williston 110 points to 90 points in a thrilling championship match. The event was

sponsored by the UNCW Upperman African American Cultural Center, UNCW Black Student Union, UNCW National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Juneteenth Committee of Wilmington, NC, Inc. The contestants were students at Myrtle Grove, Noble, Williston and Virgo Middle Schools. This was Myrtle Grove's consecutive Black History Bowl Championship win. The Myrtle Grove team was

coached by Daniel Perry, a social studies teacher at Myrtle Grove, and team members included Mehki Tims, Sa'quan Gordon, Mikenzie Wallace, Aaliyah Chasten, and Janae Woodard. Williston Middle School placed second and the team was coached by Kirk Ohler. Noble Middle School placed third and was coached by Lissa McIver. DC Virgo finished fourth place and was coached by Matilda Scott.

This event is designed to broaden students' perspective on African American achievements in topics ranging from science, politics, entertainment and more. Schools go head to head with other schools and organizations in a friendly and educational competition. Among a variety of other prizes, winners took home a trophy to showcase their accomplishment and received a tour of UNCW's Upperman African American Cultural Center.

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**Albert Lee Grantham, Sr.**

Albert Lee Grantham, Sr., departed this life on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Albert was born on September 20, 1942 in Goldsboro, NC. He was the son of the late Leon and Bertha Grantham. Funeral services were held Friday, February 17, 2017 at Mt. Zion AME Church.

Albert was educated in the public school system of Wayne County and graduated from Dillard High School in 1960. Upon graduation, he served in the US Army and completed a tour of duty in South Korea. He later retired from Anchor Motors Freight Company. On December 29, 198, he met and married Marguerite Tywanda McClean.

A devoted husband and loving father, Albert was a friend to all and was known for helping anyone in need, given his Samaritan spirit. He will be remembered always for his kindness, his love for singing and his willingness to unselfishly share knowledge. As a child, Albert began his walk of faith at St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church. As an adult, he continued this walk of faith at St. James United Methodist Church of Baltimore, Maryland and later relocated to Mt. Zion AME Church of Wilmington, North Carolina in 1994.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leon and Bertha Grantham and his sister Mrs. Gladys Elizabeth Battle. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, friend and companion of 24 years, Marguerite Tywanda Grantham; four children of a previous marriage, Marvellena Grantham of Clayton, NC, Albert Grantham, Jr., (Patricia) of Baltimore, MD, Anton Grantham (Angela) of Zebulon, NC and Dr. Latresa H. Grantham of Charlotte, NC; two brothers, Perry Marsh (Delores) of Marietta, GA and William Henry Grantham of Raleigh, NC; four grandchildren, Ariel, Asia, Jeremiah and Jalen, one sister-in-law, Dorothy McKoy of Baltimore, MD, two brother-in-laws Sylvester McClean of the city and John John McClean of Raleigh, NC and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at*

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**William Bradley**

William H. Bradley, Sr; age 69, of Durham (formerly of Wilmington), passed away, Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 23, 2017, at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

William Henry Bradley, Sr., affectionately known as "Slim" or "Frog", was born on March 24, 1947 to the late Ms. Eleanor Bradley Ingram. He was raised in Wilmington and received his education in the New Hanover County Public School system. He worked as a longshoreman for many years. Later he worked at ABC Store and retired from Brame Speciality Company after 18 years of service.

William was preceded in death by his brother, John Henry Bradley.

He leaves to cherish his memory: loving wife, Cassandra Simpson Bradley; daughters,

Jacqueline Drakeford (Genell) of Wilmington, NC, LaWanda Bradley of Raleigh, NC, LaTonya Bradley of Raleigh, NC and LaTonya Allen of Wilmington, NC; son, William Henry Bradley, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; step-daughters, Alisha S. Dunn (Robert) and Larnell Simpson both of Durham, NC; sister, Ann Evans; sisters-in-law, Mildred Simpson, Wanda White (Don), Erica Artis, Carolyn Crawford, Nadine Williams (Garrett), Patricia McKnight and Elaine Wagner; brothers-in-law, Roscoe Simpson (Demiga), Donald Ray Simpson (Willie Mae), William Simpson (Susie Mae), Kenneth Simpson (LeVerne), Barry Simpson and Sherwood Simpson, twenty grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; niece, Tamika Hankins (Corey); nephews, Lamont Evans, Tony Bradley, Travis Evans and Terrance Evans; special cousin Hattie; special aunts, Aunt Thelma and Aunt Ruth, and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at*

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**Anthony R. Nixon**

Anthony Ray Nixon, age 51, of Leland, passed away Saturday, February 18, 2017. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, February 24, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Anthony Ray Nixon, Sr., a.k.a. "Ant" breathed in that wonderful breath of life on April 26, 1965. Our dearest Anthony's spirit surrendered his final breath to the calling of his Creator on February 18, 2017.

Ant was born to Ms. Joyce C. Nixon on April 26, 1965. His

maternal grandparents, the late John and Sue Nixon played a significant role in his life and Ant loved them dearly.

Ant was educated in the New Hanover County School System and a graduate of New Hanover High School, a proud member of the Class of 1983! He attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. Ant had a love for the game of football and sports in general.

Ant relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina where he resided for approximately ten years. While living in the Queen City, he developed a passion for the good old fashioned shining of shoes. Ant quickly realized the love for this craft was more than just a way to make money. He would use it as a ministry to help others and witness concerning the goodness of God. He became a shoe apprentice and started a business called Nix-On Shine, located in Wilmington, North Carolina. It wasn't long after this when he decided to branch out and open several other locations to include ILM Airport, New Hanover County Courthouse and Government Complex; just to name a few. All the while, using this as a platform to spread the love of God!

In 2010, he became a faithful member of Union Baptist Church in Winston Salem, North Carolina; under the leadership of Bishop Sir Walter L. Mack, Jr. Ant joined Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in Wilmington, North Carolina in 2012 and served as a faithful member and usher until his health began to fail.

Ant leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife, LaTanya Beatty-Nixon, whom he affectionately called his "soul mate". He realized through this illness LaTanya would fulfill her vows "for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health". She did this until he departed this life for life eternal. He also leaves to rejoice in his memory his mother, Ms. Joyce C. Nixon, a son, Anthony Ray Nixon, Jr., a stepdaughter, KZ Beatty, a mother-in-law, Ella V. Beatty, a father-in-law, Edward L. McKinnon, Jr., a grandmother-in-law, Mary L. McKinnon, two Godchildren, Tyrus Davis and Jessica C. Holmes and a host of other relatives and friends, and last but not least his dog Trixie. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at*

**David E. Bennerman**

David Earl Bennerman, age 60, of Leland, entered into rest on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington North Carolina, with his long time companion, Ruby Holden-

Harris, by his side. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Dave or Harpo as some called him was born on February 7, 1958 in Burgaw, NC to the late Hoover Bennerman and Letha M. Bennerman.

Dave attended grammar school in New Haven Connecticut then returned to North Carolina to graduate from Wallace Rose Hill High School. Following his heart, he ended up back in Connecticut then began working for Grafton Navel Shipyard. He went on to work for Winchester rifle in CT. He then while furthering his career, he relocated to Boston Ma. There he became a Small order CHEF at the Harriet Tubman House prior to returning to his resting place here in North Carolina. Here he labored as one of the best Brick Mason Laborers in town.

Surviving to cherish his memories are his mother, LethaMae; children, Ebonese Bennerman, David Earl Bennerman Jr., Patrick Bennerman and Vernell Bennerman; grand children, T'Naja Thompson, Brycyn Thompson, Jewels Melendez (Ebone), Isaiah Bennerman (David Jr.) and Tiara Daniels (Vernell); stepchildren, Marquis Faison, Alonzo Bragg (Yolanda Bragg), London Bragg, Rashaun Holden, Elijah Holden, Nikki Spivey and Elizabeth Bozeman; brothers, James "Bill" Bennerman (Annie Bennerman), Odell Bennerman and Irving Bennerman (Ann Bennerman); sisters, Virginia

Bennerman-Scott (Keith Scott), Dorothy Bennerman, and Pamela Pittman; great great aunt, Lucille Robinson and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at*

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**Robert Jackson Briggs**  
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Think of the things we use to say,  
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**Card of Thanks**

The family of Marlyn Gailles Mallette wishes to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, prayers, visits, thoughts and concerns during our bereavement. Many thanks to Keith and Angelia Rhodes, owners of Catch Restaurant of Wilmington, NC and Kennedy of Brides and Bouquets of Cary, NC. May God continue to strengthen and richly bless each of you.

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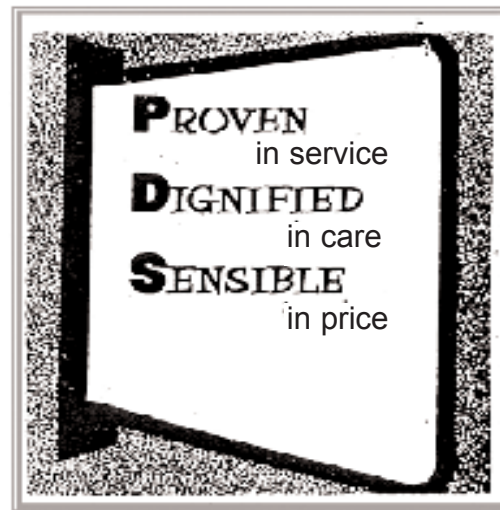
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## New Hanover County

**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.

## 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.

**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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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## OBITUARIES

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## Ronnie A. Robinson

Ronald "Ronnie" Robinson departed this life on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in Raleigh NC. Ronnie was born on May 15, 1958 in Wilmington, NC. He was the son of the late Edward & Annie Louise Robinson, and brother to Eula King, Edward Robinson and William King. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

He spent his childhood in Wilmington, NC. After graduating from

J.T. Hoggard High School, he attended East Carolina University where he pledged Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Later he transferred to Barton College where he received a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. He continued his education receiving his MBA from the University of Phoenix. Ronnie started his career at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, and continued building his career in the clinical field. He

spent his last four years employed with PPD, Inc. as a Project Manager, Global Clinical Supplies.

Ron was known for his contagious smile, he was a great man, father and husband!

Ron will be missed by his loving wife of 33 years, Yolanda Barnett Robinson; children, Danielle and Ronald Robinson II (Cuffy). He will be sorely missed by the Walker, Ripley and Robinson families and a host of family, friends, fraternity brothers, and co-workers. *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.*

## Earlease Baker

Earlease Baker, age 60, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2017. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, March 4, 2017 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.*

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*Ephesians 2:8 NIV*

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Our youth are not making it!

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Our youth are not making it!

On a bright and sunny day, we gathered at our favorite meeting place with joyful hearts. This being Black History Month, the African outfits were beautiful. The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Eloise Purdie. Mr. George Hill and the choir came forth. We opened with "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Prayer was given by Mrs. Sharon Pollock. We chanted "Steal Away." Our next hymn was "Glory to His Name." Minister Doris McQuillan said it was good to be in the number one more time. We are blessed and highly favored. Mrs. Shirley Dry came and intro-

duced The Reverend Jermaine Armour, Pastor of St. Luke AMEZ Church. He greeted us in the name of the Lord and said how good it was to be there one more time. He thanked the Senior Citizens' Fellowship for inviting him. He said this is not his home and he is on his way home. He said that he likes the old hymns. Hymns are what keeps us going. Jesus put his hand on a blind man's eye. He asked what the man what did he see. The man said he saw men and that they looked like trees.

He say we need more for our youth. We need to lead to wise council. He said that he spoke with the youth at New Hanover High School. He led off with a Langston Hughes poem. A mother in Chicago buried her fourth child. Our youth do not

seem to understand and are not making it. Our youth are not together and they need to be taught five things that he feels will help our youth. 1. Realize we have to fix the problem. 2. Home will have to be fixed before education. 3. 2000 days work with young mothers. 4. The church has to step up and do more. 5. We have to teach our young people where to walk. We all want to say, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain. The Reverend Armour was thanked and given a standing ovation for such a great message.

We also heard from our members, Queen El and Janice Gordon, of what they had experienced growing up. Mrs. Purdie thanked everyone for their participation and gave a

special "thank you" to Shirley Drye for the participants in Black History Month. Mrs. Gladys Taylor said she was grateful for what had taken place so far. Mrs. Mildred Ellerby read the minutes of the last meeting. The roll was called, and the report of "Callers" was done. The winner was Mrs. Frances Burney Matthews, with eleven. All callers were given an applause. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave the sick report. She asked us to continue to pray for them. The announcements were done. "Smiles" and laughter were given by Mrs. Mary Martin.

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

The meeting was adjourned. There were fifty present.

## Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church holds 1st Annual "Senior Queens Pageant"



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SENIOR QUEENS SEATED L-R, ELIZABETH LUNDY, THERESA WALKER, MILDRED ELLERBY AND JUANITA LONG. STANDING IN FRONT ROW, TYTIYANA JAMES AND STANDING IN BACK ROW, FORMER QUEEN DALPHANE NEWKIRK.

BY COLUMBUS PRIDGEN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 4:00 pm, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, 1111 North 5th Street, Wilmington, NC, held their

first "Senior Queens Pageant." The fundraiser was sponsored by the Eldora Hewett S.O.A. Men's Club of Mt. Zion Church.

The participants for the event were Sister Theresa Walker, Sister Juanita Long,

Sister Elizabeth Lundy and Sister Mildred Ellerby. Sister Ellerby and Sister Walker were crowned in their categories. Host Pastor Reverend Jerould Richburg stated that he was proud of all four ladies and was

very excited to see them making their mark in the church, as well as in the community.

A special thank you to a former queen, Sister Dalphane Newkirk for attending and crowning each contestant.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Vagabonds"

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together; as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:24,25

**Vagabond** - Homeless; Wandering from place to place  
Leading an unsettled life

One of the most important decisions facing the Body of Christ is, finding a church home, and remaining there as you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To avoid becoming a spiritual vagabond, (church hopping) there are some things you may want to consider, before you make the decision to join a church, or the decision to leave your church!

**Before You Join a Church**

Pray about it first! "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5,6 If you pray and seek God for directions, you have an excellent chance of finding a church you can feel proud to call "home". Do not join a church just because your family or friends attend. A great choir is a drawing card for many, but not an only reason to commit to membership. A good church will challenge you

and confront you and your sins. If you are a sinner, and want to be saved, or born again, A good church will love you to life! A good church will help you to grow spiritually. A good church will teach and train you to be an effective witness and a fruitful disciple

## Sylvia Hooper

of Christ. A good church is Christ centered and family focused, with a continuous outreach for missions and lost souls. Please remember before and after you join, "there is no perfect church!" Still, God who is perfect in all His ways, uses imperfect people to fulfil His perfect will."

**Before You Leave Your Church!**

There are a few things to consider before you leave your church, if you want to do things decently and in order.

There are many justifiable and good reasons to leave your church. Job and family relocation is ever changing with this present economy, and people have to go where the money is or where the job dictates. Many young people leave their home church to go off to college, enlist in the military, or off to travel and see the world. Some people leave their church because it is simply time to move on with no hard feelings at all toward anyone. Their assignment is over.

The main reason to leave your church is because God is leading you to do so. Sometimes, the Lord may call you into a church for a season to meet a special need or give answer to sincere prayer. Proverbs 11:14 says, "Where no counsel is the people fall: name is on the roll, pay your tithes and offerings. God will bless you for being obedient to him.

You should speak to your pastor/leader before telling other members of the church that you are leaving. It is a token of respect that is due your pastor. You want to avoid leaving in an atmosphere of distrust, anger, discouragement, or discord. You should want to leave as you came...in peace. Hebrews 12:14

Before you leave your church, why not attempt to settle unresolved conflicts or let someone off the hook, by saying, "I forgive you, or "I'm sorry". Old fashioned repentance and restoration goes a long way, and helps to get rid of a root of bitterness from being hurt or mistreated by someone. No need to take old baggage and issues to the next church you join.

Before you leave your church, do not encourage other members to follow you. If God has released you, let go of the desire to take a few friends with you. Even if you are starting a new work, unless the pastor/leader has released his members to assist you, why not just leave as you came, and trust God to give you increase in your new duty station. Remember that

God is not mocked, and you shall reap what you have sown. If you take someone's members, then down the road, someone will come along and do the same to you.

If your church has blessed you, before you leave, seek to be a blessing. As long as your name is on the roll, pay your tithes and offerings. God will bless you for being obedient to him.

Before you leave, there is no need to justify your leaving. No need to point fingers, and try to bring reproach on the ministry. If you are going to leave, do it with simplicity and dignity. Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God. You may be leaving your church, but you are not leaving the Lord, so stay sweet and do what's right!!

Tell Somebody!!!

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

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



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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 mortgagee 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.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that person must pay the tax of forty-five cents per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS 7A-308 (a)(1), up to a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The property is being sold "as is and where is" with no representations or warranties of any type or kind being given or to be construed as being given or made; and, no title certification of any type or kind is being made or is to be construed as being made. The terms of the sale are that the real property hereinabove described will be sold for cash to the highest bidder and that the undersigned will require the successful bidder at the sale to immediately deposit cash or certified check in the amount of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater. The real property hereinabove described will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes, prior encumbrances, if any, and special assessments.

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  
P.O. Box 30081  
Charlotte, N.C. 28230.0081  
(704) 817-8134

February 23, March 2, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**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, 2017

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, 2017

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 Marilyn 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 Marilyn 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 Administrator 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, 2017

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

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Annie Charles Smith Harris A/K/A Charis 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, 2017

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, 2017

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, 2017

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, March 2, 9, 16, 2017

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

By approval of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, the Brunswick County Public Housing Agency will re-open the Section 8 waiting list effective March 23, 2017 to the first 250 applicants. Families who apply must meet income eligibility requirements. A preliminary application may be completed at the Brunswick County Public Housing office located in Building B of the Brunswick County Government Complex, or you can request that an application be mailed to you by contacting the agency by telephone at 910-253-2222. Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Andrea White  
Clerk to the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

March 2, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Clarence A. Maureen E. Hutnik**, 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 **2nd day of June, 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 2nd day of March, 2017

George M. Hutnik, Administrator  
909 Windgate Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

THE UNDERSIGNED, Spencer B. Wilson, having qualified on the 24th day of February, 2017, as Personal Representative of the **Estate of Dianne S. Avery (17-E-235)**, 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 **5th day of June, 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 27th day of February, 2017.

Spencer B. Wilson, Personal Representative  
ESTATE OF Dianne S. Avery  
David Anderson  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Dr.  
Wilmington NC 28403

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**VEHICLE:** 2006 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT

**VIN#:** 2CNDL63F866196115

**SALES DATE:** MARCH 28, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**WHERE:**  
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**PHONE:** 910-343-9508

**GENERAL MANAGER:**  
JIM HAIGHT

February 23, March 2, 2017

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**VEHICLE:** 2004 BMW 325I

**VIN#:** WBABW33454PL31285

**SALES DATE:** MARCH 28, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**WHERE:**  
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**PHONE:** 910-343-9508

**GENERAL MANAGER:**  
JIM HAIGHT

February 23, March 2, 2017

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**VEHICLE:** 2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE

**VIN#:** 1G1PA5SH9E7246418

**SALES DATE:** MARCH 28, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**WHERE:**  
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February 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 **Clarice 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, 2017

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-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within 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 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, 2017

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**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Roy Buckhanan**, 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 **2nd day of June, 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 2nd day of March, 2017

Adrienne L. Wright, Co-Administrator  
4481 Smith Lane  
Leland, NC 28451

Roy Buckhanan, Jr., Co-Administrator  
114 Emerson Dr.  
Elizabeth, KY 42701

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on the 21st day of March, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at 127 Greenville Avenue, 460 Maides Avenue and 201 Meares Street and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street, 2nd floor during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7873.

Amy Beatty  
Community Services Director

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March 2, 16, 2017

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