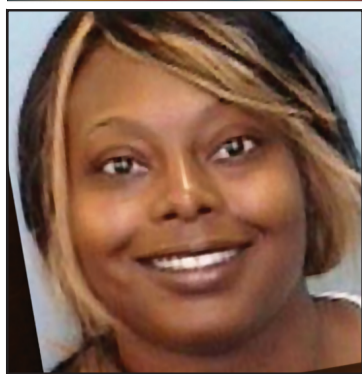


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EBONEE SPEARS

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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CASH MICHAELS BEING AWARDED ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE MARCH 4TH.

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HBCU chancellors waiting for Republicans to prove their commitment

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When over 80 presidents and chancellors from historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) left Washington, D. C. last week after first meeting with President Trump at the White House, and then taking part in a Republican-sponsored fly-in conference at the Library of Congress, convened by conservative Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC-6), some, like Chancellor Harold Martin of N.C. A&T University in Greensboro and Chancellor Elwood Robinson of Winston-Salem State University, were hopeful that the visits would ultimately be manifested in a stronger relationship yielding greater federal public policy and funding support.

"With the national spotlight shifting to other topics, it will be important for this dialogue to continue with both the

executive and legislative branches," Chancellor Martin, in an open letter to the NC A&T campus, wrote afterwards.

"Clearly, there is much still to learn about our institutions from key government officials, and we accept our role in providing this education," Martin continued. "I look forward to continuing the conversation around needs of particular importance to our university, other campuses, and the nearly 300,000 students (from over 100 HBCUs across the country) we collectively serve."

WSSU's Chancellor Robinson echoed his colleague's response.

"As this university's leader, it is my responsibility to ensure that our elected officials understand how crucial our mission is and to ensure ongoing federal support for our students, faculty, staff, research, and programming," Robinson said in an open letter to the WSSU campus on Facebook.

"We are keenly interested in policy

and discussions around issues that impact our campus, including Title III funding, Pell grants, federal research grants, and HBCU-specific federal funding. The meetings this week in D. C., among more than 80 of my fellow HBCU leaders and high-ranking Washington lawmakers, offered an opportunity to engage in constructive conversation about the value and the incredible outcomes of HBCUs. It is my hope that these conversations will lead to additional support for our mission."

Observers note, however, that neither chancellor, in his post-DC assessments, portrayed the Washington meetings as "productive." Indeed, at least one North Carolina HBCU leader, who also attended last week, expressed considerable skepticism off the record about the Republican effort, especially after President Trump issued an executive order declaring the future of HBCUs "an absolute priority" of his



CHANCELLOR MARTIN



CHANCELLOR ROBINSON

administration but did not offer any further budgetary support for them beyond the \$4.7 billion HBCUs received during President Obama's tenure.

On the record, Morehouse College President John S. Wilson, Jr. also issued an open letter to his campus

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**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
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BY RITA TODD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Saturday, March 11, 2017, five young ladies will make their debut to society. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® - Alpha Psi Omega Chapter will present "The Elegance of Pearls" at The Burney Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Miss Zaria Allen, Miss Ayana Bronner, Miss Helen Barnett, Miss Ricki Robbins, and Miss Ana Williams will make their formal entrance into society at the

53rd Debutante Presentation.

For fifty-three years, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® - Alpha Psi Omega Chapter have sponsored this scholarship program. The young ladies who participate receive a scholarship following their enrollment in an institution of higher education. Leading up to the presentation, a series of programs, workshops and activities are sponsored for several months. Ms. Kimberly Bankston currently serves as president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® - Alpha Psi Omega Chapter.

Rep. Moore sponsors bill to increase hate crime penalty

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

State House District 99 Representative Rodney Moore is sponsoring a measure "...to create the criminal offense of felonious assault as a hate crime, to expand the population protected by current misdemeanor hate crimes, and to amend the aggravating factor regarding hate crimes to include persons targeted due to gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability."

If passed by the Republican-led State Legislature, the bill would make women, and members of the LGBT community a "protected" class in the state, something of which the GOP majority that is still fighting repeal of their HB 2 "bathroom law" against transgender North Carolinians, may not be in favor.

Rep. Moore (D-Mecklenburg) is the primary sponsor of the measure, better known as HB 152 - "Hate Crime/Increase Scope and Penalty."

Currently, the bill is in the House Judiciary III Committee.

According to the bill, "gender identity" is defined as "actual or perceived gender related characteristics."

"Anyone who, because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, nationality, country of origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability of another person, assaults that person and inflicts serious bodily injury to the person or attempts to assault that person and inflict serious bodily injury to the person is guilty of committing the offense of felonious assault as a hate crime," the measure states.

It goes further to classify the offense as a Class E felony, which is serious, if death results, or if it includes kidnapping, first degree forcible rape, second degree forcible rape, first degree forcible sexual offense, or second degree forcible offense.

If passed, the act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on, or after, that date."

The *Wilmington Journal* has sought comment from the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina about HB 152 for this story since last week. A spokesperson for the NC ACLU said they were not familiar enough with the bill to comment.

Ben Carson sworn in as Trump's only Black cabinet pick

BY STACY M. BROWN NNPA NEWSWIRE CONTRIBUTOR

The swearing-in of all the primary members of President Donald Trump's cabinet is just about complete.

Most of Trump's cabinet-from Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross-are rich, White and male.

On Thursday, March 2, retired neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson broke the mold with his swearing-in as Housing and Urban Development secretary, officially becoming the only African-American in Trump's

cabinet.

The former GOP presidential candidate was confirmed by a 58-41 vote, leaving just four of Trump's 22 cabinet-level nominees still unsworn.

"Right now, our country is the patient and it's not a Democrat or a Republican patient. It's an American patient," Carson said at his swearing-in as his wife, Ladena and granddaughter Tesora held the Bible. "We have a duty to use the gifts that God has given all of us in order to heal that patient."

Carson, 65, was born into an impoverished Detroit family, but ultimately became a popular neuro-

surgeon who ran for president last year winning the

In January, he vowed to begin his job at HUD by going on a listening tour before developing any long-term plans for the department, which has more than 8,000 employees and a \$50 billion budget.

In February, during Black History Month, Carson joined Trump for a tour of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture where the president said



PHOTO COURTESY NNPA
Dr. Carson (left) was sworn in as the Secretary of HUD. Carson's wife along with his 5-year-old granddaughter, Tesora held the Bible.

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community in Atlanta, a skeptical one, concluding it with, "In general, the meetings were a troubling beginning to what must be a productive relationship. Trust that the HBCU community will continue to press for the kind of funding that educational excellence and national competitiveness require!"

President Wilson wanted to see HBCUs come away from the Washington, D. C. visits with at least a \$500 million federal commitment...to start.

In a February 27, 2017 White House press release titled, "President Trump Seeks to Outdo Obama in Backing Black Colleges," White House Press Secretary, Sean Spicer, is quoted as saying, "'The President has a strong commitment to them and understands over the last eight years they've been woefully neglected, and I think he wants to really show a commitment. ... And so you'll see, I think, not just a push this month, but in his budget and going forward."

Published reports indicate that HBCUs are pushing for \$25 billion in infrastructure, readiness, and financial aid from Trump and the GOP-led Congress when the next federal budget is rolled out. Johnny Taylor, CEO of the nonprofit Thurgood Marshall College Fund in Washington, D. C., pushed for specific increases in federal grants to HBCUs, as well as contracts.

Several members of the Democrat-led Congressional Black Caucus are actively challenging Republicans to "put up or shut-up" with more HBCU budget funding as well.

"If President Trump is serious about HBCUs, 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," said Representative Elijah Cummings (D-MD-7) in a statement.

Alma Adams (D-NC-12) challenged Republicans during her remarks at the fly-in conference luncheon asking, "How do we work together to ensure that HBCUs not only survive, but thrive?"

Contrary to some of the skepticism that resulted from last week's HBCU meetings, especially after Walter M. Kimbrough, President of Dillard University in New Orleans, L. A., wrote about the visit to the White House to meet with President Trump, that "...there was very little listening to HBCU presidents today..." Congressman Walker's office was upbeat about the dialogue that took place at the fly-in conference the following day.

According to Jack Minor, Representative Walker's communications director, HBCU presidents and chancellors were afforded plenty of opportunities to be heard during the day long event that was replete with panel discussions and remarks from Republican leaders, such as Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, and House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, who said at the conference that he was supportive of year round Pell Grants for HBCU students.

"I have always valued the importance of HBCUs," said

Congressman Walker in a statement after the fly-in. "With more than 100 HBCU's across the nation - and eleven here in North Carolina, they are an integral part of our higher education system."

"On a more personal note, my wife, Kelly, is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and has found success as a nurse practitioner, which she attributes in part to the strong education she received. I believe it is as important as ever to have Republicans engage with HBCUs. On Tuesday, we made big strides to bring bipartisan support to HBCUs and create an open dialogue to address issues they face. I look forward to continuing to work together for the betterment of our students. This is not the first step, but it certainly is not the last."

But what about the bottom-line? How committed are Republicans to earmarking anything near the \$25 billion HBCU leaders want to see in the federal budget?

On Tuesday morning, *The Wilmington Journal* got an answer the HBCU chancellors and presidents might not like.

"Everything here is Obamacare oriented [right now], [so], until we get through that," said Walker spokesman

Jack Minor, regarding where the GOP-led Congress' primary attention is currently, adding that what President Trump's budget eventually looks like also plays a key role.

Minor went on to say that's why Rep. Walker convened last week's fly-in when he did, so that it would be at the beginning of the budget consideration process.

Indeed, it has been reported by McClatchy News that "Walker, chair of the conservative Republican Study Committee, sent a letter to House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chair, Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, and top committee Democrat Elijah Cummings of Maryland, calling for hearings on federal grants, contracts and cooperative agreements for HBCUs."

But establishing relationships and "trust" first, according to Minor, was important and the primary goal.

Rep. Walker added that Democrats and Republicans fighting over how much funding the nation's HBCUs should get "is a good thing." Jack Minor added that Rep. Walker does intend to work with the Congressional Black Caucus, which has traditionally been the strongest advocate for

HBCUs in Congress.

"The schools were very open about the help they needed," Minor said. "Republicans now control the House, Senate and the White House, so, if [HBCUs] are going to get it, it will have to largely come from us."

Minor also confirmed that, unlike their White House visit with President Trump the day before the fly-in (which in the Walker press release seemed to be royally thrown under the bus), HBCU presidents and chancellors got plenty of opportunity to express their views about the value, history and needs of their institutions during the conference.

One aspect of the GOP - HBCU outreach drama to keep an eye on is how students on various campuses are reacting. Last week at Howard University, students and faculty expressed disgust with their president's participation in the meetings, particularly with President Trump. Vandals spray painted their dismay on the campus yard, calling Howard President Wayne A. I. Frederick the "overseer" of the "Trump Plantation."

That response echoed something Representative Alma Adams said in an interview after the HBCU fly-in conference, regarding President

Trump's suddenly enthusiastic welcome of the HBCU presidents and chancellors to the Oval Office.

"We're going to have to hold him to what he says," Rep. Adams said. "He certainly wasn't supportive (during the campaign) of people who look like me. So I don't know."

However, a review of Trump's campaign remarks last year during a visit to Charlotte indicates that he did voice support for HBCUs. During his "new deal for Black America" remarks, Trump told the mostly White crowd gathered, "My [education plan] will also ensure funding for historical Black colleges and universities, more affordable two and four year colleges, and support for trade and vocational education," a Youtube video, published on Oct. 26, 2016, shows.

WSSU Chancellor Robinson is one of those who now wants to see proof in the "Republican pudding."

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FORMER FAYETTEVILLE BASKETBALL COACH FACES 175 CHILD SEX CHARGES

[FAYETTEVILLE] A former Fayetteville basketball coach is now facing an additional 105 charges of sexual abuse after an eighth accuser, a former player, came forward recently, Fayetteville police



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say. Coach Rodney Scott, 50, was originally charged with 70 counts of sex with teenage boys before authorities determined more charges were warranted. Scott's bond is now over \$21 million. The alleged offenses took place over a 20-year period at Coach Scott's home.

CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD TO APPEAL SHUTDOWN ORDER FROM STATE

[DURHAM] THE board of Kestrel Heights High School, a

charter school, has voted to appeal the state Board of Education's decision to close the school after it was revealed that several students who graduated did not finish state-required course work first. An investigation had determined that 160 of the school's 399 graduates had not taken all of the state-required courses. The state ordered the school closed as of this July 1st, and it is to remain closed for three years before it can reopen. The board has until Friday to appeal the state

board's decision.

NC NAACP LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY ON MARCH 21ST

[RALEIGH] For the eleventh consecutive year, the NC NAACP and the Forward Together Movement will sponsor the annual Legislative Advocacy Day at the state legislature on Tuesday, March 21st from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Hundreds of protesters from across the state converge on Jones Street to lobby state lawmakers on

voting rights, repealing HB2, and many more issues.

SENATE APPROVES HALL APPOINTMENTS; SUBPOENAS HOOKS TO APPEAR

[RALEIGH] Based on the recommendation of a state Senate committee, the NC Senate approved Gov. Roy Cooper's appointment of former Rep. Larry Hall as secretary of the Military and Veteran Affairs Monday night. But at the same time, the Senate Judiciary Committee issued a subpoena

for Erik Hooks, secretary of Public Safety, to appear before a Senate committee for questioning. Hooks was compelled to appear on March 15th at 2 p.m. Meanwhile, the court case involving Gov. Cooper maintaining his right to appoint his Cabinet officer without Senate oversight began this week. Lawyers for the state Senate contend that that body has the constitutional right to confirm the governor's appointments.

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Carson would work very closely with him.

"HUD has a meaning far beyond housing," Trump said. "If properly done, it's a meaning that's as big as anything there is."

Carson, whose mother at times received food stamps to provide for her family, grew up surrounded by some of the housing assistance programs he will now oversee.

"The New York Times" reported that, rather than embrace the programs that once sustained his family and the families around him, Carson adopted standard Republican beliefs that too

much government help both in desegregating neighborhoods and in lifting people from poverty-can discourage people from working hard.

Carson was awarded a scholarship to Yale University, and at 33, he was named director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns

Hopkins Children's Center. He later became an author and a philanthropist supporting scholarships for young, often impoverished students.

"Housing discrimination continues to be a significant problem in this country, unfairly limiting people's choices about where to live,"

Lisa Rice, executive vice president of the National Fair Housing Alliance, said in a statement. "We look to Secretary Carson to marshal the resources of the department he leads to combat this problem, and to fight all forms of housing discrimination."

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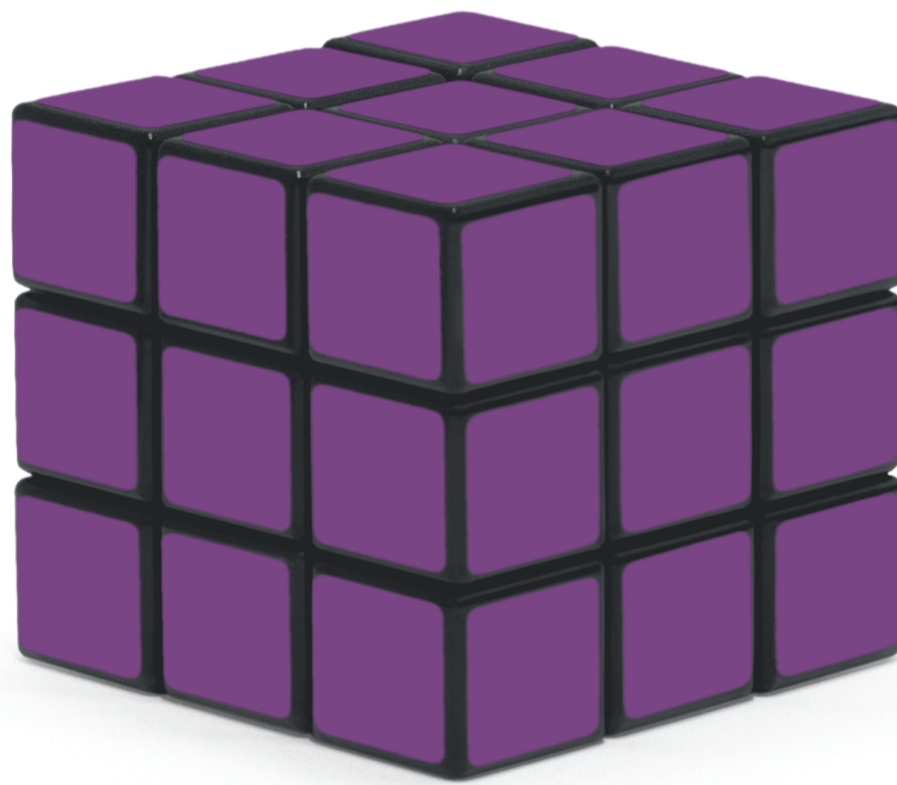
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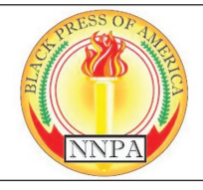
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Our Voice WOW!

What human being on GOD's green Earth qualifies for not one, but two nights of tribute, in addition to several honors, including North Carolina's highest civilian award?
 I can think of at least one person - the Rev. William Barber, president of the NC NAACP. His fearless, tireless and forthright leadership for equal rights and equal justice in this state, and nation, are unmatched, in my opinion.



Cash Michaels

And yet, apparently some folks in the Triangle believed last weekend in Cary that yours truly was deserving of such an honor. I'm glad I said "yes" when asked by my friend, community activist Lester Thomas, president of the Ujima Group, Inc. in Cary, for permission to proceed with plans to pay tribute to me, even though my first natural instinct was to reply, "Really Lester, really?!"
 You see, I don't mind people praising my work. Or criticizing my work, for that matter. Either one is what comes with the territory when you work in the public eye, and you learn from each experience, each reaction. After all, it is you, the public that we serve, when we write and report stories, or produce documentaries, or appear on television or radio to offer informed opinions about the news of the day.

So if people like my work, hey, I'm very pleased, because that means that my storytelling connected with them, which is what I strive for: The fact that someone has read or seen my work, and was either enlightened, outrage or touched by it, is honor enough.
 So when folks say, "No it's not," and follow up with some sort of special occasion, that's when things feel a little unusual.

Things felt a lot unusual March 3rd and 4th at The Cary Theater in downtown Cary last weekend as Lester Thomas and his Ujima Group. Unusual? Yes, but in a good way.

As part of the 22nd Annual Cary African-American Celebration, the two-night program, cosponsored with the Town of Cary, was titled, "A Special Tribute to Cash Michaels: Reflections of a Journalist's Life."

Friday night was special because I was able to premiere a special 26-minute autobiographical mini-documentary about my career since growing as an only child in Brooklyn, NY.

It was also special because in addition to honors from both Shaw University and St. Augustine's University, there was a special panel discussion moderated by my friend and colleague Tom Campbell, executive producer and moderator of "NC Spin" (which I will be appearing on this weekend).

Thanks to civil rights attorney Al McSurely, former NC House member Deborah Ross, nonprofit professional and consultant Salima Thomas, and another friend and colleague Afrique Kilimanjaro, editor of The Carolina Peacemaker, the panel about journalism and social activism was strong. I was very proud of all of the participants.

Saturday evening was even bigger, with a video message from NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber, then atty. Irving Joyner, chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee, followed by honors from the NC Black Publishers Association, the city of Raleigh, the Ujima Group, Inc., and finally the Order of the Long Leaf Pine sent from Gov. Roy Cooper.

Through it all my family - wife, Markita; oldest daughter, Tiffany; youngest daughter, KaLa; my two sisters -in-laws; along with an assortment of old friends and people I admire, made the evening extra special. And to top it all off, jazz singer Eve Cornelious and her ensemble rock the place to close us out.

In closing, I will forever be thankful to all of the people who gave of their precious time to make the two-night event happen. Yes, I'm happy to have my flowers while I'm living, especially since it was exactly one year ago this week, on March 11th, 2016, when I was first diagnosed with acute leukemia, and had to undergo months of aggressive chemotherapy in order to survive.

And don't forget, that was following my debilitating stroke to my left leg in November, 2015.

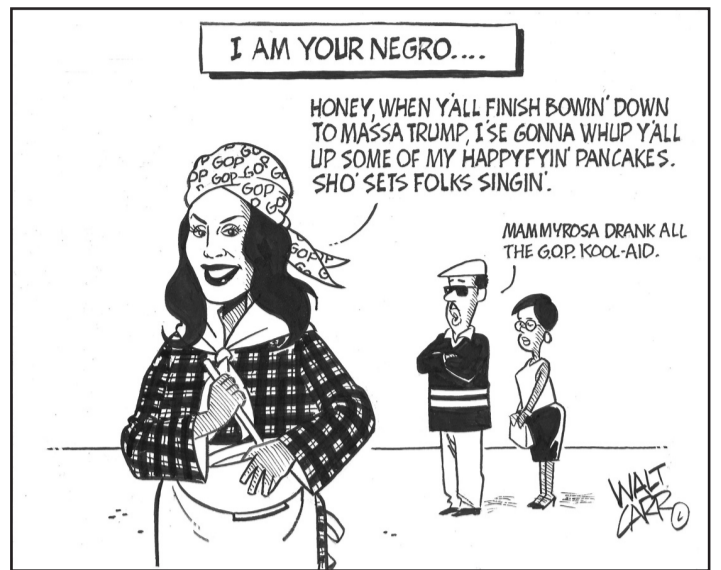
So yes, GOD is good, and I am so thankful for His goodness and mercy. I openly embraced the tributes last week not only as tremendous love from the people that I serve, but also as a positive sign that my Lord and Savior is not through with me yet!

Thank you to all.

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grants by executive orders enforced by ICE officials wearing their weapons openly is focused on the folks from the Southwest and below the border. These folks from below the border were welcomed many years ago to come to America and be the "neo-slave" as wealth for the descendants of European ancestry thrived until they became satisfied with a wealth building strategy that has become discriminatory and unfair: I guess my question, at least one of them is where are the illegals from Europe that live among us? Attacking stones, wearing robes and claiming being "American" by doing cowardly acts will not make anybody afraid because you and the other tyrants will surface so that we can see you face to face at the water bubbles on the job trying to be a sheep with the smell of the "wolf" seeping through and in other places including the halls of Congress. There is no doubt in the world who we as Americans are. Our skin color denotes that we are the descendants of a captured People have

been in this country well over 400 years, built it as a "captured people," for we were never slaves, served in ALL the wars in the name of freedom, built technology that was stolen by those that attack stone. To put it in plain words, "We have skin in this place called America and we are not going anywhere, but up and over the discrimination and racism because we believe in ourselves and know that we are NOT as you have been thinking powerless. We are here and not afraid of you or the dark nor of the "boogie man or boogie woman." What you, the stone attackers have done is to remind us that we must unite and stay that way, resume fighting those that are misusing their power in the name/shame of "making America great again."?
 We will not hide as you are doing, but face your hate and whither you down for GOD is protecting us and that is why we are still here?
 Thank you for your eight years of service as the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama.

Respectfully yours,
Haywood Fennell
 Veteran/Author/Activist
 website:
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Excerpt from my book
"What We Blacks Need To Do"

A robber approached a man on a dark street pointed his gun and said "give me your money". The victim opened his coat so that he could reach his wallet. The robber saw that the victim was wearing a white collar around his neck. When he looked at the building behind the victim, he saw a Catholic church. When the robber realized, he was robbing a Catholic Priest, he said, Father please keep your money and forgive me. The priest forgave the robber and offered him a cigarette to help calm his nerves. The robber said, thank you Father; I would love to have a cigarette but I can't because I gave up cigarettes for Lent (smile)

James J. Hankins
 Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

Will federal lawmakers turn back the clock on fair housing?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When future generations read the history of the nation's first Black President, I believe there will be greater acknowledgement of his administration's significant accomplishments. For now, however, an undeniable strategic war is

underway to dismantle the very progress President Obama achieved.

General market media have extensively reported on reforms or repeals of the Affordable Care Act, Wall Street reform and the future of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. It is equally

important to share that a key Obama regulation that spoke to the future of fair housing is again under assault on Capitol Hill.

A 2015 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rule finally delivered on the promises first made with the 1968 enact-

ment of the Fair Housing Act. While the Act outlawed housing discrimination, it also included another important legal requirement. To advance the purposes of the Act, federal

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HBCU Presidents and One-Note Betsy

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Eighty HBCU Presidents did a "fly in" to the White House in a meeting organized by Trump whisperer Omarosa, South Carolina Senator Tim Scott (R-SC), and others. There was a White House meeting, a meeting at the Library of Congress, and more buzz than that which comes from a bee hive. People were prepped to hear that the White House Initiative for HBCUs would move from the Department of Education to the White House and that this would have an impact on the resources HBCUs would receive from this President's budget.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Can somebody spell hoodwinked? Sure, the HBCU Presidents came to Washington and got their photo op with our nation's 45th President (I'll just call him 45). But the listening session they were to have with some cabinet leaders was interrupted in favor of the photo-op, which means that many who were tapped to speak and who had prepared remarks did not have the opportunity to deliver them. Notably, Dillard University President Walter Kimbrough posted his

remarks online, and made a few media appearances sharing his dissatisfaction. And outgoing Morehouse President John Silvanus Wilson shared his disappointment in a letter with the Morehouse community.

To be sure, HBCU Presidents are caught between a rock and a hard place when it comes to this President. HBCUs have often done well under Republican Presidents because they are low-hanging fruit. Located in the deeply Republican South, the senators who represent their states get points when they do the right thing, as do Presidents who increase Pell grants and Title III dollars, as well as encouraging contract opportunities with government departments. Those who didn't show up to the "fly in" probably incurred the wrath of the vindictive Omarosa who said she was "taking names" and that 45's detractors would have to "bow down" to him. Presidents pretty much had to show up, and hope for the best. They went home empty-handed, with an executive order moving the White House Initiative on HBCU office into the White House, but with no additional resources to manage it. There was also lofty, but resource-devoid language in the executive order.

Can we just call Lack of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos "one note Betsy"? Wherever she looks, she sees school choice, although our educational challenges tran-

scend her myopic agenda. If an ant, enticed by honey, entered a charter school instead of the public school next door, she'd call that school choice. Still, there is no way she can justify her historically ignorant and irresponsible remarks about HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) and school choice. In describing HBCUs and "real pioneers of school choice" she ignored our nation's higher education history that offered no choice for African Americans who wanted college educations. She has since back pedaled her remarks, but she clearly is comfortable with her historical ignorance.

Dr. Dorothy Irene Height was accepted to Columbia University from a speech scholarship, but turned down when she turned up and they discovered that she was a Negro. She matriculated at NYU instead. Charlayne Hunter Gault and Hamilton Holmes chose to attend the University of Georgia, but their matriculation generated headlines because White folks were not prepared to accept Black students in 1961. Vivian Malone and James Hood chose to attend the University of Alabama, but Governor George Wallace blocked their entrance in 1963. When James Meredith chose to attend the University of Mississippi, the National Guard facilitated his enrollment. How dare you, Betsy DeVos talk about school choice to HBCU leaders, when

our very reason for being was that choices were few and far between.

One-note Betsy is a frightening manifestation of ignorance. She is a songbird that must be muzzled before she further demonstrates her utter lack of knowledge. No matter what his rhetoric about HBCUs, our 45th President's choice for Secretary of Education suggests that history and logic are not part of her portfolio. This woman has a clear one-note agenda. It does not include support of the public schools that most students will attend. She is our nation's policy leader on educational issues and yet she simmers in educational ignorance. She doesn't understand history, nor HBCUs, nor the challenges that African-American students have overcome in an educational system that is extremely racially biased. Can someone lock her up in the National Museum for African-American History and Culture for a week or two? Or present her with classic tomes like The Souls of Black Folks (WEB DuBois, note the spelling Betsy), and The Miseducation of the Negro (Carter G. Woodson) to read before she offers another utterance?

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

New Hanover County

JTH & NHHS Combined Class of 1974 will meet Saturday, March 18th at 2:00pm at Warner Temple AME Zion Church.



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

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

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Davis Funeral Home honors February students with limo ride and breakfast



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Rachel Freeman School of Engineering students honored for February.



Snipes Academy of Arts and Design Students honored for February.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

"We have chosen a get well feeling over fear"

The Turner Family visitation was at the home of Minister Helen A. Boynton and husband, William A. Boynton, of Bolivia, North Carolina. It was a time of being together again and remembering old times and greeting family and old friends. Their sister, Helen, who has cancer, appears to be improving.



Verniece Stanley

We made the necessary arrangements for a well balanced meals and great fun and fellowship. Some enjoyed playing different games together. Others sat comfortably in our easy chairs and enjoyed toying with knick knacks or took a quick view of the newspaper or sorted through mail, etc.

This family has members

who have led very interesting lives and fulfilling lives. For example, Saundra Turner Dubose, the baby girl of the family of eleven children, left Bolivia at the age of 13 to live with relatives in Connecticut. She attended high school and completed all requirements. Then she attended and completed clerical school and earned a Bachelor of Science at The University of New Haven. She retired from the U. S. Postal Service. She began a second career as a realtor and still provides real estate services. She is married and is the mother of three adult children.

Laura Turner Covin graduated from Brunswick County High School. She went to live in Connecticut with her sisters and attended New London Business College. She has her own business and is very successful. She is married and has four children. Her children

are medical doctors, and they travel to other countries.

Mrs. Ada Ruth Bostick is the oldest sister. She lived in Baltimore for over fifty years. She worked as a supervisor of the correctional department for 50 years. Her husband, Mr. Jim Bostick, is a Superintendent of Sunday School.

Wilma Brandell lives in New London, Connecticut. She was an employee of Pratt Whitney Aircraft. The sisters owned a very popular clothing store and made dresses for special occasions.

Mildred Staton Wilson, the fourth oldest sister, lives in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated of Elizabeth City State University (then Elizabeth City State Teachers College). She taught in the schools of Baltimore City for over 30 years and continues to be a substitute teacher.

A brother, William Adolph Turner retired with honors from the United States Army.

He lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife, Louise. She is a minister and a great leader for so many people.

This coming together of this fine family was a momentous occasion in our community.

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.

Deltas celebrate Founders Day & Blessing of Delta House

BY MARVA ROBINSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Members of the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated engaged in several activities to commemorate the founding of their sisterhood. Since its inception, the membership has grown to over 300,000 women across the United States and abroad.

On Saturday, February 25, the Delta House reopened after several months of construction repairs. While Rev. Michael Singer conducted the ceremonial blessing of each room, chapter members reflected on the past accomplishment of being the first African American organization of its kind to purchase and refurbish a house for meetings and public service activities.

The presentation and unveiling of the historic plaque by the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc. on June 25, 2016 inspired the chapter to pledge future support and commitment to continue the efforts of those pioneering Deltas who blazed uncharted territory in 1966 and whose futuristic vision led to the opening of the Delta House.

Recent public service activities



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MEMBERS OF THE WILMINGTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY

include; a Teacher Appreciation breakfast for the 7th grade staff at DC Virgo Charter School, hosted by Delta members of the chapter's Eliminating The Achievement Gap committee and monthly enrichment activities at Girls and Boys

Club sponsored by the Betty Shabazz Delta Academy committee. On May 6, 2017, Deltas will sponsor a Big Hat Gospel/Jazz Brunch at Union Baptist Banquet Hall. Tickets can be obtained from Delta members.

A Re-Dedication Ceremony

was held in observance of Founders Day on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

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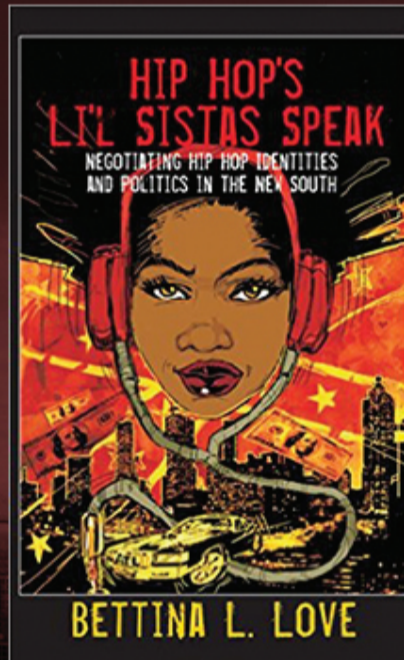
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Willie Edward Lloyd

Willie Edward Lloyd was born December 9, 1968 in Wilmington, NC to the late Brenda D. Lloyd Hewett. His foster mother was Barbara P. Martin. Willie departed this life February 9, 2017 at the Village on Campbell Health Care Center, Burgaw, NC. His funeral service was held Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw Memorial Chapel.

Willie was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He was a happy person, always loved to play with his play station games and fellowship with his family and friends. Willie is survived by two brothers, Larry J. Lloyd and Sherrod Lloyd; foster brother and sister and a special niece; grandmother, Helen Dinkins McMillian; 7 aunts; 4 uncles; 2 special aunts, Ginger Dinkins Lee, Ruth Marie Hillman; special friend, Julia Johnson; and a host of other relatives and friends who loved him dearly. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

William Alfred Paris "Pap"

William Alfred Paris "Pap" was born May 23, 1927 in Wilmington, NC. He stepped across the threshold of death on February 13, 2017 at Wilmington Health and Rehabilitation. His funeral service was Sunday at Mt. Calvary AME Church, Navassa, NC. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Paris; his mother, Louise Lofton; father, Wwilliam F. Paris; and his son, Emmanuel Paris; two granddaughters, Sharon and Tracey Mosley. William leaves to cherish his memories; daughter, Barbara Watson (Richard); son Gary Paris (Lynn) and Rosemary Nixon (Glenn); two sisters, Christine E. Adams and Margaret White; five sisters-in-law; ten grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; a very special nephew Julius Adams; god children, Willie Mae McKoy, Jerry Lewis, Tiaquanna Graham, Iris Jacobs, and Charlena Alston; an adopted grandchild, Willie Bryd, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Special "Thank You" to Cecelia Hansley and Erin Delbasty of Lower Cape Fear Hospice and the staff of Wilmington Health and Rehabilitation. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Celeste "TooLu" Lofton

Celeste "Toolu" Lofton was born in Brunswick County to the late Moses and Hannah Jane McKoy on February 11, 1928. Her Soul was summoned by the Almighty God on Sunday, February 19, 2017 in

Greensboro, NC. Her funeral service was Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Mt. Calvary AME Church, Navassa, NC. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

Celeste attended the Schools of Brunswick County and later attended Williston Industrial School in Wilmington, NC. She met and married Alonzo Lofton, to this union one child was born, Beverly Denise. While raising her children, Terry and Beverly, family devotion and love lead her to be instrumental in the raising of her niece, Janether. Celeste's life was one of love and service to the Almighty God. She was converted at an early age and became a member of Mt. Calvary AME Church, where she served on the Trustee Board, Senior Choir, Building Fund Committee and the Stewardess Board until she was no longer able.

Celeste was preceded in death by her husband, Alonzo Lofton; her mother, Hannah Jane "Mama Hannah" McKoy; brothers, William H. "Big Boy" Mosley, Willie "Binks" McKoy and Moses "Coy" McKoy; sisters, Juanita "Dexcie" Clark; and Geneva "Hester" Allen; special friends, the late Mildred "Mah" Weston and Lillie Bell Hooper. Celebrating her life and cherishing her memories are: son, Terry C. "Teeneey" McKoy; daughter, Beverly D. "Samayah" Willis Ismail; sisters, Mary M. "Rat" Bryant and Lillie Ann M. White; niece, Janether D. Gamble (John); special niece, Mary "Kamayah" Greene; granddaughter, Sharene Willis; grandsons, Rodney Washington, Marlon McKoy, Joshua McKoy and Jerome "Romey" Willis, Jr.; great-grandsons, Emijah "E" Willis and Marlon McKoy, Jr.; great-granddaughters, Mayah and Aviah Thomas and Octavia Porter; great-great grandsons, Ryan Willis, Kylan Willis and Ashton Willis; special friends, Mary "Pick" McKinnon and Wilhelmina "Mudda" Tisdale; and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Joyce Verentta "Nette" Bostic

Joyce Verentta "Nette" Bostic affectionately known to her family as "Tee", was called home February 18, 2017. She was born in Gary, Indiana on July 5, 1966 to the late William Watson Bostic and Larnice King. She was the third of four children. Her funeral service was Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw Memorial Chapel.

Joyce graduated from Rogers High School, Michigan City, Indiana. After high school, she decided to return to her family roots and came to Wilmington, NC. Soon after coming to Wilmington, she became a Certified Nursing Assistant at Britthaven

Convalescent Center of Wrightsville Beach, NC. She truly embraced this career because it allowed her to do what she loved, correspond with the public. Then she journeyed to the Wilmington Police Department, where she worked as a Records Technician for twelve years until her retirement due to illness. On November 1, 1989, she wed Miguel A. Ramos, Sr. To this union, two beautiful children were born, Miguel Angel Ramos, Jr. and Alicia Monique Ramos. If you knew Joyce, you definitely loved her for she had an infectious personality that would light up any room. She would put herself on the back burner to make sure you were comfortable. However, she was a straight-shooter and never cut any corners. Joyce will be an unforgettable spirit who loved her children and family dearly. She loved her dog TAZ. In addition, she had a special bond with her sister, Larnice. Neet and Nette will forever be known as an inseparable tandem. Joyce inherited her strength from her mother, Larnice and her love and compassion from her grandmother, Bernice.

We will forever love, cherish and dedicate the rest of our lives to sharing her memory. Joyce is survived by her son, Miguel A. Ramos, Jr.; daughter, Alicia M. Ramos; mother Larnice Jones; sister, Larnice Bostic; two brothers, William Bostic, Jr. (Kimie) and Shawn Bostic; aunt, Carrie Bostic Matthews; uncle, Jimmie Bostic; two great-aunts, Geneva Ballard, Aletha Stanley; two grandchildren, Aayden Redd an Kwa'nae Hines-Ramos; five nieces; seven nephews; a special cousin Yolanda Bostic-Pigford (David); and devoted special friends, Cary "Kay-Kay" Arnold and Terry Ballard. The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the Hines Family, the Ballard Family and all others who assisted in the home going of our loved one Joyce. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Torrence Lee Montgomery

Torrence Lee Montgomery was born in New York, New York on May 14, 1967 to Torrence and Dorothy Montgomery. He departed this life Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Cape Fear Hospice. His funeral service was held Saturday, February 25, 2017 at St. Phillip AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Torrence attended the public schools of New Hanover County, graduating in the E. A. Laney High School Class of 1986. Torrence furthered his education by attending Cape Fear Technical Institute, which is now Cape Fear Community College. He obtained a degree in Welding.

He leaves to cherish his

memories: his parents, Torrence and Dorothy Montgomery; brothers, Ted Montgomery and Russell Montgomery; aunts, Evelena Jones (Charles), Ruth Ann Williams, Hattie Nixon and Katie Isley; uncles, Claude Williams (Susan); grand aunt, Pauline Williams; grand uncles Robert McKoy, Robert Moore and Dr. Joseph Campbell (Dorothy); and a host of cousins and friends, including one special friend, JoAnn Mosley. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Kevin Bernard Hobbs

Kevin Bernard Hobbs, answered God's call and found peace and rest on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at St. Michael Medical Center in Newark, NJ. Kevin was born July 19, 1968 in Elizabeth, NJ to the late James Franklin Hobbs and Theresa Carr Hobbs. His funeral service was held Friday, March 3, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Carr Cemetery, Rose Hill, NC.

At an early age, Kevin accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at Liberty Baptist Church in Elizabeth, NJ. Though our hearts are saddened, we are comforted by knowing that the safest place in the world is in the will of God. Preceding him in death was his step-father, Robert Lee Vaughn.

He leaves to cherish his precious and loving memories: his mother, Theresa Hobbs Vaughn; two god-sisters, Tramaine Coston Joiner (Chris), and Charmaine Coston; two uncles, William

Stephen Carr and Jonah Carr; three aunts, Joyce Coston and Phebia Bailey and Andretta Jackson; the Beatty Family; and a host of special cousins, and other loving relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Florence Elizabeth Bruce

Florence Elizabeth Bruce was born May 22, 1914 to the late Charlie and Frances Hankins. On Wednesday, March 2, 2017, God sent the angel of silence to claim Florence Bruce at Universal Health Care of Brunswick County. Her funeral service was Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Little Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Supply, NC. Burial followed in the Galloway Cemetery.

At an early age, Florence joined Little Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and was instrumental in starting the first choir at the church. During her active years, she enjoyed working with children, gardening, cooking and most of all singing and reading her Bible. She enjoyed a happy life before going to the assisted living facility and loved riding her Cadillac around the yard. In her power chair she loved doing flowers and having visits from her neighbors and friends. In addition to her parents, Florence was preceded in death by one niece, Janie Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a devoted nephew, Thaddeus Williams (Shirley); nephew, George Bruce; niece, Myra Burgess; five special cousins, Doris T. Green

(Sidney) and Nancy T. Vereen (Allen), Johnnie M. Curtis, Joyce G. Jeffreys (Harry) and Clifton "Tim" (Agnes) Galloway; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dennis Bradley

Dennis Bradley departed this life, Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC. He was born May 26, 1953 to the late Mayola and Joseph Bradley. Funeral Service was held Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: sisters, Mersidees Ford, Ingrid Bryant (Donald) and Brenda Diggs; sister-in-law, Luzetta Bradley; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including a very special friend, Angie Thames. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

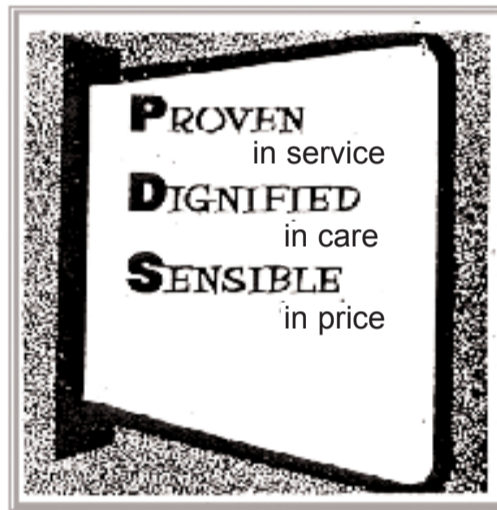
Earlease Baker

Earlease Baker, age 60, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2017. A graveside service was held 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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