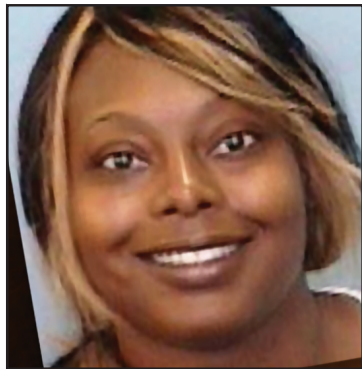


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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**Honoring one of our finest**

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I just was informed that the City of Southport and the State of North Carolina, along with the Brunswick County NAACP, will work together in the celebration of one of Brunswick County's greatest sons, Quinton McCracken. He was born and raised in Southport, N. C. He attended, and graduated from, South Brunswick High School, where he played baseball and football. He kept his grades up and, upon graduation, attended Duke University.

He was drafted into profes-

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**EXCLUSIVE**

**Senator Blue believes districts will be redrawn; special election will happen**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The State Senate minority leader says he is "confident" that the US Supreme Court will affirm a federal three-judge panel's ruling last August that North Carolina's 2011 redistricting maps were unconstitutional because of racial gerrymandering and that there will be a new map drawn and special elections held this year.

State Sen. Daniel T. Blue, Jr. (D-Wake) made that observation during a town hall meeting he conducted in Raleigh March 23. What made the Democratic Senate leader's remarks pertinent was that that three-judge panel ruled last year prior to the

2016 elections, further ordering that the NC General Assembly redraw the 2011 maps by March 15, and that special elections be held by this November, with primaries in late August or early September.

However, US Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts temporarily blocked that order in January after Republican State lawmakers petitioned for an emergency stay. Subsequently, nothing has been heard from the High Court since then, leaving both State Democrats and Republicans anxious.

Republican legislative leaders say the 2011 redistricting maps are legal and constitutional. Therefore, there should be no redo, and special elections are not needed before the regularly scheduled 2018 NC legislative elections.

"[We]... are grateful the U.S. Supreme Court has quashed judicial activism and rejected an attempt to nullify the votes of North Carolinians in the 2016 legislative elections," said Senate President Protem Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) and House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) in a joint statement then.

Democrats, however, disagree. They say the three-judge federal panel found that 28 of North Carolina's House and Senate districts around Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh and Fayetteville, along with rural areas in eastern North Carolina, were drawn in violation of



**STATE SEN. DANIEL T. BLUE, JR.**

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**47th Fine Arts Brunch**

BY CYNTHIA BROWN OF WILMINGTON NC CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC.

On Saturday March 25, 2017 the Wilmington (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated® held its 47th annual Fine Arts Brunch, Kaleidoscope XXXIV. Kaleidoscope is the chapter's mosaic of entertainment that celebrates creativity and the arts. This year's event featured Ms. Rhonda Bellamy, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Wilmington serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies and Mrs. Joy Murrell, local voice and piano instructor who has spent many years as an arts education advocate. Both women offered reflections on how the arts have impacted their lives and why we as a community must promote arts education for children.

Youth performers during the event included Anthony Williams, a talented cellist who is currently attending Cape Fear Community College. He is studying music and plans to transfer to UNC-Greensboro to pursue a degree in Music Education. He has been studying the cello since the age of 12 and has performed in the Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra from 2012-2016.

The second youth performer on the program was Ms. Gabriella Diggs, a fifth grade student at Codrington Elementary. She has been dancing competitively over the past three years in jazz, hip-hop and lyrical. She is a liturgical dancer at New Beginning Christian Church in Wilmington.

As guests and patrons arrived, they were entertained by "The Company" band, with Cornelius Hamilton, Music Director and a



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slide show of past events sponsored by the Links. The slide show presentation was designed and coordinated by Mrs. Carmen Vincent. A collection of written and visual arts was assembled by Mrs. Margaret Fredlaw and on display in the concourse outside the ballroom. Books, African fabrics, paintings, photos, and artifacts illustrated our deeply rooted heritage and creative culture.

The program opened with an inspirational solo by Mrs. Angela Jeeter followed by a heartfelt welcome from Mrs. Emma Jackson, President of the Wilmington (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated®. Ms. Wanda Sloan, Brunch co-chair spoke to the occasion and meditation and grace were lifted by Mrs. Cynthia Brown. Mrs. Edith Ward, Brunch co-chair recognized special guests and introduced the mistress of ceremonies.

As the meal was served and friends seized the moment for fellowship, The Company continued its musical renditions. Ms. Marva Robinson served as the fashion show commentator. Fashions were modeled by the Kaleidoscope Mannequins in casual, business and formal attire. This year's fashions were provided by Dillard's with the exception of formal/bridal fash-

ions which were provided by Cape Fear Formals and the Wedding Shop at Perry's Emporium. DJ Pee Wee provided the musical backdrop for the fashion show which was coordinated by Ms. G. Wylene Mapson and Ms. Wendy Lofton. The 2017 Kaleidoscope Mannequins were Ms. Crystal Corbett, Mr. Russell Corbett, Mr. Cedric Dickerson, Mrs. Angela Gray, Mr. Victor Gray, Ms. Panza McNeill, Ms. Zamaria McNeill, Mr. Bernard Robinson and the staff of Perry's Emporium.

The Wilmington (NC) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated® expresses its sincere appreciation to all friends and supporters for making the Kaleidoscope Fine Arts Brunch a success over the years. Special gratitude is extended to Cape Fear Formals, Cape Fear Community College, Ms. Carolyn Lee, Dillard's Department Store, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, John Davis, DJ Pee Wee, The Wedding Shop at Perry's Emporium and our sponsors - Adkins Drain Funeral Services, Davis Funeral Home and Dr. William "Bill" Malloy. For more information about the Wilmington (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated please visit our website at <http://wilmingtonnclinksinc.org>.



CONGRESSMAN KEITH ELLISON

**Ellison's brother in NC agrees party must compete harder**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In words that echoed across the Democratic Party, newly appointed Deputy Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.), told the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Democratic Party Saturday that the party should continue to challenge Republicans not only in Washington, D.C., but especially in the State Legislatures and governorships.

"We can't just say it's all about Trump," Rep. Ellison told the gathering, later adding that the fight to "literally save the nation" was just beginning. "We've got to have a higher vision than just winning an election. When we set our sights as, really, agents and champions for the American people, people start feeling the flow."

The DNC deputy chairman will be pleased to know that here in North Carolina, among those agreeing with him is his brother, Eric, Chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party.

"In the past nine years, we have lost over 950 seats, and we're talking about State Houses, governors, in addition to the congressional seats," Chairman Ellison, who is also a Winston-Salem attorney, said. "North Carolina is the best example of where state governments are in a position to do just as much harm, if not more, than our federal government," an obvious reference to the GOP-led North Carolina General Assembly and its controversial laws like HB2 and court-cases seeking to take power away from Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper.

"We do need to call out the Republican Party when they put out false news, when they put out statements which are lies, when they put out policies that they say are helping the American people, when they are not," Ellison said. "I whole-



**ATTY. ERIC ELLISON**

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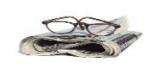
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NC braces for bird flu as neighboring states see cases

BY STEPHANIE CARSON  
 OF NC NEWS SERVICE

RALEIGH, N.C. - Another case of bird flu has been confirmed in the Southeast this week - this time in Georgia. It follows a reported case in Tennessee earlier this month.

Avian influenza is a virus that occurs naturally in wild birds, but can infect domestic poultry. There have been some rare cases of human

infections in the past, but according to Michael Martin, associate professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University, there's no evidence of that threat with the current strain.

"From the standpoint of a consumer, I think 'aware' is really kind of where you want to be," Martin said. "This virus has not shown us any evidence whatsoever that it can infect people.

Influenza viruses can change over time, and that's part of the reason why these areas are so vigilant in monitoring this disease."

Experts say the best way to prevent infection in humans is to avoid sources of exposure. People who raise chickens are asked to limit their contact with migratory birds.

Martin said he doesn't expect these cases to approach the level of the

outbreak in 2015, because advancements have been made to identify the infected flocks and quickly stop the spread of the illness.

Current cases of bird flu in Tennessee and Georgia are linked to the Mississippi flyway migratory pattern of wild birds, but much of North Carolina is located in the Atlantic flyway.

Nevertheless, Martin said, with poultry production such a key industry, the state

will remain vigilant. "We need to be constantly aware that this disease is out there, and have a level of preparedness that would help us respond to when this disease pops up," he said.

Efforts to limit the spread of avian flu are funded in part by discretionary spending by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - an agency which President Trump has proposed cutting by almost \$5 billion.

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heartedly believe that we need to bring that fight, and need to bring that hard."

No question that Chairman Ellison sees Republican policies as a major hurdle towards adequately addressing the needs of the grassroots, but he cautions that fighting those policies should not be confused with fighting Republicans. Ellison says the Democratic Party exists to serve all people, and it must do a better job of getting that message out.

"When we ignore whole sections of Democrats, we aren't competing," Ellison continued.

"We work on behalf of all citizens, of all workers, so we don't want to pick fights with people just because they're Republicans. We do want to pick a fight, and wage a war for the best ideas for the citizens of Forsyth County, North Carolina [and the nation]," he said. "We're fighting the fight of ideas and policies, and what's best for working class people and the working poor."

Ellison said Democrats need to "stick to our high ideals, stick to our high value

in democracy...but we do need to compete smarter, and better."

Acknowledging that there are "right-wing zealots who just want to destroy government," he also noted that there are "moderate, reasonable Republicans" who could join with Democrats to bring about constructive change.

Ellison pointed to the schism that occurred last week when ultra-conservative GOP House Freedom Caucus members refused to go along with President Trump and Speaker Paul Ryan on the repeal-and-replacement for Obamacare,

forcing Ryan to pull the bill because of insufficient Republican support.

Now some moderate Republicans say maybe they can work with moderate Democrats to accomplish mutual agendas, like improving roads and bridges in the nation's infrastructure.

Chairman Ellison agrees that such a partnership could work, though he's not clear on whether North Carolina moderate Republicans are ready and willing.

"There is an opportunity for us to have reasoned, debatable, government and democracy with reasonable

Republicans," he said.

"Once we take the Democratic Party back to the communities which we represent, back to grassroots organizing, we will win. There are more registered Democrats than Republicans in Forsyth County, in the State and the Nation. We have to engage those people in democracy [because] when citizens sit on the sideline and don't participate, we get people like #45 (Trump) elected President."

"If we do what we're supposed to do," Chairman Ellison concluded, "...we win-period!"

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the US Constitution, which prohibits the use of race as a primary factor in redistricting. Democrats further claim that the Republican legislative majority deliberately "stacked-and-packed" Black Democrats into as few majority-minority districts as possible, thus illegally diluting Black voting strength in predominantly White voting districts so that Republicans could dominate in surrounding districts and easily win those elections.

"I'm confident, and most of the lawyers who practice in this area [of law] ...are confident that the [US] Supreme Court, when they look at the case, because it has been appealed up there, will uphold the findings of the federal court that this is unconstitutional," Sen. Blue said last Thursday in Raleigh, adding, "The case law says they have no choice."

One of the reasons for Sen. Blue's confidence, he said, was when the US High Court sent a case back to Alabama, which was the case which opened the floodgates on this and gave us the legal authority to bring these lawsuits, it was a 5-4 majority. The comforting fact was that [Justice Antonin] Scalia, who died, was in the minority, so there still is a five-vote majority, 5-3 now. Even if [Pres. Trump nominee Judge Neil] Gorsuch is confirmed, there still is a 5-4 majority.

Really think that the ultimate decision that comes from the United States Supreme Court very well could be a 7-2 decision, or maybe even an 8-0 decision, because redistricting was so bad and so egregious in North Carolina that anybody who studies these maps and looks at their background...[sees] clearly that they are unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment, equal protection under the law."

Time is getting tight, however, for new maps to be drawn, and special primaries and November elections to be scheduled. Still, Blue holds out hope the High Court won't wait much longer to decide, and the 2011 "unconstitutional" redistricting maps will be mothballed.

"We think that that's going to be changed, and that will then change the veto-proof majority [in the NC General Assembly]," Sen. Blue said. "It will make the Governor more relevant because his statewide impressions and opinions on things will then make a difference."

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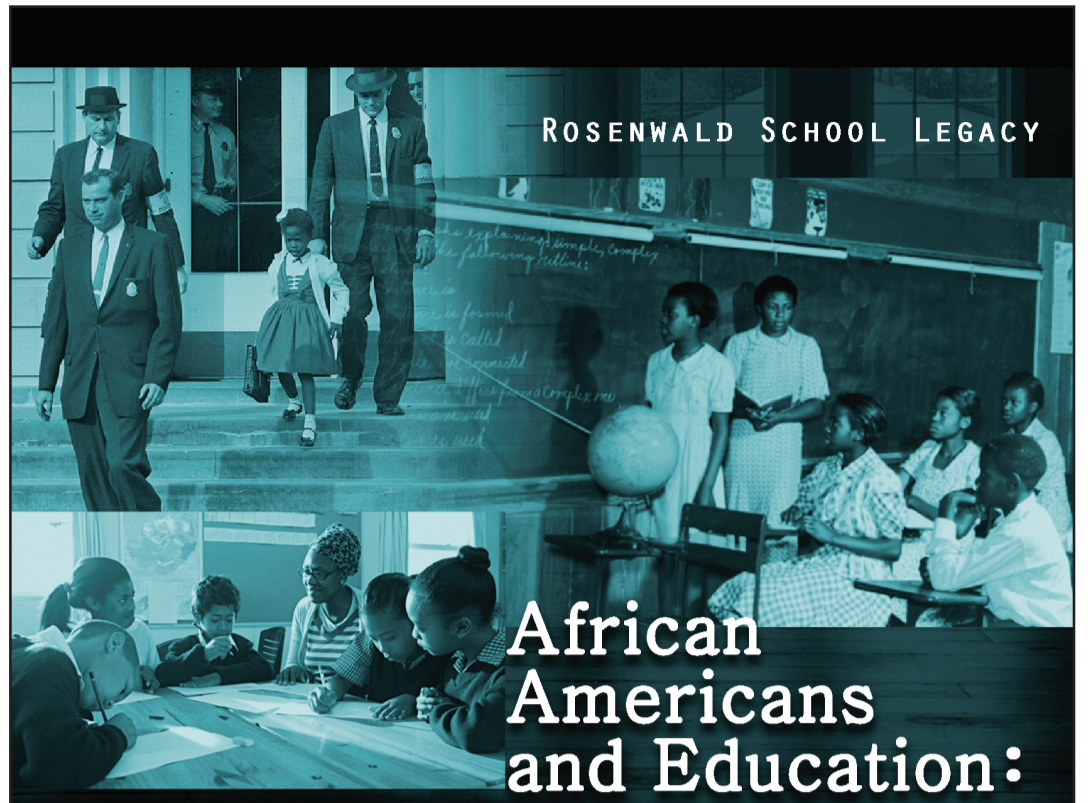
NCAA DEADLINE FOR HB 2 REPEAL AT 12 NOON TODAY

[RALEIGH] At press time Tuesday, the NCAA gave the NC legislature until 12 noon today to repeal the controversial HB2 "bathroom law," that prevents transgender people from using public bathrooms contrary to their birth gender, or various NCAA sporting events in the state until 2022. An Associated Press report earlier this week projected that the state could lose \$3.7 billion in business for the next 12 years if HB2 is not taken off the books. The law marked its first anniversary last week with hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue from cancelled concerts, sporting events, and employment. Republican state lawmakers have steadfastly refused to repeal HB2, blaming Gov. Cooper for the delay. Cooper has indicated, however, that he is willing to compromise.

PRINCEVILLE RESIDENTS TOLD TO RAISE HOMES TO PREVENT FUTURE FLOODING

[PRINCEVILLE] Residents of the small predominately black Edgecombe county town first founded by slaves were told Monday night to raise their homes two feet above flood plain in order to prevent future flooding. The town leaders of Princeville say doing so will help spare the kind of mass destruction experienced during Hurricane Matthew last year, and Hurricane Floyd in 1999. While residents aren't required to raise their homes according to state standards, not doing so could raise their home insurance rates. Residents, however, are frustrated that more isn't being done to safeguard the Tar River from overflowing its banks, causing the flooding.

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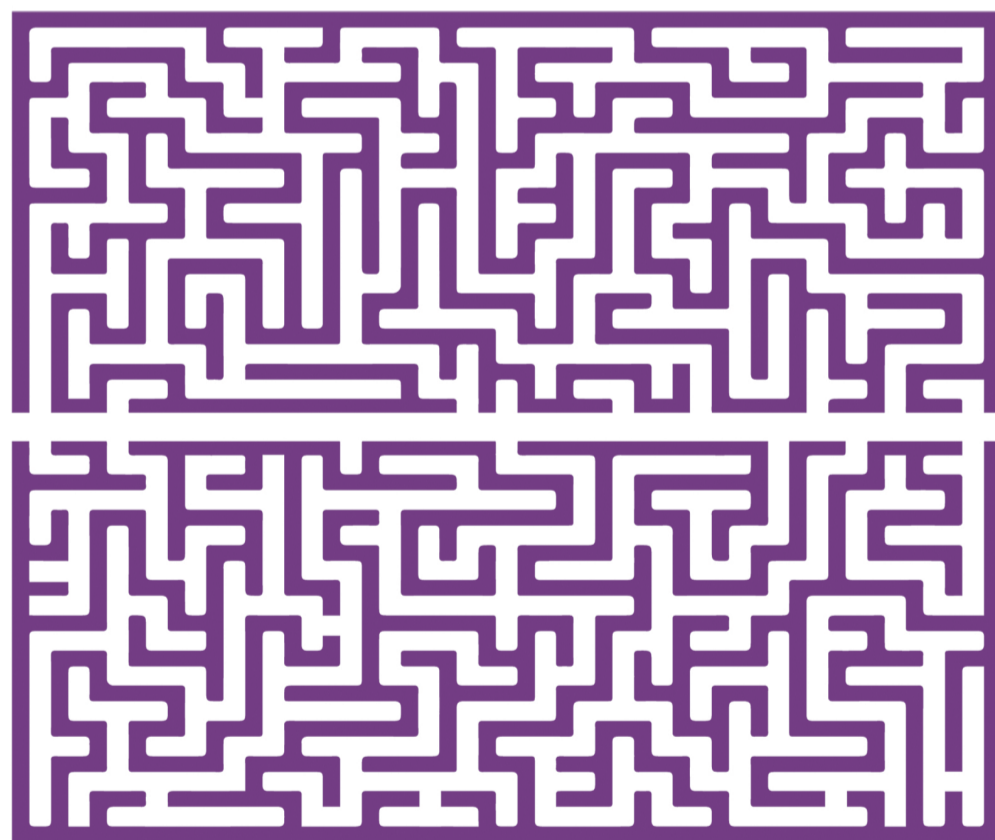
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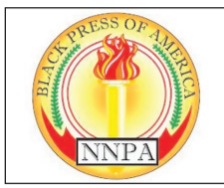
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GUEST EDITORIAL

### Secret service and the Trumps: Hypocrisy and hubris

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The "budget lite" that our 45th President submitted is described as a "budget blueprint to make America Great Again". Submitted in the third week of March, it trumpets draconian cuts in many federal programs, eliminating some that provide important services, including the African Development Foundation, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Inter-American Foundation, the US Trade and Development Agency, the Legal Services Corporation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and many others. The cuts are so unfathomable, and so extremely severe, that even some of 45's allies are biting back.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, whose daughter Sarah Huckabee Sanders is Deputy White House Press Secretary, has written an op-ed in the Washington Post that argues that the National Endowment for the Arts, which he describes as "just 0.004 percent of the federal budget", is important. He says that students who participate in the arts have higher grade point averages and standardized test scores. He reminds us that NEA grants went to about 16,000 communities, and that some young people only have access to music and the arts because NEA is in their communities. He also highlights NEA as an "economic driver" because the arts create jobs. Says Huckabee, "the arts are a \$730 billion industry, representing 4.2 percent of our gross domestic product which equals more than transportation, tourism, or agriculture." Huckabee, ever the conservative, says he doesn't want his tax money to fund things that don't work, but he notes that the \$147.9 million allocated to NEA in 2016 is not wasted money.

It seems strange that just 60 days into the game, 45's head of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), former Congressman Mike Mulvaney (R-SC) has deemed many programs "ineffective", "inefficient", or "lacking evidence that it is being effectively implemented". What evaluation has been done? Who has made the determination of inefficiency? Based on these blanket assertions, some Republicans have indicated that the OMB determination is not right. Former Senator Bob Dole (R-KS), a Republican Party stalwart, says it is short-sighted that 45 would eliminate the McGovern-Dole International Fund for Education program, a program that provides school meals for children in 40 of the world's most impoverished nations. Dole told the Washington Post that eliminating the program would "have a disastrous effect on the planet's most vulnerable children". He called the program, which he developed with across the aisle Senator George McGovern (D-SD) as "one of the proudest achievements of his lifetime". Our 45th President is so eager to provide \$54 billion in extra money for the Department of Defense that he is willing to throw a party stalwart's legacy under the bus.

Meanwhile, the Secret Service has asked for \$60 million more this year to protect 45 and his family. 45 was a frequent critic of President Obama's golfing, a pastime that he engages in frequently himself. And he can't seem to find any golf courses in the DC area so he's back to Mar-a-Lago, where taxpayers spend \$3 million every time the President goes to his private resort. Mr. Trump is not trying to tighten the belt he wears; he is only trying to tighten the nation's.

Because Melania Trump likes to keep distance between herself and her husband, taxpayers are paying about \$150,000 a day to protect her and their son, Baron, in New York. The same man who said that the Obamas should consider living in the White House "a privilege" has not convinced his wife of the privilege that has been bestowed upon her. Instead, we taxpayers will spend \$4.5 million a month protecting Melania and Baron in New York. New Yorkers will spend even more, and they have not been reimbursed for the cost paid when New York police officers are diverted to deal with the Trump family baby-sitting project.

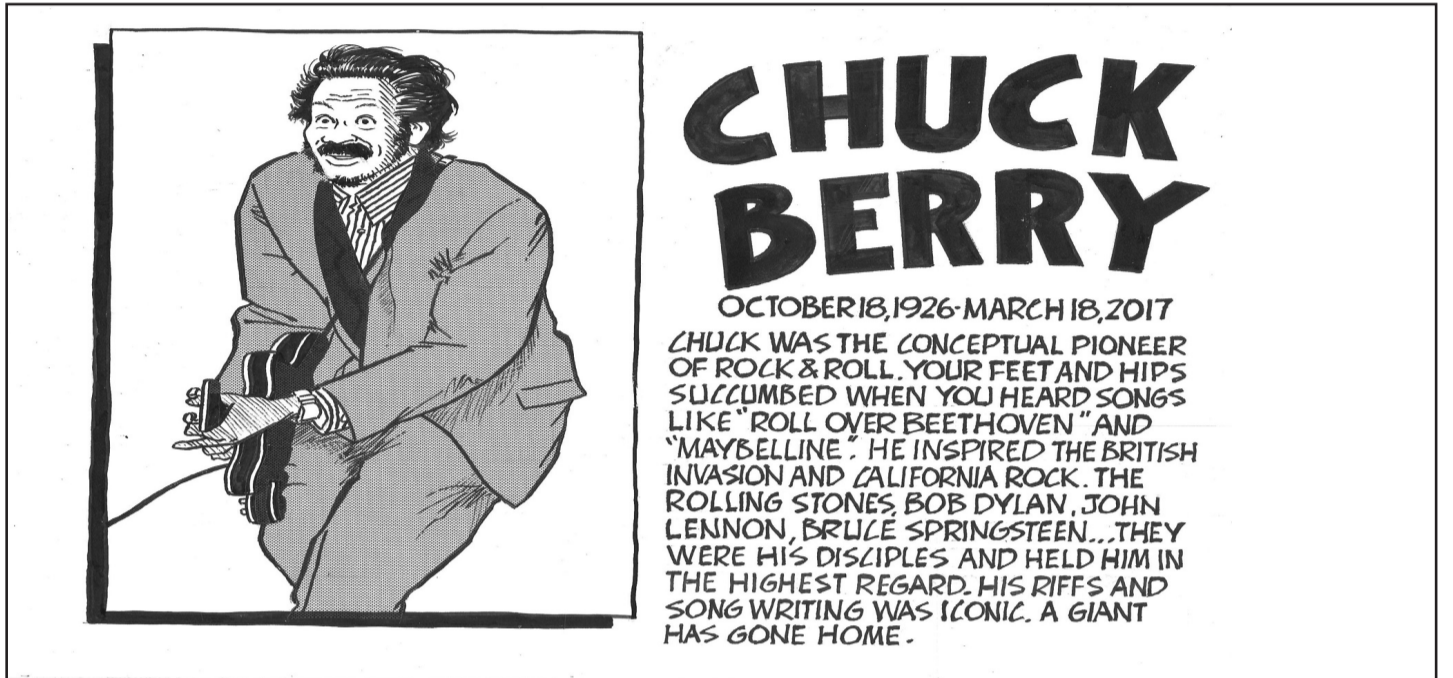
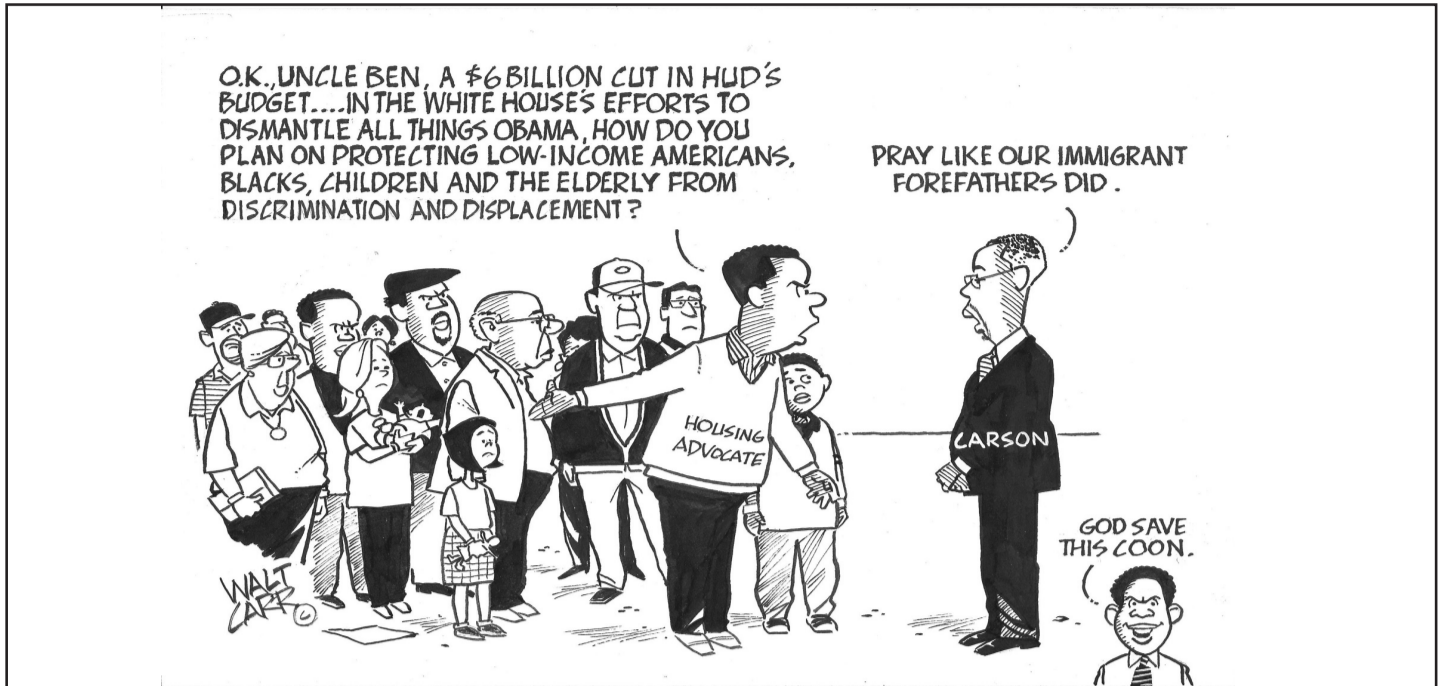
The most egregious part of the scam that allows 45's family to be protected is the fact that his wildcat sons, traveling the world to generate profit for the Trump brand, are protected by Secret Service with our tax dollars. When they go to Dubai to celebrate a new Trump golf course, which is a profit generating opportunity for the Trump empire, taxpayers cover the cost of their "protection". If the Trump empire gained a profit from that trip, shouldn't it reimburse United States taxpayers for the expense of protecting these entrepreneurs?

Then there is Ivanka Trump, who says she will "voluntarily" comply with ethics rules. Balderdash! This woman has a West Wing office and security clearance; she has avoided nepotism laws; she not only has her father's ear, but she has been allowed to interact with some of the most powerful people in the world. What will she do with this portfolio when 45's sun sets, either through impeachment or resignation? Is she being set up as another Trump profit center?

The Trump family is playing our country as if we are their personal piggy bank. They get security that they ordinarily wouldn't get. They are maximizing profits that they ordinarily wouldn't receive. They are playing the capitalist game as it has never been played, merging economics and politics for their benefit. And too many of us are silently accepting this egregious exploitation.

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](http://www.amazon.com) for booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit [www.juliannealveaux.com](http://www.juliannealveaux.com).

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## Matters of Opinion

### Civil War ends

**B**eginning in the first days of April 1865, events that proved crucially important to the African American freedom struggle, not only in North Carolina, but across the nation, occurred in rapid-fire succession. On April 3, Richmond, the Confederacy's capital, fell to Union



David Dowdy

troops. Less than a week later, on April 9, Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, a crossroads in the Virginia foothills. On April 13, Sherman's army entered Raleigh. The next day, John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. Two weeks later, Sherman accepted the surrender of Johnston's army at the Bennett family's tobacco farm, west of Raleigh, near a hamlet and

railroad depot called Durham. The slave holder's republic had fallen. Union agents captured the Confederacy's President, Jefferson Davis, in early May and imprisoned him at Fortress Monroe in Wilmington in 1898. Hugh McCrae and his partners in crime ran a lot of Black people out of Wilmington and killed many more. Yet there is a park named for this racist. The Black people of Wilmington have never recovered from this racist act. Earl Sheridan, this

would be a nice retirement present for you and your fellow city council members to change the name of the park to Abraham Galloway Park. What do you think of that Mayor Saffo, or what do you think of naming the new school that is going to be built after Abraham Galloway? I think Don Hayes just fainted.

David Dowdy is former Vice President of the New Hanover County NAACP, President of Friends of Abraham Galloway, and County Soil and Water District Supervisor.

## TO BE EQUAL

### Supreme Court nominee Gorsuch has not met the Civil Rights standard to earn our support

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Overall, we conclude that there is an inadequate record to determine if Judge Gorsuch has a commitment to protecting and safeguarding civil rights and, therefore, we do not believe he satisfies the second prong of our requirement for endorsement. Based upon our review of Judge Gorsuch's record, we have concerns that he has a narrow view of rights that are protected by the Constitution, as well as a skeptical view about the importance of protecting those rights in the courtroom. In short, Judge Gorsuch's record does not allow us to support his nomination for the Supreme Court at this time." - **Lawyer's Committee on Civil Rights, Report on the Nomination of Judge Neil M. Gorsuch as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court**

**T**he importance of a Supreme Court Justice's commitment to protecting civil rights cannot be overstated. Much of the progress this nation has

made on issues of equal opportunity are due to Supreme Court rulings such as Brown v. Board of Education, Loving v. Virginia, Obergefell v. Hodges and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.



Marc Morial

The Supreme Court has also regressed on civil rights, as with Shelby County v. Holder, which struck down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act and led to a proliferation of racially-motivated voter suppression laws throughout the nation. More than most other communities, the future of African Americans' rights and opportunities hang on the confirmation of a Supreme Court justice. That's why the National Urban League cannot support the nomination of Judge Neill Gorsuch.

Beyond the level of scholarship and judicial experience required of a Justice, which Judge Gorsuch does appear to meet, a Supreme Court Justice must have demonstrated what the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights called "a profound respect for the importance of protecting the civil rights afforded by the Constitution and the nation's civil rights laws based on a large body of civil rights opinions or comparable information from statements and activities other than service on the bench."

We see no such respect demonstrated by Judge Gorsuch. As I have maintained since the announcement of his nomination, what I find most troubling in the record of Judge Gorsuch is his apparent criticism of those who have sought advancement of individual rights through the courts. He consistently has ruled against the rights of workers and consumers who were harmed by employers and against

disabled students pursuing their right to a meaningful education. In fact, even as he sat before the Senate Judiciary Committee this week, the Supreme Court overwhelmingly rejected his opinion that a school district complies with the law so long as they provide educational benefits that "must merely be 'more than de minimis.'" In other words, according to Judge Gorsuch, a school district can meet its obligation to disabled students with little more than nothing. Of course, no serious discussion of Judge Gorsuch's confirmation can ignore the fact that his nomination was the result of an egregious dereliction of duty by the Senate, who refused to give President Obama's nominee, Merrick Garland, the hearing he was due. The Senate's failure with regard to that nomination does not bode well for its ability to keep partisanship from tainting the process. Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

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CASH IN THE APPLE

Hankerchief, Republicans

No, I don't read the Bible as often as I should, but that doesn't mean I don't remember some of its basic tenets.



Cash Michaels

One of the most relevant beyond "Love thy neighbor" and "Thou shalt not steal," is "You reap what you sow." While you're at it, tack on a companion tenet—"do unto others as you would have things done unto you." Having said all of that, then given the past two months since Pres. Donald J. Trump has taken office, one has to wonder if the Republicans read their Bibles less than I do, cause Lord knows those clowns don't remember any of it.

Lessons in human compassion and decency seem to be completely lost on The Donald and his boys. You could also add some common sense and basic intelligence to the mix as well.

What is not in any short supply, it seems, is arrogance, dishonesty, and a false sense of superiority. These people believe actually think they can drink the water they think they walk on.

However, given what we've all seen, again within the first two months of the Trump presidency, it is quite clear that these hypocrites can't even run their noses, let alone run the country. Their ineptitude is only surpassed by their arrogance, and eclipsed by their dishonesty.

After all, just how many lies have Trump and the Republicans told the American people since the November elections?

Everything from millions committing voter fraud to Pres. Obama personally tying two tin cans together in order to illegally "wiretap" Trump's telephone calls, it's all been shoved down our throats with reckless abandon. And of course, if anyone, like the "left-wing" news media, dare to uncover any of it, then they are called "the enemy of the American people."

So, is it any wonder why when Trump and the House Republicans last week failed to repeal and replace Obamacare, and FAILED, I might add, in SPECTACULAR fashion, folks overwhelmingly jumped for joy? That have seven long years, and over 60 worthless House votes to repeal Pres. Obama's signature law, Republicans fell flat on their collective faces last week when they just couldn't agree with each

on how to do it?

And to add insult to injury, White House aides to Pres. Trump, allegedly acted like thugs in trying to strong arm conservative Republicans to pass the repeal and replace bill the president liked, or else?

And to add even more insult to injury, leaks from conservatives who met Trump telling the press that he didn't have the foggiest idea about what was really in their repeal and replace health care bill, and didn't seem to care either.

These are the people who did everything they could to win (and some allege colluded with the Russians to steal) the election in 2016, just so that they could have total control of running the coun-

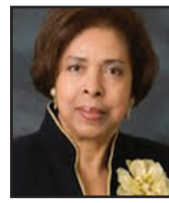
MICHAELS

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Trail of tears

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Although it's no simple task and difficult to do, most who are keenly observant of or listen closely to Donald Trump will recognize that he is a fan of President Andrew Jackson. If "fan" is over-zealous, it can be said that Jackson is inspirational to his current successor in The Office. After all, Trump is the first President since Ronald Reagan to honor Jackson with a speech on his (Jackson's 250th) birthday. Trump also boasts about his portrait of Jackson hung in The Oval Office.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Before someone becomes sentimental about Trump honoring Jackson with his 2017 "birthday" visit to Nashville, Tennessee, we need to refresh our collective memory about Jackson. Jackson, known as a frontiersman who sprang to prominence from humble beginnings, is arguably a polar opposite from Trump in background and upbringing. I, and others, would argue that Jackson and Trump are "cut from the same cloth" and are more similar in background and character than commonly acknowledged.

With fame as a soldier, few, except historians, know that Jackson, like Trump, earned much of his wealth from the purchase and sale of property. In a partnership with two other investors, Jackson acquired lands that had been reserved by treaty from the Cherokee and Chickasaw nations. Known as the "Jackson Purchase" (1818), a portion of those lands was used by the investors to found the city of Memphis, Tennessee in 1819.

Jackson's ascendancy to the Presidency marked the beginning of the "spoils system," a derivation from a quotation attributed to NY Senator William Marcy-- "To the victor belongs the spoils." Under Jackson, political patronage that rewarded relatives, friends and supporters with government jobs and positions flourished. Without consideration for merit, these jobs were used as incentives to inspire continued loyalty and support.

Trump's positioning of his family (sons, Donald, Jr. and Eric, daughter, Ivanka and son-in-law, Jared), friends (Carl Icahn and Steve Bannon), financial contributors (Betsy DeVos, Linda McMahon and Steve Mnuchin), and political supporters (Jeff Sessions, Reince Prebus and others) reflect Trump's affinity for Jacksonian politics. Although reforms against this type of cronyism began in 1883, Trump has used every legal consideration available to deflect the scrutiny from his more questionable appointments.

If one were to accurately characterize Jackson, the label "INHUMAN" is easily applied. Other than the "It was the nature of the times!" defense, which is no defense at all, there is no excuse for Jackson's ownership of slaves and active participation in slave trade. In addition, Jackson's most infamous crime against humanity was his orchestration of Indian Removal policies. Commonly lumped under the title Trail of Tears, Jackson's policies of forcibly relocating native nations from traditional settlements included the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Seminole and Muscogee nations.

Contrary to the stereotypical "savage" image constructed to explain away and justify the brutal treatment of Native people, the Cherokee and affiliated nations were just as, if not more, civilized as the Anglo-European oppressors. They had an organized system of government, written language (and a printed newspaper), schools and institutions comparable to their invaders. In violation of ratified treaties, Andrew Jackson orchestrated the removal and forced march of nations from their lands, some as far east as the Carolinas, to the Oklahoma territory. Their journey was notably brutal. They suffered from starvation, exposure and disease. Thousands died.

Although Trump has not yet initiated acts of comparable brutality, his personal anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant and anti-Hispanic xenophobia have infected the national psyche. TRUMP CARE - the elimination of healthcare for 24 million Americans, subliminal appeals to WE against THEM violence, the normalization of intolerance are all hallmarks of the new America by Trump.

Only through our active resistance can we assure that future generations will not read about a 21st Century Trail of Tears.

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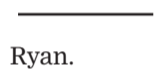
RAINBOW COALITION

Trump should form Bipartisan Coalition to get true reforms

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The decision of House Republicans to torpedo the American Health Care Act, their own leadership's plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, is a stunning defeat for President Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



other experts, the ACA exchanges have stabilized, and cost increases are slower on average than they were before passage of the law. Expanded Medicaid is providing some 10 million with basic coverage. The major problem is the cruelty of Republican governors who have chosen to deprive their constituents of expanded Medicaid.

The Trumpcare debacle established that there is no majority, even in a Republican-controlled Congress, for depriving millions of health care coverage. The majority of Americans have joined the rest of the industrialized world in conceiving that health care as a right, not a privilege.

Obama's health care reforms provided millions with access to health insurance or to Medicaid, yet more than 20 million Americans still go without. The Kaiser Family Foundation reports these are mostly families with one low-wage worker who simply cannot afford coverage. Many more are priced out of decent coverage, particularly with the prescription drug market rigged by the drug companies so that Americans pay the highest prices in the world. Reform is still needed.

Trump is president of all of America, not merely the

Republican right. In running for president, he promised repeatedly that he would produce health care reform that would "cover everybody," with insurance that cost less and offered better coverage. He signed onto a Ryan plan that scorned his promise. It featured tax cuts for the very wealthy paid for by depriving millions of health care. Now is time for Trump to lead, to build a coalition that can pass a reform that meets his promise.

Trump should recalibrate, reach out to Democrats and forge a new coalition for reform. If he were truly the bold, populist leader he claims to be, he would join with Bernie Sanders, whom he has often praised, and develop a path to Medicare for all. He might start with empowering Medicare and the exchanges to negotiate bulk discounts for drugs. Add a public option into the exchanges to keep insurance companies honest. Lower the eligible age for Medicare to 55, relieving companies of covering older workers who have the highest health care bills. That would provide companies with massive savings and older workers with immense relief. It could be easily paid for by progressive taxes on the wealthiest Americans or a financial speculation tax to limit destabilizing computer-based nanosec-

ond stock trading.

Democrats have celebrated Trump's embarrassment. But they too have a stake in reform. They need to do more than simply defend the current system. They need to reach out to Trump and explore if smart reforms are possible with a new bipartisan coalition.

Trump could and should break with the right-wing Freedom Caucus Republicans who led the assault against him. They want to repeal the ACA without replacing it. They are out of step with the vast majority of Americans. Instead, Trump could forge a bipartisan coalition to drive real reforms that would move us much closer to fulfilling his campaign promise.

Tasting defeat is not the test of leadership. All leaders experience defeat sometime. The question is how they react. True leaders pick themselves up, learn from the experience and move forward. Trump could turn the lemons that the Republican caucus delivered him into lemonade. But only if he seeks to fulfill his campaign pledge by reaching out to Democrats and forging a new majority to make health care a right in this country.

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

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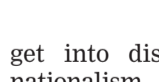
Practical Nationalism

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Nationalism: "A desire by a large group of people (such as people who share the same culture, history, language, etc.) to form a separate and independent nation of their own; a sense of national consciousness."

Practical: "Of, relating to, or manifested in practice or action; not theoretical or ideal; disposed to action as opposed to speculation or abstraction"

James Clingman



Geuka explains the differences within the conscious community when it comes to what Black people should do, where we should go and how to get there, and how we can achieve a communal, self-sustained, and self-determined "nation." He also discusses the practicality of actually doing what many of us advocate vis-à-vis taking a nationalist approach to solving our social, economic, political, and educational problems.

The abovementioned definitions point to a "desire" to form an independent nation, and to move from theory to practice in order to bring our ideal to fruition, respectively. Thus, the term "Practical Nationalism, something I had not heard until I met Amefika Geuka, when describing conscious people should move us beyond mundane and superfluous conversations to a constant state of action. And for purposes of this article, I mean practical action—action that makes sense for us within the framework of the society in which we live. In other words, it's great to have the "desire" to do something, but if that desire is not followed by a constant and consistent effort, based on a specific plan of action, it will remain a "desire."

THE One Million (www.iamoneofthemillion.com) believes it is not enough just to be "conscious;" we are looking for "conscientiously conscious" Black folks, because being "conscientious" will cause a "conscious" person to work on our "desire" to

have the best for our people.

As Geuka questions, where will we go, en masse? How will we take over five or six states in this nation? How will we pay our way for self-determination, and what will we offer the folks who already live in whatever country we decide to move into? These and other questions must be answered as we move beyond the rhetorical and philosophical discussions about liberation, separation, and communalism.

We may not like it but virtually everything in this country is the result of an exchange of goods and/or services, produced by someone, distributed by someone, and sold by and to someone. We say we "need our own," and I wholeheartedly agree, but how do we get our own? No one is giving anything away; no one is providing free transportation; no one is giving away land; and no one is feeding our people without having to pay something to do so. Thus, since we are in this belly of the beast called capitalism, which some of us hate, do we abandon it or do we find ways within it to survive and thrive?

Our culture is the link that should bring and keep us connected, but romanticizing that culture without the work and sacrifice to takes to build "our own" just makes us feel good. The practical side of things dictates that Black people can use our culture best by practicing what we celebrate. Take Kwanzaa, for instance; seven days of celebrating, remembering, and reflecting on our culture is

great, but if we really wanted to be practical about our nationalism, we could actually practice Kwanzaa year-round. Implement one principle for fifty-two days each by doing the things each principle represents. By the way, one principle, Ujamaa, has to do with economic empowerment.

Amefika Geuka is a self-described "Practical Nationalist;" and I know from my personal interaction with him over the past twelve years or so, that he definitely practices his brand of nationalism in an effort to bring to fruition his "desire" to see real progress for our people in this country and beyond. He understands the real work that must be done and is willing to do his part, first by giving us a reality check on the world in which we live. Now, that's practical.

"I'm supportive of practical nationalism, like the kind we need in Canada to avoid being absorbed into a much larger country."--Steven Heighton

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try. Well, just like the panting dog who finally catches the truck, now what are you going to do with it?

Thus far, I'm not impressed. And I'm even less impressed when I see Republicans wailing on TV about how they failed, and now look weak and foolish.

Makes you want to find a hankerchief to hand to these clowns so that they can dry their crocodile tears. But I can't find one right now.

Here, with toilet paper do? Cash Michaels is a journalist and reporter for The Wilmington Journal, Winston-Salem Chronicle, and Greensboro Peacemaker. He is also a member of The Wilmington Journal's editorial board.

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Lost and found

It was time for another meeting to keep the old friendships alive. Minister Helen Boynton and Eloise Knight's first meeting place was in Trenton, N. J., September 19, 1980. It has been a lasting friendship for over thirty years.

This week, beginning March 19, Eloise and Minister Boynton were reunited. There was much excitement in the household of William and Minister Helen Boynton, Bolivia, N. C. when Eloise arrived there. She very bravely drove a Dodge Caravan for eight hours to make this visit. She also had passengers with her, Joseph Knight, Loutha McNeil and Shirley People.

She made the necessary rest stops.

They were fellow members of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Trenton, N. J., where the Reverend T. L. Steels pastored for many years. It was time for them to meet the other family members living in Cedar Grove in the Supply area. While visiting the home of Mr. L. Hewett and family, the seasonal dinner was served and enjoyed by all. It was something to remember for a long time.

Among the many things over which to reminisce was a three night revival, starting on Monday Sept. 10, 1980, at Saint John Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia where Rev. Quan Stewart is

the pastor. Other churches were invited to worship together in the three nights.



Verniece Stanley

The religious faith of many is revived in times like these. There were plenty of other enjoyable activities, such as shopping at the shopping centers and watching television when we were not engaged in worship services. One such shopping place was Wal-Mart in Shallotte, NC. After an evening meal it was time to enjoy our favorite games.

Friday morning was very quiet and the only thing to do was to sit around and watch TV or read the newspaper. Joseph Knight wanted to go sightseeing alone. He walked outside and opened the door to the van. The whole time William Boynton was following him because he was not familiar with this part of the state. He started driving south on Hwy. 17. He failed to make a left turn that would have taken him to Shallotte. William was following him but, because of the heavy traffic, he lost sight of the van. William came back home thinking Joseph would too.

After waiting for almost three hours, we all concluded

he was lost in heavy traffic. It was not time to start crying because we needed to get help. In a few minutes, we had the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department at the house. A search began, which would not stop until they found him. They were also searching with helicopters.

It was getting dark, but we all had high hopes that he was alive. Late Friday night, they did receive the message that he was found alive in a hospital in Charleston, S. C. They kept him over night, and, the next morning, the family made the trip to get him. They found him sitting comfortably in a special chair with a happy smiling face. They were all so thank-

ful!

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.

## BCDW announces \$1,000 Education Grant

The Brunswick County Democratic Women (BCDW) announces their annual Education Grant of \$1,000. Eligible students are women who are enrolled for a minimum of 6 hours in an approved Brunswick Community College program of study. The approved pro-

grams of study include Associate College Transfer Programs in Arts, Science, and Engineering, Health Information Technology, Healthcare Business Informatics, Early Childhood Education, and Health & Fitness Science. Eligible students will have completed the

first-year transfer core coursework requirements of 24 - 33 credit hours, have good academic standing, plan to transfer to a four-year baccalaureate program, and will be registered to vote as a Democrat and reside in Brunswick County.

Full eligibility require-

ments are listed on the 'Notice' which is available online at <http://www.brunswickcc.edu/financial-aid> or [www.brunswickdem.org](http://www.brunswickdem.org) or in print at the college's Financial Aid office. The Application deadline is April 14, 2017. For more information, call 2017 Committee Chair, Maria

Riccobono, 910.363.4780.

The successful applicant will receive the award and be honored by the BCDW at a dinner on May 11 at 5:30 pm at Democratic Party headquarters, at 1420 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia. Family and friends of the awardee are invited to attend.

The Democratic Women of Brunswick County (BCDW) is a caucus group of the BC Democratic Party. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm at the BC Democratic headquarters, 1420 Old Ocean Highway, Bolivia. Contact us at 910 754-8880 or [www.brunswickdem.org](http://www.brunswickdem.org).

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Singer, songwriter, and dancer Jason Derulo is one of the most successful and sought-after artists in the industry today. In the six years since ascending to superstardom, Derulo has sold over 55 million singles worldwide, all of which have been co-written by the artist himself. Jason Derulo, who got his start writing hits for other a-list artists such as Lil Wayne, Pitbull, Diddy and more, has seen his eye-grabbing music videos amass over two billion views on YouTube. His music has been streamed over six billion times on Spotify, and his singles have aired on radio to an audience

over 17 billion since his debut single "Whatcha Say." His four acclaimed studio albums have accumulated eleven Top 10 singles (including four #1 singles on the Hot 100): "Whatcha Say," "In My Head," "Ridin' Solo," "Don't Wanna Go Home," "It Girl," "The Other Side," "Marry Me," "Talk Dirty," "Wiggle," "Trumpets," and "Want To Want Me." Equally as influential overseas, Jason Derulo has had four #1 singles in the UK, with "Want To Want Me" staying at #1 for four weeks in 2015. With more new music on the way later this year, Jason Derulo continues to remain at the forefront of modern music, continuing to help shape the DNA of both urban and pop music.

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**Ethel Gail Graham Wilson**

Ethel Gail Graham Wilson, daughter of the late Malon Graham, Sr. and Dora Kelly Graham, was born January 8, 1957 in Wilmington, NC. Gail departed this life March 7, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral service was held Monday, March 13, 2017 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Marsh Branch Cemetery, Winnabow, NC.

She was reared and educated in Brunswick County School System. In 1975, she graduated from North Brunswick High School. She was the first African-American Homecoming Queen at North Brunswick High School. With an unquenchable thirst for learning, she went on to earn her B.A. Degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland at College Park. At a very early age, she joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. Later, as an adult she converted to Islam where she was a faithful believer until her death. Gail's passion was helping people. She became a caregiver to many people, which allowed her to fulfill her childhood desire for a career in nursing. Her giving nature was felt in her touch, her kind words, and her willingness to listen to all people. In addition to her parents, Gail was preceded in death by her son, O'keon Tennell Wilson "Ty"; three brothers, Maylon Graham, Jr., George E. McMillian and Harry L. McMillian; three sisters, Annie Graham Hopkins, Virginia Lee McKoy and Helen B(Bunny) McMillian Edge; and one lifelong friend, Janice Brown.

Gail leaves a legacy of strength, passion, good character, courage and fearlessness. Her memory will forever be cherished by one son, Ra"Shad Malik Maylon Graham; brothers, Johnnie Lee McMillan, Dr. Kenneth Graham, Marvin Ray Graham (Tina), Julius Graham (Kathy) and Kevin "Abdul" Graham (Adrienne); sisters, Ines Rockmore, Edith McMillian Blanks, Linda Muhammad, Sylvia Muhammad; brother-in-law, Lonnie McKoy; uncle, Rufus Kelly (Arlene); special brother, Sam Moss; special friends, Vanessa Brown, Mercedes Vessels and Glendora McMillian; auntie's beautiful ones, nieces, nephews and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Regina Hill**

Regina Hill daughter of Cora Lee Hill and Eldridge Grady, was born on April 24, 1960. Regina departed this life March 9, 2017. Her funeral service was Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at St. James AME Church. Burial followed in Johns Chapel Cemetery.

Regina was educated in the New Hanover Regional Hospital for countless years.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Cora Lee Hill and Eldridge Grady; one sister Brenda Grady; two brothers, James Hill and Roger Hill.

She leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life: her husband, Jeffrey Hill; four sons, Dakese Hill, Rodriques Hill, Kashaar Hill and Kimani Hill; eight grandchildren, Nijay Hill, Shakur Hill, Kalese Junious, Amaur Hill, Jabari Dixon, Giaun Hill, Kameron Hill and Masara Hill; five sisters, Nellie (Leroy) Grady, Calettha Allen, Deborah Grady, Felicia Grady and Cynthia Hinnant; five brothers, Dennis Hill, Greg Hill, Clayton Grady, Kenny Grady and Charles Grady; one special friend, Pamela Waddle; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Eugene James Logan**

Eugene James Logan was born December 25, 1920 in New Hanover County to the late Reverend Jake and Reverend Marie Logan. He departed this life Thursday, March 9, 2017. His funeral service was Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

He was married to the late Willie Ferguson Logan for 63 years. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Robert, Willie, Thomas and Jake Logan, Jr.; three sisters, Gloria Logan, Mary Logan Harvey and Rose Logan Pringle-Stukes; and one grandson, Eugene Kawaskii Logan. Eugene accepted Christ into his life at a very early age, where he joined Piney Grove AME Church, which later became known as Murph Chapel; now, known as Praise and Deliverance AME Church. He served as Sunday School Superintendent, a Sunday School Teacher for many years, Church Trustee, Choir Member and was a member of many auxiliaries. He was later appointed Trustee Emeritus. Eugene was recognized as Man of the Year several times by the North Carolina Annual Conference. He retired from New Hanover Memorial Hospital in February, 1993, where he worked as a maintenance engineer. Eugene served his country in the Coast Guard Reserve for many years at the Wrightsville Beach Station. He was Past Master of East Wilmington Lodge #561 F&AM (PHA) and a Master Mason for over seventy years. He was recognized by Cucalorus Film Festival as their oldest actor in 2014.

Eugene is survived by his children; Rosa Logan Davis, Walter Davis and Eugene Logan, Jr.; one granddaughter, Elychia Davis Redmond; five grandchildren, William (Katherine) Davis, Logan Davis, Demetria Redmond, Nashir K. Logan and Sereniti Graham; one great-

grandchild, Blaize Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Lillie Mae Jordan**

Lillie Mae Jordan was born June 5, 1937 to Betty Jordan in Wilson, NC. She quietly transitioned from earth to reward during the early morning hours of March 11, 2017. Her funeral services were held Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Soul Saving Station. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Lillie was educated in the Wilson County School System, where she graduated from high school. She received her spiritual foundation at St. Rose Disciples of Christ Church, Wilson, NC. After retiring from the Hanover Trust Company later known as Chase Manhattan Bank, she moved to Wilmington, NC to be with family. Lillie joined Soul Saving Station where she embraced the love of the Saints. She was an excellent cook and began serving on the Hospitality Committee. She was affectionately called "Mother Jordan". Lillie was a skilled tax consultant and tax preparer who served many citizens in New Hanover County and the surrounding areas. She was a very industrious woman who was not satisfied being idle. She was very candid and never left you guessing about what was on her mind. Lillie said what she meant and meant what she said.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Evangelist Beverly Jo Jordan; granddaughter, Rhonda LaShawn Jordan; great-granddaughter, Chloe Elizabeth Jordan-Lester (Gerald); great-great granddaughter, Chance Marie Lester; one aunt, Dorothy Pender; one uncle, James Pender; a cousin, Melvin Pender; a special confidant friend of many years, Mattie Adams; her Wilmington, NC "posse" Shirley, Ethel and Patsy; Patsy's son Billy, affectionately called, her son. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Mary Elizabeth Cheek McIntyre**

Mary Elizabeth Cheek McIntyre quietly slipped into eternal sleep in the early night of March 14, 2017. She was born January 18, 1920 to the late Catherine Pierce Smith and Frank Smith of the Masonboro Sound Community. She was bestowed to the late William and Isabell Cheek in her toddler years. Her funeral service was held Monday, March 20, 2017 at St. Luke AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mary Elizabeth became a member of St. Luke AME Zion Church at the early age of 12 years until the present time. She loved St. Luke and partici-

pated in the church organization of the H. B. Shaw Club, Mary A. Jervay Pulpit Aid Club and Stewardess Board #2. She married Earl A. McIntyre, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by two sons, two daughters-in-law, one granddaughter; two grandsons and two sons-in-law. Her quiet, reserved smile will be missed.

She leaves to mourn her passing: three daughters, Claudia M. Jordan and Evonne M. McGill (Paul) and Carol M. Givan; one son, Donald R. McIntyre (Debbie); daughter-in-law, Marion J. McIntyre; 19 grandchildren; 4 granddaughters; 2 grandsons-in-law; 30 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; 3 nieces, Mary Lucas, Carrie Wiggins and Ruby Booker; two nephews, Theodore B. Butler and George Singleton; cousin, Rev. Deloris S. Halsey; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Shantell Denise Williams "Shaun"**

Shantell Denise Williams "Shaun" daughter of Debra Williams and Freddy Canty was born September 30, 1974 in Wilmington, NC. She departed this earthly life on March 14, 2017. Her funeral service was held Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Shantell was educated in New Hanover County School System. She was employed with the Resident Inn Marriott of Wilmington, NC (Mayfaire)

as a housekeeping attendant for several years. She was a very dedicated and hardworking mother and employee. Shantell has an uncanny sense of humor and if you ever had a chance to witness this, you had to laugh.

Those left to cherish her memories are her three children, Jasmine Nicole Canty, Shanice Michelle Canty, Precious Simmone Canty; two grandchildren, Tyshawn Williams and Paris Robinson; one sister, Karlatte Nixon; two brothers, Antonio Williams (Patrice) and Freddie Cooks; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Kenneth Lee Quince, Sr. "Turkey"**

Kenneth Lee Quince, Sr. "Turkey" was born July 12, 1950 to the late William and Betsy Quince. Our Heavenly Father whispered sweet peace to his soul on March 20, 2017. His funeral service was Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Providence Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed at the St. Thomas Cemetery, Leland, NC. Kenneth was educated in the Brunswick County School System. He grew up and made his home on Chapel Loop Road. Kenneth joined Providence Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and remained a faithful member until his health declined. He served the Lord and his church as Coordinator of the Church Food Bank Ministry, Church van driver, Men's Choir member, and as President of the Usher Board. His presence was

known throughout the community for being a handyman, cab driver, gardener or as a "jack of all trades." Kenneth was loving and sweet. He never missed an opportunity to help people; not just his family, but anyone he met.

Kenneth's memory will forever be engraved in the hearts of his loving wife, Daisy Bell Quince; his children, Kenneth Lee Quince, Jr. (Myra) and Kathy Lynn Quince; three grandchildren, Rodrick Quince, Za'Kiyah Quince and Noah Golding; one great-grandchild, Tanirika Gregory; sisters, Bertha and Linda Quince and Louise Harrison (Robert); two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Hammond (Richard) and Katrina McKoy; two brothers-in-law, Richard McKoy and

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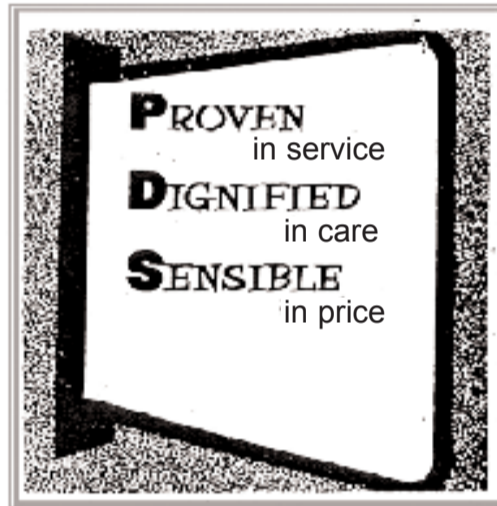
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## New Hanover County

**Church Women United Spring Forum** will be held on April 7th at First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, 520 North Fifth St. 9:30 a.m. coffee and sign in and 10:00 a.m. the program will begin. For further information contact Angel Priscilla Laster-Dualeh at 910-833-0167.



## Religious Briefs

**Annual Holly Week Services** will be held Sunday, April 9th - Sunday, April 16th  
 Sunday, April 9th, host church- Central Baptist, Pastor: Richard Robinson and guest church- St. Phillip AMEZ, Pastor: Doctor Mary Nixon  
 Monday April 10th, host Church- Shiloh MBC, Pastor: Benjamin Pittman and guest church- Mt. Herman MBC, Pastor: Sampson Lemon  
 Tuesday April 11th- host church- St. Phillip AMEZ, Pastor: Doctor Mary Nixon and guest church- Shoulders Branch, Pastor: Eric Underwood

Wednesday April 12th, host church- Mount Holly MBC, Pastor: Isaac Alderman and guest church- Shiloh MBC, Pastor: Benjamin Pittman  
 Thursday April 13th, host church- Shoulder Branch, Pastor: Eric Underwood and guest church- St. John AME, Pastor: Wilma Hansley  
 Friday April 14th, host church- New Hope MBC, Pastor: Doctor Carl McIntyre and guest church- Central Baptist Church, Pastor: Richard Robinson

Saturday April 15th, host church- Mt. Herman MBC, Pastor: Sampson Lemon and guest church- Mount Holly MBC, Pastor: Isaac Alderman  
 Thursday night is Holly Communion. Please wear white if possible.  
 On Sunday April 16th at 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service will be at St. John AME Church with Pastor Doctor Carl McIntyre and New Hope MBC in charge. On Sunday April 9, and Saturday April 15, service will begin at 6:00 p.m.. All other services will begin at 7:00 P.M. each evening.

**New Restoration and Praise**, 4231-F Princess Place Dr. will hold The Cost of My Breakthrough on Sunday, April 9th at 4:00 p.m. The speakers will be Deaconess Germania Munn, Sister Anastasia Simon, Sister Hanayah Little and Sister Shakia Grady.

**The Daughters of Zion of New Jerusalem MBC** will celebrate their annual Candle Light Service on Sunday, April 9th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Willie Sidberry of Shoulders Branch MBC.

## Brunswick County

**Holy Covenant United Holy Church**, 237 Snowfield Rd., SE Leland will present The Seven last Sayings of Christ on the Cross on Saturday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "It is finished but it's not over" There will be guest speakers from the surrounding area. For more information contact Pamela Stanley at 910-231-3170.

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## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Think on these things"

*"Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phillipians 4:8*

Rules for living and themes for our thought life can be found throughout the Word of God. With so much bad news being spread throughout the airwaves, etc. we must maintain our sanity and peace of mind,

by focusing on what God has said.



Sylvia Hooper

In order to obtain and maintain the peace of God, we must gird up the loins of our minds to avoid being overwhelmed from the constant negativity resulting from a constant and unending flow of shocking and devastating news. We must not allow what is happening in the world to get in our spirit. If we do, we will find ourselves victimized by the feelings of paranoia, oppression, depression, fear, and anxiety. We need to ask the Lord to help us confront all negativity with a positive attitude.

We must remember that we are in the world, but not of the world, and what is going on in the world today has already been prophesied by the prophets and predicted by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His words of comfort, to the church, can be found in John 16:33. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Paul picked it up in the Book of Phillipians, when he advised us how to keep a positive attitude in a negative world. No matter how bad things may become, we can stay elevated mentally and spiritually by looking for the grace and mercy of God to be seen in all we go through! No matter how bad things are, they could be worse! We need to evaluate our lives a little closer, so we can appreciate the "good" things that are going on!

If we focus on whatsoever things are true, we will be reminded that God wants His people to be truthful. (Ephesians 4:25) If we focus on whatsoever things are honest, we will take heed to obey God, no matter who disobeys God! (Romans 12:17) When we focus on whatsoever things are just, we realize we have no excuse to do wrong, and mistreat others

if we want to please the Lord! (Proverbs 21:3) If we focus on whatsoever things are pure, we want to keep our hearts pure before the Lord. (Matthew 5:8) says, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

When we focus on whatsoever things are lovely, we realize the worth and value of having the love of God! Ephesians 3:19 says, "And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." There is a good report in the midst of the madness and the sadness, if we would stop and listen to the testimonies of the people of God.

No matter how corrupt things may have become, God will always have a people who have not bowed and will not let go of their righteousness or abandon their moral virtue. Last but not least, there is always something to praise the Lord for! If we would think on these things, we could have a beautiful spirit and a sound mind.

None of the things going on in the world today, can separate us from the love of God and none of these things can remove our names from the Lamb's Book of Life. That is why we have a reason to rejoice. That should be our focus!!! After all we have been through, we still have joy, and our salvation is secure, intact, because we are still in His hands.

Father I ask you in the name of Jesus to keep my mind on things that are positive, so that I will be successful in living a victorious life in this present world. Amen.

Tell Somebody, to Think on these things!!!!

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

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Love, oh love!

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

O what a beautiful morning! O what a beautiful day! It was such a beautiful day to gather at our weekly meeting place! As usual, we were all glad to see each other once again!

Our meeting was called to order by Mrs. Eloise Purdie, she said spoke of how good it was to be there. She asked Mr. George Hill and his choir to come and lead us in our opening selection. If we had been in church the choir loft would be full. What a great sight it was to see! We opened with the singing of "He Touched Me." A

very warm and fervent prayer was prayed by Mrs. Delma Brown. Next we sang, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Minister Doris McQuillan said, "It's a great day and God is good!"

Mrs. Loretta Harriet was the speaker. Her message was taken from 1 Corinthians 13, and the message dealt with love. Love does not count wrongs. The Father loves you because you love me. The Father loves us. We came from God and God is love. People will know you love. How do you claim to love God whom you have not seen and not love your brothers and sisters, whom you have seen? Love never ends. There are three things that will

never end. They are faith, hope, and love. God loves us because of who He is, not what we are. A great old hymn of the church is "Love Lifted Me." "When nothing else would help, love lifted me!"

She admonished us to be kind to one another and show love to one another. Mrs. Harriet left a powerful lesson and was given a great hand for such a great message.

We then had expressions, which are always encouraging. Minister Doris McQuillan thanked everyone and turned the meeting over to Mrs. Purdie. We drew Mt. Ararat Church as the place at which to worship on April 26, 2017.

Minutes were then read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. They were also approved. The roll was called, our trip discussed, and "Callers" report read. The winner was Mrs. Janice Gordon, with 12 present. All the callers were given a hand.

Announcements were read, and the sick report were given by Mrs. Annie Haskin. She reminded us to keep everyone in prayer. We had "Smiles" by Mrs. Mary Martin. She does such a great job.

Our circle was formed, and we sang Bind us Together. Minister Doris McQuillan gave the closing prayer.

There were 58 members present.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## Time to grow up

My Fellow Seniors:

Many years ago, I worked for a company called "Speidel." We made watch bands and sold them around the world. One day a Japanese man joined the company. I never saw him do any work but our supervisors showed him around for several months. I guess they thought he wanted to purchase a load of watch bands and ship them to Japan.

Actually he was there to learn how to make those bands in his own country. A year later we saw watch bands in local

stores that looked just like the Speidel band, but they were made in Japan.



Ruth Johnson

How long can we insist on getting top dollar for our labor and then buying those same goods that were made in another country but cost much less? We are a friendly country. Our doors are always open, but is it possible that they are open a little too

wide? This might sound a little bit Trumpish, but don't toss it. Put it away and look at it again in a few years.

Our politicians need to stop criticizing one another and try to find common ground. They are tearing us apart! We don't take time to look at a proposal. We just ask which party sponsored it. However, we expect our leaders to do better. Grown people should not turn against a proposal just because it came from the other side. I have a grandson who is fond of saying, "I can work with the Ku Klux Klan if I have to."

We need to speak to our politicians and ask them to grow up. This world is not perfect. It never will be, but we need to do all that we can to leave it a better place than we found it.

Maybe it's too late for our generation to make any real differences, but the least we can do is speak out while we have time. If you are not satisfied with the way things are, talk about it and maybe our children can make a difference.

*Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.*

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Bobby McKoy; special mothers, Lois McKoy and Sis. Helen Clark; special nephew, Dana G. Quince (Jackie); special friend/brother, Bishop Joseph Clark (Candy); many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Edwina B. Moe

Edwina B. Moe, age 93, of Winnabow, passed away Friday, March 17, 2017. Funeral services were held Friday, March 24, 2017, at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Edwina Moe was born August 15, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York. She was educated in the public school system and attended two years at Brooklyn College.

Early in life she started attending Sunday school. As time progressed, she became one of the teachers. Eventually, Edwina was the superintendent of several Sunday schools throughout her adult life.

As a youngster, Edwina loved to sing and joined the Excelsior Choir along with other youths within the boroughs of NY. Ten marriages came out of this choir due to the friendships formed over the many years of singing and traveling together. Edwina, being one of them, married Ronald Moe in 1947 and to this union twin girls, Judith and June, were born.

Still teaching in the various churches, Edwina took night classes at the Baptist Educational Center where she studied the Bible in depth. She studied teaching methods, the art of leading devotions, writing lesson plans and public speaking.

Edwina was passionate regarding the rights of individuals, and became quite active in the Civil Rights movement during the 60's. She traveled on many occasions to Washington, DC, for peaceful demonstrations regarding not only civil rights but was an outspoken advocate against the Vietnam War.

In 1961, Edwina began working for the Social Security Administration in midtown Manhattan. She continued to excel and eventually was promoted to Field Representative. As such she travelled across Brooklyn and Manhattan taking claims.

Eventually in 1976, Edwina and her daughter June moved to Virginia where she continued working as a Field Rep out of the Washington, DC office and retired in 1983.

After attending Evangelical Cathedral, Edwina became a member in 1989 under Bishop John Meares. Edwina immedi-

ately started taking many biblical classes at Evangel. She was active as a teacher in children's Church, Saturday morning prayer, and visitation to Manor Care nursing home and an altar worker. During her time at Evangel, in 1993 Edwina was ordained a Deacon under Bishop Don D. Meares.

As hard as Edwina worked, she loved to play as well. As such, she always looked forward to vacations. Her travels took her to several places in Italy, Alaska, Denmark, England, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada and many of the Caribbean Islands. She also travelled throughout the U.S. Edwina especially traveled on numerous occasions to her precious home and love, Barbados.

Upon retiring Edwina took additional classes and became a travel guide in Washington, DC. She thoroughly enjoyed being a tour guide and finally retired in 1998. She started working at her church Evangel Cathedral in the Conference and Special Events office. Edwina finally retired again in 2000.

Edwina leaves to cherish her memory two sons David Carroll (Dorothy); and William Martin (Eloise); two daughters, Judith Moe and June Moe; several grandchildren one of whom Kimberley M. Martin, who was her confidant and assisted in taking care of Edwina until she took her last breath, several cousins, nieces and nephews. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.nc.com.*

## Anthony J. Chance, Sr.

Anthony James Chance, Sr., son of Samuel Chance, Sr. and Mattie Coleman Gillispie (William) born on June 15, 1962 in Duluth, MN. Anthony departed this life on March 20, 2017 at his home in Castle Hayne.

Anthony was a very intelligent young man who graduated with honors from New Hanover High school in 1980. He then went on to attend West Point Prep Academy.

Anthony worked for over 30 years as a Production Advisor, for General Electric.

Anthony married Angela Bullock in 1983. They were married 22 years during which time they had 4 children. Known as the AC Crew. He resided in Walnut Hills for 33 years. He was loved and admired by all the neighborhood kids and was affectionately known to them as "Pops." Anthony was always there to help those in need. He opened his doors to many throughout his life including his sister, Faye Jackson; nephew,

Dariaun Tilghman and godchildren, Tyshaune Johnson and Takita Rivers.

Anthony had many hobbies: bowling with his family and friends and he could also be seen occasionally at "The Spot" gaming. His favorite thing to do was spend time with his Grandchildren who knew him as "Big Poppa."

His memory will forever be cherished by: children, Anthony Chance Jr., Antonette Rogers (Gregory), Antjun Chance and Antony'o Chance; parents, William and Mattie Gillispie and Samuel Chance Sr.; siblings, Samuel Chance Jr (Sabrina), Richard Gillispie (Stephanie) and Tallemeko Lewis; adopted sister, Frances Wilson; grandchildren, Aiyana Chance, Aaliyah Chance and Qiaura Rogers; nieces and nephews, Moniquea Chance, Chaniquea Chance, Samuel Chance III (Erica) and Dawn McClain. Special thanks to Mildred Evans for being a loving, caring friend to our father for so long. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.nc.com*

## Daisy M. Scott

Daisy M. Scott, age 89, of Leland, passed away Friday, March 17, 2017. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 26, 2017, at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church. Burial followed in the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mother Daisy Mae Scott, daughter of the late Aaron and Amy B. Scott was born May 1, 1927 in Brunswick County, NC. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Rosa Lee Scott and Elizabeth McDonald and three brothers, Oliver, James Aaron and Charlie Owens Scott.

She received her education in Brunswick County Schools. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and joined St. James AMEZ Church. She later moved her membership to New Hope Freewill Baptist Church (one of the original founders). Until her health failed she was a faithful member of the Senior Church, Trustee Board, Secretary of Sunday School, Sunday School Teacher, Church Mother, Financial Secretary and Church Musician. Mother Scott was a very loving and affectionate woman. She was full of wisdom. Mother Scott and her siblings were well known for their #1 song "Ezekiel in the Valley of Dry Bones".

Surviving to cherish her memory are: a brother, Benjamin Scott (Vivian) of Leland; sister-in-law, Bertha Scott of Leland; nephews, Herbert Franklin Scott (Patricia) of Tampa, FL, James Finch (Mary) of

Virginia, Milton McCracken of Southport and Robert McKoy of Leland; great nieces, Chowan Simmons of Supply and LaToya Melissa Schott of Long Island, NY; great nephews, Marcus Siles of Shallotte and Bobby McKoy of Leland; god-daughters, Alfredia Cobia (Reginald), Iris White (Joseph) and Veronica Mosley, all of Leland and a very close family friend, Nancy Edge 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 www.davisfuneralhome.nc.com*

## Curtis R. Sumpter

Curtis R. Sumpter, age 56, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM, Friday, March 31, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Burial will take place Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.nc.com*

## Ellen W. McRae

Ellen W. McRae, age 95, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2017. On Friday, March 31, 2017, a visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM, Saturday, April 1, 2017, at St. Marks Episcopal Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.nc.com*

## Amira Y. Berry

Amira Yasmin Berry, age 11 of Greensboro, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2017. Funeral services are pending. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.nc.com*

## William B. Butts

William B. Butts, age 59, of Riegelwood, passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Funeral services will be held 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.nc.com*



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**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Lawrence C. Brown, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Lawrence C. Brown**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **June 13, 2017**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of March, 2017.

Michael Brown  
Executor of the Estate  
of Lawrence C. Brown  
c/o Grieg R. Alley  
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701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Etta Hamilton**, 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 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 16th day of March, 2017

Tiffany N. Hamilton, Administrator  
414 North 13th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Argienell Giles**, 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 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 16th day of March, 2017

Inga Diana Giles-Alston, Executor  
1106 N. Middleton Dr. NW  
Calabash, NC 28467

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Karen Su Tyson, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Karen Su Tyson**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **June 20, 2017**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of March, 2017.

Charles Barry Tyson  
Executor of the Estate  
of Karen Su Tyson  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Annette M. Smith, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Annette M. Smith**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **June 23, 2017**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of March, 2017.

Mark A. Smith  
Executor of the Estate  
of Annette M. Smith  
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March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Marilyn Craver (17-E-272)**, 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 June 16, 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 7th day of March, 2017

Danny Craver, Executor of the Estate of Marilyn Craver  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Eugene Monroe Allen, 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 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 16th day of March, 2017

Glenn Wayne Allen, Administrator  
321 Hixon Place  
Wilmington, NC 28411

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **William Scott Vaughan**, 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 23rd 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 23rd day of March, 2017

Leon T. Vaughan, III Administrator  
232 Rainbrook Way  
Yorktown, VA 23692

March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF**  
**SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT**  
**TO THE ANNUAL PLAN**

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA (WHA) is amending its Annual PHA plan. The WHA owns property on Dawson Street in the City of Wilmington and is exploring options for the development of said property. Development plans are considered a Significant Amendment to the WHA Annual Year Plan.

This is a 45 day notice with an opportunity to present public comments regarding this change.

The draft of the proposed Significant Amendment is available for review of the WHA website at [www.wha.net](http://www.wha.net) and at the WHA Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Comments must be made in writing and presented to the main office located at 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, Attn. K. Schraml or via email to [kschraml@wha.net](mailto:kschraml@wha.net) no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, May 15, 2017.

A public hearing to present the Amendment to the Plan and discuss further comments will be conducted on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 3:00 pm in the Executive Conference Room of the WHA's Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC.

March 23, 30, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT**  
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March 30, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Julia Hickman Cordes**, 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 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 9th day of March, 2017

Ronald Lane Grossi, Executor  
4412 Windtree Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND**  
**CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**IN THE GENERAL**  
**COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
**BEFORE THE CLERK**  
**17 E 270**

The undersigned having duly qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JAMES EDWARD BEACH**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **15th day of June 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of March 2017.

Deborah Allison, Executrix  
Estate of JAMES EDWARD BEACH

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March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Andrew Watkins, III (17-E-259)**, 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 **June 16, 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 7th day of March, 2017

Kristen Fitzgerald, Administrator of the Estate of Andrew Watkins, III  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Larcille Davis**, 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 **23rd 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 23rd day of March, 2017

Catherine Slater Southerland, Administratrix  
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**NOTICE OF EXECUTOR OF THE**  
**ESTATE OF GEORGE A. SAFFO**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF**  
**JUSTICE**  
**SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION**  
**BEFORE THE CLERK**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
**17-E-091**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the **ESTATE OF GEORGE A. SAFFO** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **June 23, 2017** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 23rd day of March, 2017.

A.V. SAFFO, Executor of the Estate of **GEORGE A. SAFFO**,  
NICHOLAS A. SAFFO,  
Executor of the Estate of **GEORGE A. SAFFO**  
WILLIAM J. BATUYIOS, Executor of the Estate of **GEORGE A. SAFFO**  
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March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Maureen C. Maus**, 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 **30th 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 30th day of March, 2017

Jennifer M. Aro, Executrix  
19 N. Acorn Drive  
Boiling Springs, PA 17007

March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Donald Thomas Bryan, 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 **30th 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 30th day of March, 2017

Joanna Robbins, Administratrix  
6379 Old Bailey Hwy  
Nashville, NC 27856

March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Elaine Babiss (17-E-280)**, 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 **June 16, 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 7th day of March, 2017

Lee Babiss, Executor of the Estate of Elaine Babiss  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**ASK**  
**ALMA**  
**with**  
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**My boyfriend's sister is**  
**throwing major shade**

Dear Alma,

I'm in my 50's, twice divorced, with no children. I have a demanding job that keeps me busy and seriously disrupts my social life. I've been dating a man I met in the office. Things are going really well and we agreed to take the next step and meet each other's family. When we met my family all went well. We recently attended one of his family gatherings. While there, I met his sister. He loves his sister and they have a really close relationship. Here's the issue: after we met and he walked away, she was really mean to me and implied that I was not her brother's type of woman and I should not expect a relationship from our friendship. I was shocked, to put it mildly. She was totally crazy with it. I like him and I don't want to end our relationship. Should I tell him what his sister said? If I do tell him, how should I do it? Thank you, I can't wait to hear your take on this.

Signed,  
**Sister Problems**

Dear Sister Problems,

I'm clutching my pearls, right now. Are you serious? What the what! And you let her walk away without tripping her down the stairs? LOL. Okay, maybe that's just what I would have done. Well, she tried to check the wrong one, because you're just not having it. Did you hear me? Hold on a minute, while I turn on my desk fan. I'm not sure if I'm mad as H-E-double hockey sticks or just having a hot flash!

To answer your question: no, don't mention a thing to the man you're dating. You can handle "Sista Shady." Continue down your path with this special guy and see where it leads. Check yourself periodically to make sure it doesn't become a competition with his sister, because you know how we can be. Have fun, do your thing, and if this becomes serious, you know who's peeping in your window. Give her something to watch, because you know how we can be. LOL.

Let me remind you: this relationship is between you and him, and no one else. If he proposes and marriage is in your future, then it's time for the discussion. Again, don't mention his sister specifically, just confide and confirm with each other that neither family members nor outsiders are ever welcome to impede or deliver any 'ish that could potentially come between the two of you. Something tells me, he won't be surprised by the conversation.

Seems to me she's worried that the relationship she has with her brother will change, if he has a special woman in his life. That's a conversation that should take place between him and her, not you and her. Clearly, she's got it twisted. I don't think this is her first sister-brother rodeo, so there's no need to worry right now. However, before you say "I do," you need to let her know her cowgirl clowning ain't never gonna be welcome in your barnyard of blessed assurance!

*Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: [alwaysaskalma@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysaskalma@gmail.com). Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.*

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