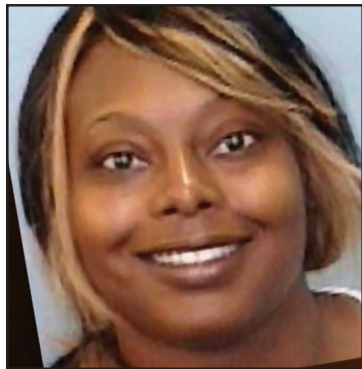


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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BERNEST HEWETT

**Program
Information**

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As I recover from temporary illness, all NAACP business in Brunswick County will be handled by First Vice President Carl Parker. Also, all information on the McCracken Program at Southport and the Mother of the Year Program to be held St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia will come through Mr. Parker. *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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**TRUMP'S BUDGET CUTS
BREAK PROMISE TO HBCUs**

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Have Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in North Carolina been double crossed by President Trump's budget?

It was over a month ago when over 80 presidents and chancellors from HBCBs across the country flew to Washington, D. C. to meet President Trump and members of Congress to discuss more federal funding for their institutions.

Leaders came away from those meetings feeling welcomed and cautiously optimistic that they would be seeing greater support from a Republican President and GOP-led Congress than even from President Obama in the past eight years.

But while Congress has yet to put forward its proposed budget, there

are already concrete signs from President Trump that his promise, codified with an executive order vowing that HBCUs will be "an absolute priority for this White House," is really not as "absolute" as first promised.

Indeed, at the same time the HBCU fly-in conference was proceeding, with GOP leaders, such as Rep. Mark Walker (R-Guilford-6), South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, and even House Speaker Paul Ryan, in attendance to reach out to HBCU leaders, the Associated Press was reporting "GOP lawmakers said there were currently no concrete plans for increased funding" beyond what the Obama Administration supported.

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(NNPA PHOTO)
PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP MEETS OVER A MONTH AGO WITH THE PRESIDENTS AND CHANCELLORS FROM THE NATION'S HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

PLAY TIME



WILLIS RICHARDSON PLAYERS AT ELDERHAUS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Willis Richardson Players visit Pace Elderhaus

BY **LELA THOMPSON**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On March 23, 2017, The Willis Richardson Players presented a program to entertain and visit with the population at Pace Elderhaus. President Benjamin Foreman gave the welcome followed by invocation given by Chaplain Nolan Pittman. Edward Marshburn read the history of the organization. Solos were sung by Louise Harrison, John Bellamy and Benjamin Foreman. Thomas Temony favored the audience with a lovely poem. The other members of the group sang many familiar songs. Many thanks to Mrs. Alice Miller who served as the musician. The audience seemed to be pleased and enjoyed the various activities. They even joined in the singing and dances.

The program was concluded with "His Eye is on the Sparrow" led by Angel Dualeh and remarks by President Foreman. Our hearts were filled with joy and happiness after spending a rewarding afternoon with a cheerful and grateful group.



SEAN PALMER

**Palmer appointed to
the Gullah Geechee
Cultural Heritage
Corridor Commission**

SPECIAL TO THE
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FROM UNCWILMINGTON

Sean Palmer, director of the Upperman African American Cultural Center, has been appointed to the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission. Palmer is among seven new commissioners from each of the four states - North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida -

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**Watson College of Education
to host Rosenwald Conference**

SPECIAL TO THE
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FROM UNCWILMINGTON

The UNCW Watson College of Education will host its biennial conference that focuses on education for African Americans in southeastern North Carolina on April 7.

This year's theme, "The Rosenwald School Legacy, African Americans and Education: Past, Present and Future," will examine the history of segregated schools, desegregation and the role of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the future education of African Americans.

"We host this event to maintain a collective dialogue about African American education in this region, to remember the history of segregated schools, and to use that histo-

ry to create the best possible learning environments for African American students in the present and future," said Donyell Roseboro, chair of the Department of Instructional Technology, Foundations and Secondary Education.

Conference participants will explore the effects of desegregation, current issues facing African Americans in schools and the HBCU experience. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about Rosenwald Schools in Southeastern North Carolina and the building program, which started in 1912 as a partnership between Booker T. Washington and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald.

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that comprise the corridor.

Commissioners were nomi-
nated by the State Historic
Preservation Officers and
appointed by the Secretary of
the Interior. Palmer, who stud-
ied the Gullah Geechee cul-
ture during his undergradu-
ate studies at Macalester
College in St. Paul, MN, will
serve a three-year term.

"I have always understood
the importance of the rich
tradition of the Gullah coast,
but never could I have imag-
ined being honored by such
an appointment," he said.

The Gullah Geechee
Cultural Heritage Corridor
Commission was created by
Congress in 2006 to recognize
the important contributions
made to American culture
and history by African
Americans known as the
Gullah or Geechee, descen-
dants of enslaved West
Africans who settled in the
coastal counties of South
Carolina, Georgia, North
Carolina and Florida.

Palmer will serve on the
commission's programming
committee, working with
organizations on partner-

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According to a March 24,
2017 story in The Atlantic,
titled How Will Historically
Black Colleges Fare Under
Trump? "...the Trump
administration's 'America
First' budget propos-
al...slices federal education
spending by 13.5 percent but
claims to 'maintain' minor-
ity institutions and HBCU's at
around \$492 million, the
same amount the previous
administration initially bud-
geted. But the previous
administration added discre-
tionary spending to that fig-
ure, and the New America
Foundation estimates last
year's sum to be around \$577
million-about 15 percent
more than \$492 million."

The Atlantic article contin-
ued, "According to the budget

proposal, in addition to sig-
nificantly reducing federal
work-study programs, the
Trump administration plans
on eliminating Supplemental
Educational Opportunity
Grants, which offer need-
based aid to around 1.6 mil-
lion low-income undergradu-
ates each year."

A March 16, 2017,
Washington Post article,
titled "After White House
Courts HBCUs, Budget
Disappoints School Leaders"
reported, "There is no men-
tion in the budget of any fed-
eral investment in scholar-
ships, technology or campus
infrastructure for HBCUs
that leaders requested. And
instead of expanding Pell
grants for low-income stu-
dents to cover summer cours-
es as they had asked, the
budget raids nearly \$4 billion
from the program's reserves."

Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-
12), Co-chair of the
Congressional Bi-partisan
HBCU Caucus, was leery of
the Republican outreach
then and clearly felt
redeemed about the lackluster
results thus far.

"...[T]his administration
claimed it is a priority to
advocate for HBCUs but,
after viewing this budget pro-
posal, those calls ring hol-
low," Rep. Adams said in a
March 16, 2017, statement,
also citing "no specific
increases for HBCUs."

"This budget slashes criti-
cal funding for institutions,
students, and their families,"
she added.

"I know, first hand, the
impact that HBCUs make in
students' lives because of the
impact they've made in
mine," Adams continued.
"We must support a plan that

allows our schools to not only
survive but thrive. Instead of
wasting billions on a useless
border wall, Congress should
support a budget that
includes restoration of year
round Pell Grants and the
substantial increase of their
purchasing power, resources
for HBCU infrastructure
improvements, and robust
funding for TRIO, Gear UP,
federal work-study, and other
essential financial aid pro-
grams that enhance opportu-
nities for students."

While it seems clear to
Rep. Adams that HBCUs will
not be, as promised, a priori-

ty of this Republican
President or Congress, some
HBCU presidents, like
Chancellor Elwood Robinson
of Winston-Salem State
University, are still cautious-
ly holding out hope.

"The President's budget
request is just the first stage of
the federal budgeting process,"
WSSU's Chancellor Robinson
said in a statement. "As the
budget is more fully refined in
the House and Senate, we will
continue to work with our law-
makers to ensure that they con-
tinue to invest in America's
future by keeping higher edu-
cation a priority."

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"These conversations are
critical because they bring
together former school edu-
cators, current educators,
university faculty, staff and
students as well as commu-
nity members to engage in a
cross-racial dialogue about
academic achievement for
African American students,"
Roseboro added.

David Cecelski, historian
and author of Along
Freedom Road: Hyde County
North Carolina and the Fate
of Black Schools in the
South, is the keynote speaker.
His book chronicles the 1968-
69 school boycott in Hyde
County, N.C. For a year, the
county's black citizens
refused to send their children
to school in protest of a
desegregation plan that
required closing two histori-
cally black schools in their
remote coastal community.

The conference will begin
at 9 a.m. in the Education
Building, Room 162 on the
UNCW campus. The cost to
attend is \$15; registration is
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The conference is co-spon-
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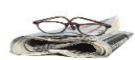
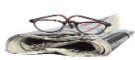
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covered in the press and on MTV. At press time, Smith's family said he is improving after several surgeries.

PAULI MURRAY HOME NOW A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

[DURHAM] Citizens gathered Saturday to celebrate the designation of the childhood home of civil rights attorney Pauli Murray on Carroll Street as a national historic landmark. Ms. Murray, who died in 1985, was known as a champion for women's rights, as well as an attorney, poet and priest. The Murray home is the state's 39th historic landmark. The site will be the home to the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice, scheduled for opening in 2020.

HB 2 IS REPEALED, BUT MANY ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE SUBSTITUTE

[RALEIGH] The controversial "bathroom law" which has cost NC hundreds of millions of dollars in canceled or boycotting business, was finally repealed last week under threat by the NCAA, which promised not to schedule any more collegiate events in the state until 2022. HB2 was finally repealed by the Republican-led NC General Assembly, but the repeal was not clean. In substitute legislation, municipalities are still prohibited from passing nondiscrimination ordinances for gay and transgender citizens. Liberal groups blasted Gov. Cooper and state Democrats for compromising, while conservative groups were angry that their legislative leaders capitulated to the NCAA.

REPORT: INEQUALITY PERSISTS IN NC COMMUNITIES

[FAYETTEVILLE] North Carolina's unemployment rate continues to fall, but economists remind us that those figures may not apply to all segments of the population. A new analysis by the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center found disparities between employment opportunities for people of color and their white peers. Alexandra Sirota, director of the center, looked at data from Policy Link, a national research and advocacy organization, and found a correlation between economically disadvantaged citizens and race. "Many of North Carolina's metro areas are struggling with continued inequality of

opportunity," she said, "particularly around employment." In the Policy Link report, Fayetteville ranked 11th in the country for unemployment among people of color, with a 16 percent jobless rate. By comparison, the city's rate among whites is 9 percent. Both are above the state average of 5.1 percent. Sirota said the state must address factors that contribute to the unemployment disparity, including access to transportation and community-based economic drivers. Sirota said an effective strategy for targeting racial disparities would be for state and community programs to sponsor workforce development specifically for an area with high unemployment. "Making investments that create jobs is critical, whether that be through sup-

porting entrepreneurs or attracting and expanding existing businesses in those communities," she said. "Workers in those communities need to have the transportation connections and the opportunities to make sure their families are taken care of." She said reducing unemployment in specific communities also would help the larger economy overall, through less demand on public services and an increased tax base for the state and federal governments. The Policy Link report is online at policylink.org and a Budget and Tax Center analysis is at ncjustice.org.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Several Black lawmakers co-sponsor poverty task force bill

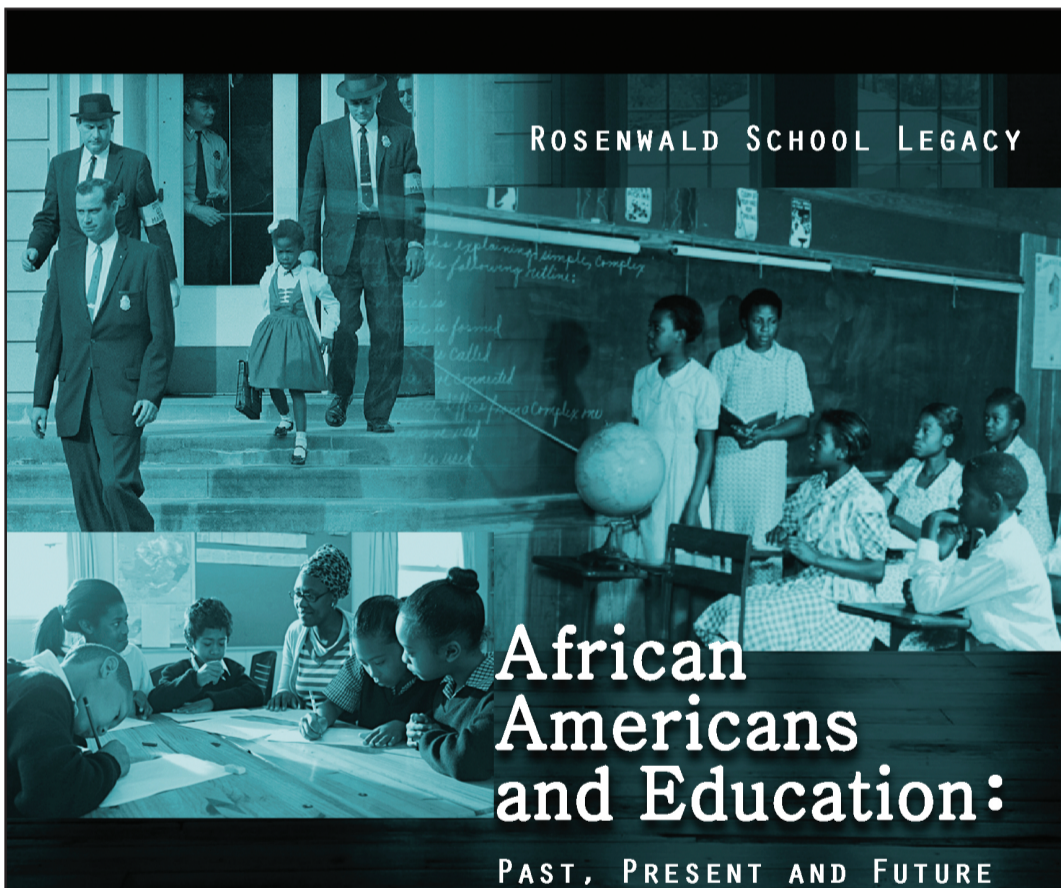
BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Several Black State House members are co-sponsoring a bill to create a statewide poverty task. That measure has been currently referred to the House Appropriations Committee for review. HB 410 - "Root Out Poverty/Task Force Funds" is listed as "an act creating a statewide poverty task force, establishing two new personnel positions in the Department of Health and Human Services, dedicated to poverty reduction and economic recovery and appropriating funds for those purposes." In establishing the poverty task force, the bill reads in part that "...poverty in this State is widespread, especially among minorities and in rural areas and other parts of the State that have lost signif-

icant numbers of jobs." The bill continues that, "a statewide coordinated effort is required to maximize the State's resources to reduce and potentially eradicate poverty among citizens able and willing to work." Among the 15 members of the task force the measure is recommending be appointed are three members of the general public, one member recommended by the NC NAACP, and one member recommended by the NC Latino Coalition. Once convened, the bill states, "The task force shall identify long and short range goals for eliminating poverty in North Carolina and develop a coordinated, integrated, ongoing approach among State agencies, departments, and institutions to reduce poverty in the State by establishing and implementing poverty reduction targets." Rep. Evelyn Terry (D-

District 72) said, "Evidence-based facts now prove permanent spirals of poverty. There's also a correlation between the two PIC's---Poverty Industrial Complex and Prison Industrial Complex." Several Republican representatives did not respond to request for comments for this story.

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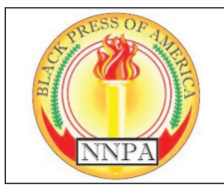
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"SKINNY BUDGET:" Federal budget proposal favors defense contractors but abandons American citizens

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." - Mahatma Ghandi

Some people look at a budget proposal and see numbers. At the National Urban League, we look at a budget proposal and see people.

The Trump Administration's preliminary federal budget proposal - the so-called "skinny budget" -- is a massive transfer of resources from vital services and fundamental social protections into unrequested and unnecessary military spending. It represents a conscious decision to abandon children and other vulnerable Americans to sickness, homelessness, illiteracy, ignorance and unemployment, while fattening the coffers of defense contractors.

The Americans who will be abandoned are not simply numbers on a ledger. They are the thousands of Americans aged 55 and older who have found stable, sustaining jobs through the National Urban League's Urban Seniors Jobs Program. They are the college-age youths, at risk or entangled in the judicial system, whose lives have been transformed by the education, mentoring, counseling and job training they found in the National Urban League's Urban Youth Empowerment Program. They are the tens of thousands of families who have realized the American Dream of homeownership via the National Urban League's housing counseling and foreclosure prevention programs. They are the middle school and high school students getting a new glimpse of their own educational and professional potential from the role models in National Urban League's Project Ready Mentor program.

The budget proposal doesn't cut dollars. It cuts jobs. It cuts educations. It cuts homeownership. It cuts the only hope of a better life for many young people and families.

We have called the "skinny budget" a jobs killer and a dreams killer, but it also would be a literal killer. Without the vital assistance of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, people will surely die in the winter cold. Those who can't afford to pay their heating bills resort to unsafe methods like a kitchen stove or a kerosene heater, leaving them vulnerable to death by toxic fumes or house fires. Abandoning biomedical research means more Americans will die of otherwise curable diseases. Gutting the Environmental Protection Agency means smog, ozone, and mercury will trigger worsening asthma attacks, especially in young children, along with heart and lung ailments, and lead to premature death. Abandoning Violence Against Women programs mean more women will be stalked, harassed, battered and, yes, killed.

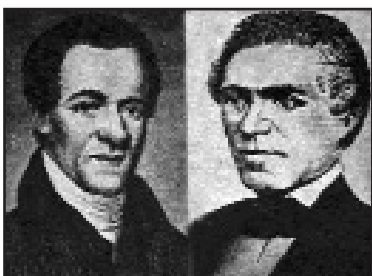
The "skinny budget" is an act of crippling cruelty, a short-sighted plunder of resources to benefit the wealthy at the expense of everyone else. Stopping this disaster is a matter of national urgency, one to which the National Urban League and the Urban League Movement is wholeheartedly committed. We urge all Americans to let their Congressional representatives know we won't stand by while American ideals are abandoned.

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

"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us."

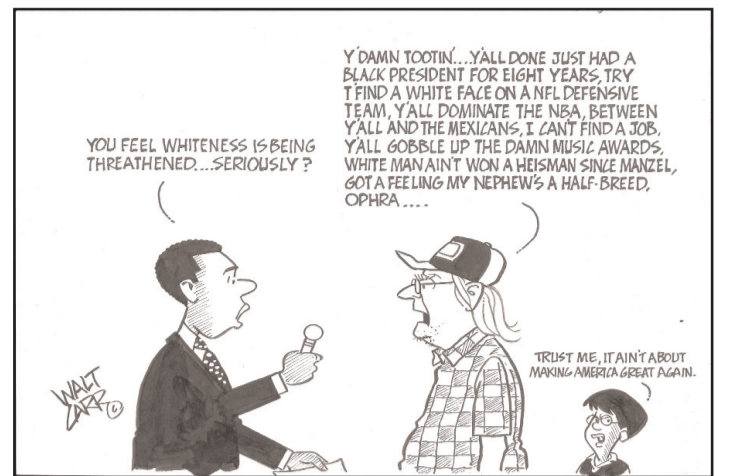
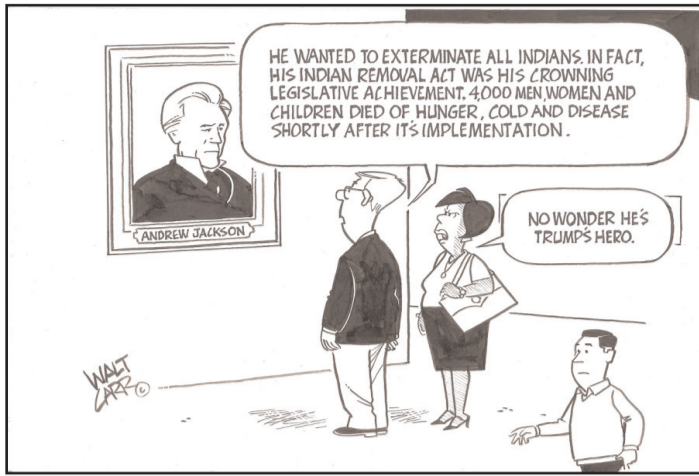
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CARRY GUNS EVERYWHERE? THINK TWICE

Some extreme conservative members of the General Assembly in North Carolina

are so overjoyed with their 2nd Amendment rights that they want to permit people to carry guns "everywhere." I suggest they first allow people to bring their guns into

House and Senate chambers while they are debating for one year. If none of our tough talking (sunshine patriots) are "shot", they can then allow guns at their town hall

meetings, school board meetings and the many upcoming Easter eggs hunts!!!

James J. Hankins
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Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

People are right to fight for decent pay, racial justice

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On April 4, the 49th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, thousands will join Fight for \$15 and the Movement for Black Lives to march in Memphis and in cities across the country in the fight for decent pay and racial justice.

These demonstrations are more than a fitting tribute to Dr. King; they are taking up his unfinished agenda. Dr. King saw the Civil Rights Movement as a symphony with many movements: First came the victory that ended apartheid in America. Then came the victory to guarantee voting rights. In his last days, Dr. King was working feverishly on the third movement, the movement for economic justice, organizing a Poor People's Campaign that would bring together people from across lines of race,

religion and region to demand economic justice. King understood that what he called the "giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism and militarism" had to be challenged to make America better.

In the midst of this, Dr. King came to Memphis, summoned by the courage and sacrifice of black sanitation workers striking for decent pay, job safety, respect and a union. They protested both the racial discrimination they faced on the job and the absence of decent wages and conditions. They demanded a union so that they could stand together and bargain collectively. Dr. King responded to their call because he preached in his last speech that we need to develop a "dangerous unselfishness." The question, he said, is not, "If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?" The question is "If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?"

Now, 49 years later, people are stirring once more. Fight for \$15 began five years ago when fast food workers in New York City went on strike

demanding a \$15 per hour minimum wage and a union. They were dismissed as "unrealistic," even by Democrats. But the movement spread across the country, and now more than 22 million Americans have benefited from an increase in minimum wages, and some 10 million on are on a path toward \$15 an hour as city ordinances step up wages. A \$15 minimum wage is written into the Democratic Party platform, and it is being written into law in more and more cities across the country.

The Movement for Black Lives arose in protest against our criminal injustice system, in which blacks suffer both mass incarceration and too often violence from those who are supposed to protect them. In stunning nonviolent protests across the country, the movement has propelled the cause of reforming the police and discriminatory sentencing practices.

In the last address of his life in Memphis, Dr. King noted that he was happy that the Almighty had allowed him to live in the second half of the 20th century. "Now that's a strange statement to

make," he told those gathered, "because the world is all messed up. ... Trouble is in the land. Confusion all around. ... But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars."

Dr. King was excited because people were on the move; a revolution in human values was beginning. He knew the road was long and hard. He knew there would be setbacks and reverses. But he believed that if "we will but make the right choice, we will be able to speed up the day, all over America ... when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

Today, this is a troubled nation. Inequality has reached obscene extremes. Economic and racial injustice still blights lives and stamps out hope. Yet today thousands of people are making the "right choice," and are on the move, sacrificing to make America a better nation. Surely Dr. King smiles down upon them.

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

Alexander Acosta: Bad news in a slick package

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

By the time you read this, Alexander Acosta, the 45th President's nominee for Secretary of Labor, is likely to have been confirmed by the full Senate. He got narrow approval from the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions by a 12-11 party line vote. I don't

blame the Democrats for opposing the Acosta nomination. In his televised hearing, he was as slippery as Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch, dancing around questions and so exasperating Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren (D) that she said, "This has really been frustrating. You have dodged every one of my questions. None of these were trick questions."

Warren tried to pin Acosta down on overtime rules. Presently, workers who earn more than \$23,660 do not qualify for time and a half, or overtime, pay. Someone who earns that little money is earning just over \$11 an hour. They hardly qualify as "executives". President Obama proposed that the ceiling be doubled, so that anyone earning under \$47,320 could collect overtime. Four million more workers would have overtime protec-

tion. Acosta said he would take the lead from his boss, the 45th President, but indicated that the ceiling should be less than \$47,000. He prefers something in the \$33,000 range.

Will you stand up for workers, Elizabeth Warren asked him? That's the purpose of the Labor Department. We have so many government departments who take care of corporations, but only the Labor Department takes care of the little person. Their regulations on occupational safety and health, pay fairness, and discrimination protect workers when employers are indifferent to their safety and welfare. But the 45th President's "budget lite" proposes a 21 percent cut in the Department of Labor budget. It would eliminate some job training programs, including the Senior Community Service Employment Program, close Job Corps Centers, eliminate parts of the Office of Disability Employment Policy, and eliminate the Occupational Safety and Health Administration "unproven training grants".

This "America First" budget is disgraceful in its frequent use of words like "ineffective", "unproven", "inefficient", and "eliminate", as if there has been any study done, in the scant 60 days of this Administration, to prove inefficiency.

Indeed, while we weren't paying much attention, 45 signed legislation that took away occupational safety protections for those working for federal contractors. Presi-

dent Obama required companies competing for federal contracts to disclose and fix safety violations, but the Senate voted to revoke the Fair Pay and Safe Workplace Rule. Some Republicans said it "wasn't fair" that companies with workplace violations couldn't get federal contracts. They would prefer that contractors who exploit and endanger their workers be allowed to bid on federal contracts without fixing their deficiencies. They want to reward contractors who exploit and endanger their workers.

Acosta doesn't have the baggage that restaurant executive Andrew Puzder, did. 45's first nominee for Secretary of Labor was such a hot mess that he withdrew from consideration. Acosta is a lifelong public servant and now dean of Florida International University's law school, and chairman of the board of the US Century Bank. He has been confirmed by the Senate for other positions, including the National Labor Relations Board and Assistant US Attorney, and he is likely to be confirmed this time around.

Despite the fact that Acosta will be only the first Hispanic on the Trump cabinet, and the fact that his background--Harvard undergraduate and law degrees--seems impeccable, he is likely to be nothing but a disappointment for workers. Not only will he likely do less for overtime than President Obama required,

but he will likely also limit rules that limit worker exposure to cancer-causing substances, and require financial advisors to work in the best interest of their clients. Essentially, he has indicated he will follow 45's lead, and Trump is notoriously anti-regulation.

Acosta had to offer an apology for past behavior. As Assistant Attorney General, he had an employee who described conservatives as "real" Americans. The rest of us, apparently, are "commies and pinkos". Never should have happened, he told the Senate committee. While the apology was appropriate, what, really, does he think of liberals? Will it affect his ability to enforce labor laws?

At least Acosta, unlike his boss, has enough integrity to apologize when he is wrong. But his shillyshallying testimony suggests that he doesn't have many opinions of his own, only Trump's. He doesn't have a problem with the 45th President's plans to shrink the Labor Department and he might support elimination of the Women's Bureau. Acosta is bad news wrapped up in a slick package. His confirmation is a blow to working people.

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CASH IN THE APPLE

But for the grace of God...

It is hard for me to escape the fact that exactly one year ago, I was flat on my back on the fourth floor of UN Cancer Center in Chapel Hill, undergoing aggressive chemotherapy treatment to battle acute leukemia, which was ravaging my blood cells at an alarming rate.

Cash Michaels

I felt like an old rug at the time, and as anyone else who has gone through the same cancer experience will tell you, nothing else mattered except protecting my family, even if it meant sacrificing my own.

So now it's one year later, and I look back and thank GOD for bringing me through. I'm in remission now, and am working to stay that way for as long as possible. I feel much better, stronger, and am thinking and

functioning much better. I still have a limp from the stroke I had in my left leg in November 2014, and I do get tired more easily now (I chalk that up to being 61), otherwise, beyond being overweight, I feel good.

So it is with some irony, a year later; that I find myself here in Princeton, NJ with my wife and daughter, visiting my sister-in-law in the hospital. Without going into specifics, she is not doing well, and the matter concerned us so much we decided to come and lend out support to her adult children.

It was so strange to be in another hospital, this time as a visitor to someone close who was suffering from a debilitating disease. To be with family as they shoulder the strain, and cry the tears, wanting so badly to do something, anything to relieve the pain and suffering of their loved one.

And to have to don rubber gloves and covering just to walk into the hospital room to protect myself because of my

previous condition.

And then there is the wait...the wait for news, any news, some indication that all of the work, care and prayers are somehow making a difference. It seems like slow torture for my sister-in-law's two adult children.

It's times like these now, and what happened to me a year ago, that I also have to wonder exactly what is going on in the minds and hearts of our congress people who are fiddling with the future of health insurance.

Forget what's happened to me or members of my family I've met several other families who are having to put their lives on hold because of a catastrophic illness affecting someone close. The multitude of issues that buildup for families to deal with when it comes health care should be addressed sensitively once and for all, not treated as some ugly political game between a crazy president and Congress.

There is no question that the

longer we make health care a political football in this nation, the more likely it is that more and more people will die...especially the poor.

That may be one of the reasons many people have completely lost faith, AND hope in government. They don't see the people who are supposed to represent them, actually fighting for their interests.

Trust me, if a catastrophic illness hasn't hurt someone in your family yet, and I pray that it doesn't, don't be surprised if and when it does. You'll need all of the comfort and assurance due you and yours. I hope that you and your family get ever bit that is due all of you, because you'll need it.

But for the grace of GOD...go all of us!

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CHILDWATCH

A time to break silence

Fifty years ago on April 4, 1967, our prophet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr gave the historic speech "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" at New York City's Riverside Church. It was his first major public antiwar speech and a powerful warning that a rise in racial hatred, militarism and violence could destroy America.



Marian W. Edelman

In his essay "The Land Beyond," originally published in Sojourners magazine in 1983, Dr. Vincent Harding, the brilliant historian and theologian and close King friend who helped draft the speech, wrote: "Even now it would be tempting to take this cry from the heart of a driven, searching, magnificent brother and file it away as a document for museums and other honorable places. But neither the fiery signals rising from some of our latest potential Vietnams in Central America, South

Africa, or the Middle East, nor the mounting anguish of the betrayed and disinherited of our own land will allow us to escape the unresolved issues of the past or avoid the costly and accurate vision of our comrade in the faith. The speech not only requires us to struggle once more with the meaning of King, but it also presses us to wrestle as he did, with all of the tangled, bloody, and glorious meaning of our nation (and ourselves), its purposes (and our own), its direction (and our own), its hope (and our own)." Dr. Harding was writing on the speech's fifteenth anniversary - yet his instructions for how we should reread the speech are even more searing today on its fiftieth.

Dr. King was speaking out against the Vietnam War specifically but also arguing that "the war in Vietnam is but a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American spirit" and that it was time for our nation to undergo "a radical revolution of values": "When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered . . . A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death." President Trump's very first budget blueprint, which proposes an increase in defense spending for 2018 of \$54 billion (a 10 percent increase) with \$54 billion in cuts to programs serving the poor and vulnerable and addressing basic needs and other non-defense discretionary spending to pay for it, plainly shows Dr. King's message is not being heard or heeded.

Just as starkly and presciently, Dr. King went on to say the revolution in our national values must reject nationalism and hate: "A genuine revolution of values means in the final analysis that our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Every nation must now develop an overriding loyalty to mankind as a whole in order to preserve the best in their individual societies. This call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class, and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all mankind. This oft misunderstood, this oft misinterpreted concept, so readily dismissed by the Nietzsches of the world as a weak and cowardly force, has now become an absolute necessity for the survival of man . . . We can no longer afford to worship the god of hate or bow before the altar of retaliation. The oceans of history are made turbulent by the ever-rising tides of hate. History is cluttered with the wreckage of nations and individuals that pursued this self-defeating path of hate."

Headlines around the world show many nations are teetering on the precipice of this path right now - including our own. So how far down will we let our leaders go without speaking and standing up to intolerance? Dr. King reminded: "We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late." "We must move past indecision to action . . . If we do not act, we shall surely be dragged down the long, dark, and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight."

Exactly one year after "Beyond Vietnam," on April 4, 1968, Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis. In the decades since, our nation has continued to wrestle mightily with our purpose, direction, and sense of justice. In 2017 we are at a very dangerous crossroads. I hope a critical mass of us will, like Dr. King, stand up and act saying: "We have come too far to continue being dragged down those dark and shameful corridors. We must turn around before it is too late. So let us make a mighty noise until our leaders with tin ears hear and reverse course"

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They don't just disappear

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

If I had to speculate about a common thread that weaves its way through the lives of most of my friends and acquaintances, I'd have to say that filtering through the blizzard of information that inundates us daily is our greatest challenge. "Trump tweeted this..." or "Congress ignored that..." or "Korea launched that..." or "No agreement could be reached..." are among the many and varied refrains frequently heard from the media. The truth is that when considering the daily deluge of information it's difficult to prioritize or determine which issues are worthy of our attention and concern. So is life in the era of Trump.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

I am, however, certain of two things: 1. There're some issues far more important than Trump and the conduct of his minions; and, 2. There's nothing more impor-

tant than the care and nurturing of our children - our next generation. In the midst of all the confusion surrounding Presidential conduct, Cabinet selections, Health Care and the myriad of events that cascade upon us, we must stop and ask ourselves an immediate question, "What is happening to our children and where have they gone?"

Far from being isolated to Washington DC, my current location, Black children and other children of color are going missing at a rate that can only be described as alarming. Admittedly, from my perspective, to have any child missing is an alarming event, but the Metro DC area has been plagued with a surge of missing children in the past weeks and months. This is unacceptable under any circumstance, but the lack of attention and coverage by the media makes this bad matter even worse.

The lack of media focus on matters critical to communities of color is hardly new. I surmise that to be the reason I have not seen appropriate media attention, commensurate with my concern about African American and Latina girls/young women, given their growing number

of missing.

Of course, many will, and have already argued that many of those labeled as missing are merely run-aways. Most certainly, there is data that gives partial support to this reasoning, but we cannot ere with a false assurance that this explanation is supportive of the fact of a general trend. Few overtly condone slavery of any kind, sex slavery specifically or human trafficking in any form, but by failing to acknowledge their possibility we do poor respective communities and any possible victims incalculable harm.

As long as we cannot overlook the rapid growth of a sex slavery/human trafficking industry in our nation, we cannot afford to deny the possibility that any of our missing children have fallen victim to this burgeoning criminal enterprise. What we do know is:

- The US State Department estimates that 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year.
- Of the estimated \$150 Billion world-wide income from human trafficking, an estimated \$99 B is attributable world-wide to sex trafficking and, arguably, \$9.5 B are

earned in the US annually.

- 80 percent of human trafficking involves sexual exploitation; 19% involves forced labor.
- 80 percent of those trafficked are female and half are children.
- Trafficking is characterized by exploitation that includes forced prostitution, involuntary servitude and the creation of pornography or commercial sexual exploitation.
- The US Department of Health & Human Services estimates that between 240,000 and 325,000 American children and youth are at risk for sex trafficking each year.
- The average age of teens entering the US sex trade is 12 - 14.

The facts related to sex slavery and human trafficking are far too wide-ranging to discuss in a brief column, but the mere chance that any of our children could be trapped in that cycle of despair requires our thorough investigation of the circumstances of those who go missing.

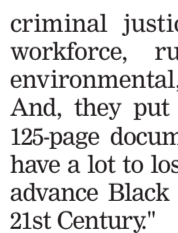
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BLACKONOMICS

What do we have to lose?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

During their recent chit-chat with President Donald Trump, the Congressional Black Caucus members made it plain that they were not there simply for a photo-op or just to engage in meaningless conversation. So, they had a serious discussion about what Black folks need Trump to do in several areas, i.e. education, criminal justice, economics, workforce, rural America, environmental, and health. And, they put it in writing-a 125-page document titled, "We have a lot to lose - Solutions to advance Black families in the 21st Century."



James Clingman

According to news reports, Rep. Karen Bass, D-California, said the group raised "several areas of concern" but added that it was a "positive start." According to Bass, among the concerns raised were Trump's campaign rhetoric depicting African-American communities as "completely lawless," his proposed budget cuts, mass incarceration, and the "rolling back" of the Voting Rights Act. The CBC began its document by giving Donald Trump a Black history lesson, saying, "...to consider the state of Black America without historical context denies the origins of the problems that continue to plague our communities, as

well as the centuries-long battle to bring our people to this point." The CBC cited every era from enslavement to civil rights; the one that drew most of my attention was enslavement.

The document stated, "Slaves literally built this country, including the United States Capitol and the White House. The uncompensated labor of millions of slaves established the wealth of White America, unjust profits that have never been repaid." I got excited when I read that part; I kept reading and assumed I would soon get to see the CBC's demand for reparations, in some form or another to compensate our ancestors' families for their free labor. I kept reading.

Surely I would find their position on reparations in the next section: Reconstruction. I kept reading. The Great Migration period was next-no mention of reparations yet, but I still had hope. Then came The Great Depression, The New Deal, World War II, Jim Crow, and The Civil Rights period. Where was the demand for reparations for Black people, considering everything that was pointed out in the document? I kept reading.

Eureka! Finally, I thought. It has to be in the section titled, "Solutions for the African American Community," which would bring to life the statement its members made in the document, namely, "The CBC has always been committed to actions infused with 'moral clarity' and a desire to honestly and forthrightly represent

the interests of our constituents, the African-American community, and all Americans." Yes, I cringed when I read, "and all Americans," wondering how the CBC could represent the interests of "all," after citing the words of founding member, Bill Clay, regarding Black "permanent interests," at the beginning of their document. Maybe the reference to "all" was written in error: I kept reading.

When I read, "Members have always been at the forefront of issues such as economic security and empowerment..." I knew the organization that calls itself, "The conscience of America," would lay it all out at that point, making its moral case on reparations. I kept reading. Then I read, "Our collective efforts have echoed throughout Congress for decades, and together, we will continue to stand for the many Americans who expect the Caucus to be sound and principled leaders dedicated to progress. Accordingly, we highlight the following problems across several facets of Black life and offer 'bold solutions' to advance Black families in the 21st century."

I kept reading, only to find that each section thereafter, replete with Black problems followed by CBC solutions, said absolutely nothing about reparations. As a matter of fact there was not even an honorable mention of senior CBC member, John Conyers, who has served since 1965, for introducing H.R. 40 and bringing it up each year since

1989. He only asks for a commission to "discuss" the economic impact of 250 years of enslavement, but his resolution has never made it out of committee.

The CBC walked right up to the reparations line in its "We have a lot to lose," document; they made a great case for us, but they failed to cross that line by including reparations in their demands-or should I say, "suggestions" to President Trump. I stopped reading.

Clarence McKee wrote in Newsmax, "Since they [CBC] got virtually nothing from Obama to deal with issues impacting significant proportions of their constituencies, you can bet that they... will demand more of Trump than they ever did of Obama." I don't know, Clarence; Obama did not support reparations either, so maybe the CBC felt bad about asking Trump to do so.

It took a lot of work to write, so I think I will read the document again. A call for reparations has to be in there somewhere.

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JADE Dance Team will hold a Fish Fry on Saturday, April 8th from 11:00 a.m.- 7:30 p.m. at Princess Place Drive between the Bargain Box and Midas. Proceeds will benefit JADE'S Magical Dance Performance in Disney on October 7th.

Community Briefs

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

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JAMES EDWARD OLIVER HANKINS, II

Hankins, II headed to Harvard University

From St. Thomas, Catholic Pre-School to Harvard University.

James Edward Oliver Hankins II received a 1st class education from his dedicated teachers at St. Thomas Catholic Pre-School, Blount Elementary, Noble Middle, Laney High and NC State University.

My wife, Faye Bellamy Hankins, and I are proud to announce his next progressive step up the education ladder. He will take a one year leave from his 8th year teaching Social Studies in the Wake County Public School system to pursue his masters degree in Education Policy at Harvard University!!!

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Spring time with a blue sky

Spring is here, and its getting warmer outside. One can hear the early sounds of birds. It's time to get out of bed, and there's much for which to get out of bed. For instance, some of us love gardening. It is great fun to plant and cultivate such things as herbs, fruits, vegetables, or even flowers. It is the season of the year for you to start gardening. One good thing about gardening is that one may be young or old. Sometimes an adult, more experienced person, may be the gardener and may be assisted by a younger person or vice versa.

Today, more people have gardens near their homes in

the rural areas or plots in a suburban area. On Highway 17 S, in Bolivia, Brunswick County, there is a blue house, which was built in 1941. Near the house is the old garden area, which has long been used for growing for collards. Older neighbors used to look forward to getting free collards from this garden for various special occasions.

Many different things are grown in gardens. Tomatoes seem to be a very popular vegetable to raise. Some use organic materials to fertilize their gardens. This seems to promote more blooms and bigger vegetables. Different gardeners use different tips for better growth and various planting mixes for various herbs, fruit, vegetables, and flowers. We use all kinds of special growth boosters and weed killers. Plants, for the most part, need much sunshine and adequate irrigation

must have the for the best growth.

In a flower garden, there may be any number of popular varieties of flowers. For example just a few are roses, daisies, geraniums and tulips. There may be hanging baskets of flowers in the garden.

Sometimes, it gives a sense of fulfillment to cut fresh flowers from one's flower garden and take them to the homes of senior citizens or sick persons. This is one way to reach out to others and help bring somebody happiness. Ultimately we want to promote healthy living in our community by

Growing and eating our own fruit and vegetable is one way of promoting healthful living for us and our families.

Farmers used to take their fruits and vegetables to the markets in Wilmington, which was an indication of the success they had experi-

enced in gardening.

Besides all the other benefits of gardening, it may also be good exercise more than we even realize it. Many who grew up on farms can testify to this truth.

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.

2017 ROCAME Jamboree for Brunswick County

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
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ROCAME held its annual Brunswick County jamboree on Saturday, March 18, at North Brunswick High School. Three middle schools and three high schools (approximately 100 students, teachers, and volunteers) participated in the math and science events.

The winners of middle school events are: Write It Do It - LaJuan Daniels and Adrianna Floyd, Cedar Grove (CGMS), first; Amileon Williams and Martha Jean Pierre, CGMS, second; Estrella Hernandez and Presley Cerrillo, Shallotte Middle (SMS), third; Metric Mastery - David Bonifacio, Waccamaw (WES), first; Veronica Bautista and Rico Ward, SMS, second; Gnicelle Gilbert and Desiree Velery, CGMS, third; Road Scholar - Morgan Wesley and Sara Dominguez, SMS, first; Brooke Robinson and Aiden Wilkie, CGMS, second; Ashley Esquivel and Raygaina Jones, SMS, third; Egg Drop - Savannah Simmler and Madison Martin, CGMS, first; Estrella Hernandez and Veronica Bautista, SMS, second; Katherine Nguyen and Sara Dominguez, SMS, third; Mystery Architecture Shakira Johnson and Nija Bryant, CGMS, first; Brooke Robinson and Zoe Strattman, CGMS, second; Araseli Ascencio and Jackie Yanez, WES, third; Science Clue - J'Kira Marlowe-Hill and Martha Jean-Pierre, CGMS, first; Teo Ruiz and Lexi Gilliland, CGMS, second; Morgan Wesley and Ashley Esquivel, SMS, third; Science Project - Aiden Wilkie, CGMS, first; Presley Cerrillo and Estrella Hernandez, SMS, second; Pentathlon - Katherine Nguyen, Edwin Olmedo, Emily Bonifacio, and Dulee Dominguez, SMS, first; David



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NORTH BRUNSWICK WON THE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Dorsey, Michael Sebastain, Deyri Perez, and Diana Bolanos, WES, second; Aiden Wilkie, J'Kira Marlowe-Hill, Lajuan Daniels, Lauren LaRue CGMS, third; PowerPoint - Zoe Strattman and Rose Green, CGMS, first; Maria Hernandez and Ashley Esquivel, SMS, second; Diana Padilla, Zulemo Uresti and Jackie Yanez, WES, third; Oratory - Savannah Simmler, CGMS, first; Jayni Smith, WES, second; Jordan McCall, SMS, third; Engineering (NACME) Test - Maria Hernandez, Presley Cerrillo, Dulce Domingues, and Ajia Steve, SMS, first; Robotics - Teo Ruiz and Lexi Gilliland, CGMS, first; Edwin Olmedo, Jade Harbin, and Emily Bonifacio, SMS, second; Michael Sebastain and David Dorsey, WES, third; ElectroGames - Aleysha Vazquez and Rose Green, CGMS, first; Cameron Gilbert and Araseli Ascencio, WES, second; Madisan Martin and Olivia Mehalick, CGMS, third; Quiz Bowl - Jahlel Gore, Cameron Gilbert, David Bonifacio, and Charli Witherspoon, WES, first; Maria Hernandez, Katherine Nyugen, Presley Cerrillo, and Dulce Dominguez, SMS, second; LaJuan Daniels, Teo Ruiz, Martha Jean-Pierre, and Brooke Robinson, CGMS,

third. The middle school championship trophy was won by Cedar Grove Middle. Shallotte Middle and Waccamaw Elementary placed second and third, respectively.

High school winners are: Write It Do It - Michelle Hewett and Jazmin Torres, West Brunswick High School (WBHS), first; Aliah Johnson and Calien Goodman, North Brunswick High (NBHS), second; Angel Johnson and Veronda Blue, NBHS, third; Metric Mastery - Isiah Bell and Darnell Brooks, NBHS, first; Jordyn Rascoe and Shavonna Ballard, NBHS, second; Road Scholar - Jada Carter and Maya Bernecker, NBHS, first; Egg Drop - Destiny Kinston and Cailen Goodman, NBHS, first; Veronda Blue and Angel Johnson, NBHS, second; Jazmin Torres and Michelle Hewett, WBHS, third; Robotics (3 student Max.) - Darrel Brooke, Isiah Bell, and Jordyn Rascoe, NBHS, first; Mystery Architecture - Junior Santamaria and Eduardo Garcia, WBHS, first; Kyerra Kinsey, SBHS, second; Michelle Simmons and Shaunayza Grainger, NBHS, third; Chemistry Clue - Aliah Johnson and Sarah Bell, NBHS, first; Majesty Holden, SBHS, second; Maya Bernecker and Jada Carter,

NBHS, third; Pentathlon - Destiny Kinston, Travis Lowe, Chris Brooks, and Sarah Bell, NBHS, first; Jazmin Torres, Michelle Hewett, Monty Stanley, and Cinnamon Page, WBHS, second; ElectroGames - Majesty Holden and Macaiah Robinson, SBHS, first; Ivori Cobb and Michelle Simmons, NBHS, second; Shaunayza Graingers and Shakim Murphy, NBHS, third; Quiz Bowl - Veronda Blue, Aliah Johnson, Jordan Rascoe, and Maya Bernecker, NBHS, first; Monty Stanley, Cinnamon Page, Junior Santamaria, and Eduardo Garcia, WBHS, second;

PowerPoint - Jordyn Rascoe and Shakim Murphy, NBHS, first; Oratory - Macaiah Robinson, SBHS, first; Miracle Lawson, NBHS, second; Engineering (NACME) Test - Maya Bernecker, Jada Carter, Isiah Bell, and Darnell Brooks, NBHS, first. The high school championship trophy was won by North Brunswick High School. West Brunswick and South Brunswick placed second and third, respectively.

The jamboree sponsors were Food Lion (Leland), Harris Teeter (Leland), Wal-Mart (Leland), McDonald's (Brunswick Co.), and Archer Daniel Midland (ADM), Southport.

Brunswick County Solid Waste/Recycling

2017 Events

Free Dump Week

April 10 through April 15, 2017

Brunswick County property owners and residents may dispose of all materials, except for regular household trash and new construction debris, at the Brunswick County Landfill free of charge. Metal, tires, electronics, latex paint, and yard debris can be disposed of during free week but they must be placed in their designated area.

Commercial vehicles will be charged normal tipping fees.

Must show proof of Brunswick County property ownership or residency.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

April 15, 2017

The Brunswick County Solid Waste Department will be at Shallotte Middle School, 225 Village Rd., Shallotte, from 9 am to 12 pm to collect household hazardous waste. Items will be taken free of charge from Brunswick County property owners and residents.

Must show proof of Brunswick County property ownership or residency.

Some items that are accepted at the HHW collection are non-latex paints, stains, insecticides, herbicides, household cleaners, pool chemicals, and aerosol cans.

For items not mentioned please contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste Department at (910)253-2520.

All items brought to the event must be labeled.

The staff onsite reserves the right to refuse any item brought to the event.

Electronics, latex paints, fluorescent bulbs, automotive fluids, clothing, and batteries are not included in the HHW collection. However, they are recycled at the Brunswick County Landfill year round. There is no charge for this service.

The following materials cannot be accepted: ammunition, radioactive materials, smoke detectors, infectious or biological waste, explosives, shock sensitive materials (crystallized ethers, picric acids, etc.), and non-household materials.

These events are sponsored by Brunswick County Solid Waste & Recycling and through the partnership of NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, and Keep Brunswick County Beautiful.

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED KERR AVENUE (S.R. 1175) INTERCHANGE AT U.S. 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY) IN WILMINGTON NEW HANOVER COUNTY

TIP PROJECT NO. U-3338C

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed interchange at Kerr Avenue (S.R. 1175) and U.S. 74 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway) in Wilmington. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Rachel Freeman Elementary School of Engineering, located at 2601 Princess Place Drive in Wilmington.

The public may attend at any time during the hours mentioned above. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit written comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by May 5, 2017. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

For additional information, contact Jonathan Mitchell, NCDOT Division Project Development by mail: 5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429, by phone: (910) 341-2000, or via email: jwmitchell1@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Jamille Robbins, Human Environment Section via e-mail at jarobbins@ncdot.gov or by phone (919) 707-6085 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

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Letha M. Bennerman

Letha Mae Bennerman entered into rest on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Silver Stream Health and Rehabilitation Center, in Wilmington, NC. Funeral services were Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at St. James A.M.E. Zion Church. Burial followed in St. James A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery.

Letha Mae was born on August 4, 1932 in Leland, NC to the late Jake Robinson and Mary Lizzie Burton-Robinson. She was reared in Brunswick County then moved to Wallace where she met and married the late Hoover Bennerman. Letha Mae then moved to New Haven, CT where she raised the majority of her children.

She returned to the south to assist with the care of her Uncle Purcell, prior to his death. The Lord then called her to assist Purcell's wife, Mrs. Lucille Scott Robinson, with her daily affairs. Letha Mae and Lucille then together became Pillars of the Snow Field Community, which ended up being Letha's resting place.

Letha Mae was preceded in death by her husband as well as nine of her children; Minnie L. Bryant, Sara Greene, Cecil Jr., Edward, William, Charles, Vernell, Donnell and Dave.

Letha Mae leaves behind to cherish her memories her aunt, Lucille Scott Robinson; sons, James "Bill" Bennerman (Annie) of Goldsboro, NC, Odell "Ike" Bennerman of Currie, NC and Irving Bennerman (Ann) of Leland, NC; daughters, Virginia Bennerman-Scott (Keith) of Brooklyn, NY and Dorothy M. Bennerman of Leland, NC and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Curtis R. Sumpter

Curtis Randolph Sumpter went to be with the Lord, Saturday March 18, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina. He was born July 9, 1960 to Robert and Gerthell Sumpter at James Walker Memorial Hospital here in the city. Funeral services were Friday, March 31, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Curtis grew up here in Wilmington where he graduated from John T. Hoggard High School class of 1978. He later attended A&T University, Greensboro, N.C. until his accident in 1982.

At an early age he attended Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church under the Pastoralship of Rev. Lonnie F. Boone.

"Butch" as he was known by his family and friends was always full of life, although his accident left him a paraplegic, he never allowed that to keep him from enjoying life. He was the one who believed that family should stay together, and he always planned family get togethers with dinners or cook outs.

Butch was not able to attend church as often as he wanted,

but he knew the real church was in him and he tried to show it to others. There were times when the family thought he was suffering, he would say "I know Jesus and I am all right."

He leaves to cherish his memories his father, Robert Alexander Sumpter, Sr. his mother, Sadie Gerthell Hyman Sumpter, three brothers, Robert Alexander Sumpter, Jr. "Bobby Jr." (Brandy), Juan Andra Sumpter (Mattie) and Wallace Dailey "Gator" two aunts, Everlina Sumpter Mitchell and Rev. Margaret Hyman Irving (Emmett "Sonny"), one uncle, Tommie Spearman, three nephews, two nieces, and a host of family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Amira Y. Berry

Amira Yasmin Berry, age 11 of Greensboro, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2017. Funeral services were held Friday, March 31, 2017 at St. Marks Episcopal Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

Ellen W. McRae

In the wisdom of our Heavenly Father, the gentle spirit of Ellen Inez Williams McRae was called home to rest on March 22, 2017, at Azalea Nursing Care, Wilmington, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Annie Robbins Williams of Leland, North Carolina. Funeral services were held, Saturday, April 1, 2017, at St. Marks Episcopal Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Due to her frail health, she was not told that her older sister, Adell McDowell passed on February 14, 2017. The two sisters used to visit; often laughing, reminiscing, and sharing talk of their aches and pains. They missed this time together when they were in nursing care, but we take comfort that they now have eternity together. Born on November 20, 1921 in Leland, North Carolina, she was the fourth of seven children. She attended Brunswick County Schools, and united in holy matrimony to Willie McCrae on April 15, 1936. Together they moved to Wilmington, where she lived until her death.

She was possessed of a quiet dignity and easy spirit, slow to anger, easy to love. She was a life-long member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and continued to attend until her health prevented her from being there in person. She and Willie reared their ten children in the church. She loved St. Mark's and volunteered to serve whenever and wherever she was needed. When the girls were young, she even sewed all the robes for the junior choir.

Sewing was her life-long passion and she was a master

seamstress who could make anything. She made drapes and upholstered furniture and always thought there was room to grow and learn. At night, when the children were put to bed, and after a long day's work, she sat at her sewing machine; long into the night. The gentle humming of the machine would lull the house to sleep. She created patterns and made all of her daughters' clothes. She worked many years as a seamstress and alterations expert. Her love showed in everything she did for us.

In addition to her parents and husband, she will be met in heaven by her loving daughter, Nella Mae Denson and son-in-law, Charles Denson; daughter-in-law, Rosezelle; beloved granddaughters, Desiree Hall and Wendy Jones; step-father, Doshier Robbins; brothers, Elmer and Harvey Lee Williams; sisters, Adell McDowell and Ernestine Fleming; sisters-in-law, Ruth and Willimae and brothers-in-law, John Fleming and Thomas McDowell.

Ellen leaves to mourn and cherish her memory; her children: Willie Jr. (Vivian), Robert, Herbert "Reece" (Ermalynn), and Michael, all of Wilmington, NC, Anthony (Teresa) of Fredericksburg, VA, Hortense Henderson of Oxon Hill, MD, Catherine Hall of Marlton, NJ, Ellen Green of Wilmington, NC and Deborah McRae of Montgomery Village, MD; 46 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; brother, LeRoy Williams of Leland, NC; sister, Alethia Grady of Wilmington, NC; and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

William B. Butts

William B. Butts, age 59, of Riegelwood, passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

William was born on December 1, 1957 and was the fourth child of Jennette Butts and William D. Butts.

Lovingly known as "Brad" by family and "Josh" by his close friends, he graduated from Acme Delco High School and received his associate degree from Southeastern Community College (Whiteville, NC). Brad then matriculated at East Carolina University, where he was a member of the soccer team.

After college, Brad became the Manager of a K&B Toy store. Later in his career, he became a Teaching Assistant A.C. Flora High School in Greenville, SC. During this time, he pursued his passion for traveling abroad. Upon leaving Greenville, SC, Brad resided in the Raleigh-Durham area; later to return home to Riegelwood, NC and become a caregiver for his parents. Brad loved the Lord; he loved his family; and he loved his friends.

His mother and sister, Belinda Perkins, preceded Brad in death.

Brad is survived by his father, William D. Butts; sister, Janice (Henry); brothers, Reginald (Connie), Roy Moody (Anita) and Charles; 11 nieces and nephews; 14 grand-nieces and grand-nephews; 1 great grand-nephew as well as a host of cousins. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Curtis A. Webb

Curtis A. Webb, son of the late James and Mable Webb, was born June 8, 1952. He departed this life Friday, March 24, 2017 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center in Wilmington, NC. His Memorial Service was held Saturday at Evergreen A.M.E. Zion Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Horace Webb and Ulysses Webb; and, his sisters, Evelyn Webb, Magdalene Murphy and Gwendolyn Morris. Curtis is survived by his wife, Letha Webb; two sons, Kyron Sutton (Angie) and Kevin Young; two daughters, Daphne and Tammy Webb; two very special grandsons, Rashone Jackson and Kevin Young, Jr.; five granddaughters, Kadeisha Bonner (Alan), Keonna Weston, Kyra and Aubrey Sutton and Breonna Gordon; three great-grandchildren Zenobiah, Zena and Uzziah Bonner; two sisters, Betty and Ruth Webb; five nieces, Diane Webb-Freeman (Rodney), Ruth Hansley

(Wendell), Bonita Pearson (Fred), Jennifer Hammond and Danita Beatty; one nephew, Curtis M. Webb (Jocelyn); mother-in-law, Geneva Bethea; FATHER-IN-LAW, Foster Young; two sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law; special friends, his dog "Jag", Reverend Michael Jackson, Jimmy Webb, Charles Fields, Ricky

Fields, Mack Freeman, Jr., and Jennifer Gordon, and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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In Loving Memory Of



Our Mother Willie Mae Faison Murphy
Sunset: April 7, 2005

We did hear your last farewell, not your final sigh. We only knew you slipped away, with a last good-bye. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. Sadly missed by Your son, Alexander Murphy; daughters, Deloris M. Devane, and Celeste R. Murphy, grandchildren and great grandchildren

In Loving Memory Of



Delonte O'Mar Brunson "Mr. VIP"
Sunrise- October 5th, 1981
Sunset- April 8th, 2010

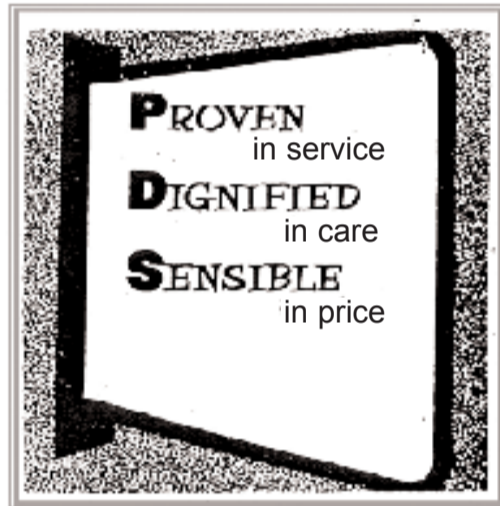
It has been seven long years since you were taken from us, It seems like only yesterday, but seems like an eternity without you. Your beautiful smile, although we see it in pictures, it's truly missed. You gave meaning to every life you touched and you certainly touched many.

We love you and miss you "Delonte" with all of our broken hearts, and always will.

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Jennifer & Javoke Terrell

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- Shoulders 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 Haniyah 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.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Male Chorus will celebrate their 46th Annual Anniversary 3 p.m. on April 9, 2017. Several individuals, groups and choirs will be singing. The celebrations are being held at Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

Are politicians tearing us apart?

My Fellow Seniors:

In my last article in *The Wilmington Journal*, I said our politicians are tearing us apart. A few days, later I read an article in *Oprah Magazine* about ten women who came together to discuss politics. Some of them were Democrats and some were Republicans. The meeting was very cordial. Each person spoke and everyone listened.

So was I wrong in saying our politicians are tearing us apart? Yes and no. The meeting was about politics but not by politicians. They were just ordinary people. All of the participants were women, and they were very cordial. However, of course, we understand that a written report in a magazine is not like seeing it as

it happens.

There may have been flare ups which were not recorded in the article. Oprah just gave us the main points, but she covered the meeting well! It was a roundtable discussion, and they were served with coffee and cakes. Each woman took a turn to speak, and everyone listened without interruptions. If the President had called such a meeting, the participants would have been at each other's throats.

The fact that the meeting went so well says a lot about the woman in charge. She was both humble and confident, a combination we don't see very often. Oprah was a poor and abused child, but look at her now! She has had over 37,000 one-on-one interviews. Therefore, she knows a few things about people. If I'm still around for the next election, I intend to vote for Oprah.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

OBITUARIES

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Callie Jackson Samuel

Callie Jackson Samuel, 95, transitioned to be with the Lord on March 25, 2017. She was born on January 4, 1922 in Pavo, GA to the late Oprey and Lewis Jackson, the youngest of 17 children. Graveside service was held Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Wilmington National Cemetery.

Callie was preceded in death by her husband, Willie James Samuel; a daughter, Doris Bentley; along with 8 brothers and 8 sisters. Callie gave her life to Christ several years ago and often reflected on the precious moment. Callie settled in Wilmington and spent most of her years working in the domestic field. She enjoyed her work so much that she retired at the age of 85. Her fondest love was spending time with her children and gardening. She loved her flowers. Her special flower, geraniums was used to beautify her porch. Callie was a woman of wisdom and was often sought out by those around her for guidance and direction.

Callie leaves to cherish her memories: two sons Alonzo Samuel and Leon Samuel Barnes (Carletta); one daughter, Pauline S. Richardson; two special nieces, Naomi Williams and Deloris Jackson; a special grandson, Eddie Lee Moore (Arnedra); seven grandchildren; 19 great-great grandchildren; 6 special friends, Lillian Rattley, Eva Williams, Mary Caperton, April Pittman, Louise Bonsignore, Edna Caperton; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Vida Rozita Lewis Gore

Vida Rozita Lewis Gore was born September 3, 1962 in Wurzburg, Germany to Cornelious and Vida Lewis. She transitioned from this earth to be with the Lord on March 27, 2017 in Winston-Salem, NC after a brief battle with Leukemia. Funeral service for Rozita was held Friday, March 31, 2017 at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel, Winston-Salem, NC. Grave-side service was Monday, April 3, 2017 at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Wilmington, NC.

Rosita accepted Christ at an early age. Growing up, she was a fun and smart child who was always getting into trouble with her younger brother, Zachary. Rozita's heart and soul was her son, Brian. She was proud of his life's achievements. Rozita enjoyed going to work and looked forward having a good laugh with her co-workers. Her career spanned from Birmingham, AL to the Federal Government as a Human Resources Specialist with USPS and Dept. of Veterans Affairs. She also was an advent CNN watcher and Panther fan (she loved her Cam Newton and that "#1 Jersey"). You could never find a more "down to earth, corks sense of humor, and detail oriented person" than "Z".

She was preceded in death by her brother, Zachary Lewis. Rozita leaves to cherish loving memories: her son, Brian Buckhana (Denise); her father and mother; Cornelious and Vida Lewis of Wilmington, NC; her brother, Jimmy Richburg (Barbara); her favorite aunt, Theresa (Jerry) Jones; her puppy, "Ruger"; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

"Damascus Experience"

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The opening selection for the Senior Citizens' Fellowship for today was "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." Sharon Pollock led us in a most powerful and uplifting prayer. We thank her such a wonderful prayer. The next selection was "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Our speaker for today was Minister Henrietta McGlenn. Her topic was "Damascus Experience." She reminded us that we need Jesus above everything else. She raised

the question with us, "Have you ever had a Damascus experience?" At first, Paul's name was Saul, but, after he met the risen Christ on the Damascus Road, his name was changed to Paul. Saul was one of the most sought after men around. He thought he was all powerful and that he could do anything he wanted.

Her main point was that God had made a change in us at any time He chooses. She reminded us that, though Saul had gotten away with many things done against God's children, when he met Jesus on the Damascus Road,

he saw the light and made a change! She would have us remember that it is hard to kick against God. We must not forget that God is watching all of us all the time, and He is still in charge.

Minister McGlenn ended with a poem, "Make the Most of Every Day." We take the opportunity to thank her for such a wonderful message. We really enjoyed it. Callers

The minutes were read by our secretary, Mildred Ellerby, and we thank her for the updated report. After the reading of the minutes, it was time for report from the "Callers." Frances B.

Matthews had the most members present. We extend a big "thank you" to all the "Callers," and we thank all those members who were present today.

Announcements and remarks were given, and the sick report was given by Anna Haskins. Mary Martin again presented to us "Smiles," and we again thank her for the laughter, for it is truly good for the soul.

Our circle was formed, and Minister H. McGlenn led us in the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned, There were forty-nine members present today.

TELL SOMEBODY

The King is Coming

"And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." St. Matthew 21:9

Hosanna Defined : Save Now We Pray

Psalm Sunday, which is the Sunday before Easter, is one of the most important days in the Christian calendar. It marks the beginning of Holy Week and commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The King is coming!!!
Psalm Sunday gives the church occasion to reflect on the final week of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ leading up to the crucifixion.. It is a time to prepare our hearts to remember the agony of his Passion and the joy of his resurrection. It is indeed, a time of rejoicing!! The King is Coming!!!

When Jesus made his entrance into Jerusalem, prophetic fulfillment was taking place. "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt

the foal of an ass." Matthew 21:5

These words were witness to the prophetic word spoken by the Prophet

Z e c h a r i a h 9:9, when he spoke the w o r d s , " R e j o i c e greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

"And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitude that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the

name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21: 9-10
Hosanna defined, means Save now We Pray!

Psalm 118:25,26 says, "Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord." It's a wonderful thing to know, that people still want to be saved!!!

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12
"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28

"For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Romans 10:11 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Dr. Bernice King tells gathering to "rise above" anger and animus

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The Rev. Dr. Bernice A. King, at the close of Women's History Month, electrified an audience of men and women at the National Press Club, challenging them to rise above bickering with people with whom they may have political and cultural disagreements and find common ground - including with President Donald Trump.

In a speech she called, "What Does the Black Lives Matter Movement and Trump Have in Common?" she focused on the reality of the anger and animus on one side and the disgust, concern and fear of Trump on the other. She said the way to move forward from the vilification hurled from both sides is to find common ground.

"We need people to rise above it and engage in conversation, real conversation," she advised. "We're not hearing each other right now because we're not listening. We're trying to react to what is said. We have to realize that that individual (with whom we disagree) is still of value. We have to win over people. The next generation is watching us for cues."

"We must listen and hear even though we don't want to," she continued. "We should not be drawing the line, unfriending people on Facebook, disconnecting links on LinkedIn or dragging them on Twitter. We must resist separation in the face of difference. We must love unconditionally..."

Chief executive officer at the King Center in Atlanta, Dr. King was keynote speaker at the 7th annual Stateswoman for Justice Luncheon and Issues Forum, sponsored by the Trice Edney News Wire. The event, also in celebration of the 190th anniversary of the Black Press, drew about 200 men and women to the Press Club even in chilly, rainy weather.

The youngest daughter of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King caused a stir and murmurs in the crowd as she prefaced her remarks by warning the packed ballroom that her comments about Black Lives Matter and Trump might cause some discomfort.

"Now I'm going to say some things that might be a little different and controversial," she

said with a wry smile. "I'm pushing the envelope. What do they have in common? They have awakened in us deep down divisions that in many respects we have tried to avoid, ignore, deny. I don't know about you, but I'm very concerned about that."

The Spelman College graduate who has a Bachelor's Degree in psychology and a Masters of Divinity and Doctorate of Law from Emory University, went on to say that "there's a deep polarization that exists in our nation and in fact, it's potentially getting worse...Dr. King tried to teach us how to live in a world and co-exist with all of these different ideologies. What he left is an important blueprint that we cannot escape if you're going to create a just, equitable world. He gave us plans and a strategy: chaos or community."

She offered Black Americans four policy and moral prescriptions they should pursue if they hope to achieve the justice and equality for which her father fought and died:

She said the Black community must be willing to value and embrace all of the community and all aspects of justice.

She said they and others must realize that we're all on the same boat - that justice can't be narrow and one-sided.

She said there is a great need for people who're working to forge an agency for justice and who value long-term strategic planning in that area.

Lastly, she said the community needs people who value building the "beloved community."

King's remarks magnified the growing racial, social and cultural divide that has been exacerbated by a vitriolic presidential campaign, Trump's naked appeals to race and his masterful stoking of racial fears. Sensing the anxiety and feeling of disenfranchisement White voters carried, he spoke to their anger and their belief that Washington, African Americans, Latinos and immigrants had conspired against their interests.

Hazel Trice Edney, president/CEO of Trice Edney Communications and Trice Edney News Wire - convener of the luncheon and forum - also assembled a distinguished

panel of Black leaders to discuss the topic, "Listen Up America: Forging Our Agenda for Justice." Panelists were Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes, chair of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA); former Bennet College President Dr. Julianne Malveaux, a noted economist, businesswoman, author, and commentator; Dr. Lezli Baskerville, Esq., president/CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO); Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; and Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, an award-winning journalist, minister and author of the autobiography of Coretta Scott King, "My Life, My Love, My Legacy."

Howard University's Yanick Rice Lamb, journalist, author and chair of the Radio, TV and Film Department, moderated the lively panel discussion. During her remarks, Malveaux drew laughter when she told King that she had to part ways with the reconciliation aspects of her keynote speech.

"My sister, I'm a Baby Panther and a cynic. Even though my doctor said fisticuffs isn't good for my health and my girlfriend said she's going to let me stay in jail for 24 hours," said Malveaux, who leaned forward and gestured with her hands to accentuate her comments. "I'm resisting. I am a fighter because in every good we saw in Dr. King, we've seen an erosion. As Rev. Willie Barrow said, 'We're not as divided as disconnected.'"

Clarke expressed her deep concern about the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the US Supreme Court, who she described as an extremist who is wholly unsuited to be elevated to the High Court.

"This Supreme Court nomination has tremendous implications for us as black people in Voting Rights, healthcare and the death penalty," Clarke said. "We deserve a justice who will fairly interpret civil rights and Constitutional laws."

She also condemned Attorney General Jeff Sessions, saying he didn't have to character or compassion to



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Dr. Bernice King addresses the Stateswomen for Justice Luncheon and Issues Forum.

properly serve the people, especially African-Americans.

"The US Department of Justice is led by a man who couldn't bring a more hostile attitude. He voted against hate crimes as a senator and he is pro-police," Clarke continued. "We need to bring pressure to let him know that he must put aside his personal and political views. Mass incarceration is an issue we cannot turn a blind eye to. He has supported the return to the use of private prison and he has abandoned police reforms."

During an audience question and answer session, women and men touched on multiple topics such as the disrespect meted out to women. A specific reference was to Trump Press Secretary Sean Spicer, whose exchanges with White House Correspondent April Ryan have recently been criticized as disrespectful. In a condescending way, he once told her to stop shaking her head. Concerns about missing Black and Brown girls and Fox's Bill O'Reilly's disparaging remark about Rep. Maxine Waters wig were also discussed.

"I'm furious and angry up here and I'm still not gracious," Rev. Reynolds said forcefully as dozens in the audience stood and applauded. "I'm angry at how Rep. Waters was disrespected. He didn't look at her record. We can take it off and pull it off because it's ours! April Ryan was disrespected and she's a grown woman. She can shake her hair, her finger, any part of her! We need to shake it up!"

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE 15-SP-414

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered from Ricardo Martells and Kirk Martells and Sandra Martells a/k/a Sandra Reynolds Martells dated March 28, 2007, and recorded March 28, 2007, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 5160 at Page 2405, and Order and Judgment recorded August 15, 2013 in Book 5762 at Page 885, aforesaid Registry, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$147,600.00, and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale in the County Courthouse of New Hanover County, in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, on **April 18, 2017 at 11:30 AM O'clock**, all that certain parcel of land secured by the above-described Deed of Trust recorded in Book 5160 at Page 2405, and Order and Judgment recorded in Book 5762 at Page 885, situated in New Hanover County, North Carolina, as more particularly described therein, which legal description is made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein and briefly described as Lot 111, Sec. 2, Quail Woods, 27-152.

ADDRESS SHOWN AS SECURITY ON THE NOTE AND DEED OF TRUST: 1419 SPANIEL COURT, Wilmington, NC 28411.

PRESENT RECORD OWNERS as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds not more than 10 days prior to posting the notice is/are: Ricardo Martells and wife, Samantha Michelle Gianoulis-Martells and Kirk Martells.

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

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April 6, 13, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **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
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

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
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

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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
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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

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 Administrator 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
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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
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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 **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
PO Box 1555
Wilmington, NC 28402

March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017

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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Post Office Box 7095
Wilmington, NC 28406

March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In the Matter of the Estate of Annette R. Geiger, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Annette R. Geiger**, 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 **July 11, 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 6th day of April, 2017.

Anthony L. Register, Executor of the Estate of Annette R. Geiger
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Paul Ray Moore**, 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 **6th day of July, 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 6th day of April, 2017

Bethany Messina, Executrix
115 Plumtree Lane
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to 57D-6-11 of the North Carolina General Statutes, WAC 2001, L.L.C., a North Carolina limited liability company (the "Company") has elected to dissolve and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the North Carolina Secretary of State.

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C/O Sandra P. Kittinger
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3. UNLESS A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THE CLAIM IS COMMENCED WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR CLAIM WILL BE BARRED BY LAW.

April 6, 2017

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

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