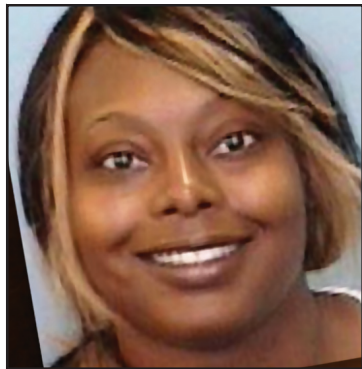


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

RECUPERATING

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I am still recovering from having from a recent bout with a sinus infection and a case of pneumonia. I am praying and trusting that I will be able to resume my column very shortly. Keep me in your prayers and be blessed! *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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**Justice Gorsuch expected to oppose
North Carolina voting rights**

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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Last Monday morning, Judge Neil Gorsuch, nominated by Pres. Donald Trump, was sworn in as the nation's 113th associate justice to the United States Supreme Court.

After a bruising Senate confirmation process that saw Senate Democrats oppose Gorsuch for his strict conservative record of rulings from the federal bench, the Republican majority changed the rules so that Gorsuch could win appointment by a simple 51 vote majority, instead of the standard 60 vote threshold. He took his seat Monday, replacing the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who died fourteen months ago.

Several progressive groups opposed Justice Gorsuch during his nomination process. Here in North Carolina,

several legal experts are now also alarmed that the US Supreme Court - which is soon scheduled to rule on at least two North Carolina voting rights and redistricting issues - is right-leaning again with Gorsuch's addition.

"Justice Gorsuch's prior record demonstrates that he will likely to be hostile to traditional civil rights issues as a Supreme Court Justice," said Kami Chavis, Professor of Law and Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. "Many civil rights organizations, including NAACP LDF (Legal Defense Fund) have opposed him, stating his restrictive access justice approach. He has consistently ruled against those requesting relief in capital punishment cases and employment discrimination cases.

A veteran legal veteran of civil rights agrees.

"Judge Gorsuch was nominated by Donald Trump and presented for that position solely because he is expected to vote to support the established right wing political agenda," Prof. Irving Joyner, of the North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, says. "He may be qualified in a professional sense, but the paramount basis for his support from the Republican Party is that he is right wing and is expected to oppose a progressive view of the protection of individual rights which are embedded in the U. S. Constitution."

"Gorsuch is advertised and touted as a judicial re-incarnation of the arch-conservative Antonin Scalia, who regularly voted against the interests of African Americans and people of



JUSTICE NEIL GORSUCH

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JOBS OR NUISANCE?



Opponents of H.B. 467 say that it leaves poor North Carolinians vulnerable.

Hanes supports controversial nuisance bill

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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It's a bill that many civil rights groups and environmentalists vehemently oppose, charging that it puts poor people, particularly African-Americans, at risk.

But Monday evening, state Rep. Ed Hanes, Jr. (D-Forsyth) voted along with the majority to pass HB467 anyway, saying that it came down to a very difficult choice - jobs or nuisance.

"It's a conundrum for sure," Rep.

Hanes says.

HB 467 - Agriculture and Forestry Nuisance Remedies, is "an act to clarify the remedies available in private nuisance actions against agricultural and forestry operations."

This may not sound like something of key concern to African-Americans in North Carolina's urban centers, until you consider the large number of farms in Eastern North Carolina, and the large number of poor, mostly black families living near or next to them.

In a January 12, 2017 letter from US Environmental Protection Agency's External Civil Right Compliance Office (ECRCO) in Washington, DC, to William Ross, Jr., Acting Secretary of the NC Dept. of Environmental Quality

(NCDEQ), informing Ross that, based on an ongoing federal investigation spurred by a complaint, "preliminary information gathered" per NC DEQ's operation of the Swine Waste Management System General Permit has given ECRCO "deep concern about the possibility that African-Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans have been subjected to discrimination as a result..." of that permit.

That complaint to ECRCO was filed by the environmental group, Earth Justice, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 alleging discrimination based on race and

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DARRELL ALLISON

**North Carolina
General Assembly
elects Darrell Allison
to UNC
Board of Governors**

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RALEIGH, NC
Darrell Allison, Founding President of Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina (PEFNC), announces his election to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. Allison is elected to the UNC Board of Governors by the North Carolina General Assembly by way of Senate Resolution 263 (Unanimous vote of 46-0) as of Thursday, March 16th, and will serve out the remaining two years of the term vacated in October 2015 by John Fennebresque.

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**CELEBRATING
Rev. Anthony Watson's retirement**

BY **LINDA PEARCE**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After fifteen years serving as the pastor of Mt. Olive AME Church, Rev. Anthony Watson is retiring at this year's Annual Conference in May. He has been a competent and compassionate shepherd of this flock and will be hard to replace.

Hailing from Baltimore, Maryland, Rev. Watson pastored

in that area before being sent to lead the congregation at St. James AME Church in Castle Hayne. After leading that church to great growth, he was sent to Mt. Olive where he has led the flock to achieve many of its goals.

Several sons and daughters in the ministry started under Rev. Watson's tutelage. His spiritual father, Bishop John Bryant from Baltimore, will attend the festivities.

The church family is sponsoring a banquet at the Warwick Center on Saturday, April 29th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. where we will pay tribute to a job well done.

The following day, the 5th Sunday, we will continue our Pastor's Appreciation activities with church services starting at 9:30 a.m. For information about the banquet, please call any member of the church or (910) 232-8310.



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Rick Adams, chairman of the board for PEFNC and a managing partner at Adams Chetwood Wealth Management Group in Durham, commended state lawmakers' election of Allison to the UNC Board of Governors. "I have worked closely with Darrell Allison for a number of years now and can attest to his unwavering commitment to educational excellence and equity," said Adams. "He also knows how to work with diverse stakeholders to build consensus and drive results in education. I know he will bring his dedication, vision, and well-honed skills to this important role."

As the founding president of PEFNC, Allison has worked to increase educational opportunity for low-income and special needs students across the state, and recently served as member of the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees (2015-2017).

On his unanimous nomination with support across the aisle (46-0 vote count) Allison added, "Given my nomination and strong vote of confidence from the North Carolina State Senate, I would like to thank Senator Phil Berger and senate leadership, as well nominating chairs Senator Bill Rabon and Senator Tommy Tucker. I also express a heartfelt thank you to Minority Leader Senator Dan Blue and Senator Floyd

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color," Prof. Joyner continued. "As such, he is expected to vote in support of legislative efforts to suppress the rights of people to register and vote, against the rights of people to protest and assemble to voice objections to governmental policies and against efforts to expand protections for the powerless and disenfranchised portions of our society.

"It is because of Gorsuch's

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national origin due to inadequate measures to control, dispose of, and monitor animal waste from industrial swine feeding operations [subjecting] African-Americans (and other people of color) to discriminatory impacts like health issues, noxious odors, nuisances, increased expenses, social and psychological harms, declining property values."

Federal investigators spoke to many poor families living close to these swine operations, and found many having to change how they lived because of "overpowering stench, a constant large number of flies and truck traffic..." People complained of "gagging, nausea and/or vomiting," adding that as a result, they're confined to their homes, and when young people leave their communities, they "...do not return because of the odors."

In the face of that, HB 467 put legal limitations on the amount of damages those people could recover from those swine and farming operations which produce such conditions.

According to the bill, if the nuisance is permanent, compensatory damages "shall be measured by the reduction in fair market value of the plaintiff's property caused by the nuisance, not to exceed the fair market value of the property."

"If the nuisance is temporary, compensatory damages are limited to the diminution of the fair rental value," the measure adds.

Rep. Hanes, in a written statement, said, "I'm getting just as many calls from poor black people saying 'look, it's messed up but we can't risk losing Smithfield down here...then we'll be in real trouble,' referring to the Smithfield Foods hog plant down east.

"I detest corrupt plaintiffs attorneys as much as the next man," Hanes continued. "The truth here is that attorneys on both sides are pitting poor people against poor people. A bunch of those poor people are black. On one side you have

past judicial opinions, which are supportive of this right wing political agenda, that he is presented now as the "new darling" of the Republican Party," Prof. Joyner concluded.

But another professor of Law at Wake Forest University suggests, based on his own review, Justice Gorsuch may not be so predictable.

"My sense of Judge Gorsuch is formed only by those of his circuit court opinions I have read," says Shannon Gilreath, Professor of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies.

"Basically, I feel he is not as bad of a choice as could have been made. He certainly isn't the best either, from a progressive perspective. He is a soundly conservative vote on most questions."

"In some areas, as in the rights of criminal defendants, he may be even more reactionary than Justice Scalia, who tended to be fairly protective of defendants' rights. My assumption is that Gorsuch will be a vote in favor of the further disenfranchisement of African-Americans at the polls.

Gorsuch also has a disturbing record when it comes to women's rights, particularly reproductive rights, which are, in my view, African-American rights."

"Prof. Gilreath continued, "For gay African Americans, Gorsuch may offer a glimmer of hope of improvement over Scalia. Reports are that Gorsuch has been enthusiastically, albeit privately, supportive of same-sex marriage."

"Finally," Prof. Gilreath concluded, "I'll say that all predic-

tions of what a Supreme Court justice may do must be taken with a grain of salt. David Souter; a George H. W. Bush appointee, proved a reliably liberal vote, and Anthony Kennedy, who came to the Court as a Reagan appointee after the disastrous nomination of Robert Bork, has been the architect of every major gay rights decision authored by the Court—most notably the Obergefell decision, holding the right of gay couples to marry to be a constitutional right."

Democratic colleague, Rep. Evelyn Terry, agreed.

"I am a lawmaker whose bias for fair and equitable principles bends towards those whose needs I understand well enough to vote for," she said. "In this bill, even with the amendment that brings clarity and relief for some farmers, we meddled in the judicial system's business."

Rep. Terry continued, "Sad, since agriculture is, and has been the most important economic driver on this state, and among the top in the nation."

HB467 now goes to the state Senate as SB460. No word on when that body will take up the bill.

poor contract farmers who are adhering to the law and involved with an industry that is the life blood of their region."

"On the other, you have poor people who have no real choice but to live within the "strike zone" of these operations and suffer the consequences of such. What do you do: protect the business so that you protect the jobs of a region, or; protect the people who don't work those jobs but who live in the region?"

"I believe the answer is somewhere in between but it can't start with a \$1 billion dollar finding against a business that has been operating under the law for years in an area that

has been raising poultry and pigs for years (and suffering the consequences)."

Rep. Hanes also voted for a late amendment that exempted twenty-six civil lawsuits filed by 541 residents in Eastern North Carolina currently pending in federal court against Murphy Brown, a subsidiary of Smithfield Foods. Those suits can proceed for the dollar amounts requested in lieu of this bill if it becomes law.

Rep. Hanes also complained in his statement that, "What is punishing for black folks [are] Democratic politicians who refuse to acknowledge simple economics and then twist it into a racial issue to corner black politicians specifically

(and when convenient)..."

The Wilmington Journal did a cursory check on how many other black state House members voted for the bill, and didn't see any.

Guilford County Rep. Cecil Brockman, also a Democrat, was one who voted against HB467.

"I voted against H.B. 467 because I did not want to leave poor North Carolinians vulnerable," he said in a statement. "I understand the important role agriculture plays in our state's economy. However, I think there are reasonable ways to address the negative effects of this industry and this bill would have interfered with those."

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STATE BRIEFS

[DURHAM] The campus of North Carolina Central University on Tuesday was a place of mourning as classmates, friends and family members of 18-year-old Mylah Andrews came to cele-

brate her short life, and release purple balloons in her memory. Andrews, a freshman from Greenville, was killed last Sunday when she was a passenger in a car involved in a head-on crash in Durham. The driver of the car which collided with the one Andrews was a passenger in made her first court appearance Monday, charged with driving while impaired, and felony death by motor vehicle.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS UNVEIL BILL TO "CARES" HEALTH CARE FOR POOR

[RALEIGH] Not known for supporting health care for the poor, state House Republicans this week introduced HB 662, which, if it became law, would provide at least 300,000 North Carolinians who don't qualify for Medicaid, state-sponsored health insurance. Called "Carolina Cares," the

program would cover residents ages 19 to 64 who are below 133 percent of the federal poverty level. Those covered would pay two percent of their annual income in premiums, routine co-pays, and have health screenings to remain eligible. They also must be either employed, or have prospects for employment. Democrats say the GOP plan is a first step, though with many restrictions, towards

expanding Medicaid-type coverage to the poor.

GOP-SPONSORED BILL WOULD IGNORE US HIGH COURT RULING, AND BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

[RALEIGH] Three conservative Republican House lawmakers have introduced a bill that effectively ignores the 2015 US Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage, thus banning the

practice in North Carolina. State House representatives Michael Speciale of New Bern; Carl Ford of China Grove and Larry Pittman of Concord are the primary sponsors of the bill, saying they are asserting state's rights as granted by the US Constitution. The NC ACLU, a progressive legal rights group, has called the bill "absurd."

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

America's current civil rights climate is the most dangerous in decades, say activists and lawmakers

BY JANE KENNEDY FOR TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In a wide-ranging discussion on Capitol Hill among lawmakers, activists, policy experts and former Obama administration officials about the state of civil rights in the Trump administration, the consensus was unanimous that the current climate for civil rights is the most dangerous that has been experienced in decades.

The April 6 event was hosted by Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), ranking member of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

"Although the Trump presidential campaign promised changes that would benefit minorities in the areas of crime, equal justice, and economic equality, his political allies and surrogates have sent a different message that has served to heighten national divisions and anxiety," said Conyers, the longest-serving member in the House, known as "the dean" of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The forum took place only a few days after U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the Justice Department would review all of the consent decrees that the Obama administration

entered into with law enforcement agencies that had demonstrated and documented histories of abuses and misconduct.

"The misdeeds of individual bad actors should not impugn or undermine the legitimate and honorable work that law enforcement agencies perform in keeping American communities safe," the DOJ memo stated. In February, Sessions, who admittedly was unfamiliar with the details of the reports that led to decrees with police departments in Ferguson and Chicago, for example, nonetheless described them as "pretty anecdotal."

Catherine Lhamon, chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and a former assistant secretary for civil rights at the Education Department under President Obama, described the first 76 days of the Trump administration's civil rights record as "harrowing," which she said was being "charitable."

Recalling the immense challenge of getting a consent decree to reform the Los Angeles Police Department in 2000, despite years of abuses that included beating a homeless woman, lying to judges, planting drugs on innocent people to secure convictions, racially based stops and assaulting citizens,

she said that Sessions' decision was a signal of the "low value" the new administration places on civil rights.

"It was only through federal involvement that conditions [in LA] materially improved and that provided the impetus for real change for communities that were desperately in need of it," Lhamon said. "The one ray of hope remaining now is that the federal courts have to approve the end of consent decrees that have already been implemented."

This week, U.S. District Judge James Bredar denied the Justice Department's request to delay the implementation of a consent decree for the Baltimore Police Department.

"The administration consistently uses its signaling to demonstrate disregard for civil rights. When it announces that it will reconsider the value of police consent decrees, withdraws support for transgender students, slashes the [budgets of agencies] that protect civil rights, the administration unilaterally sends a chilling message that it not only is not striving to secure civil rights for all but is in fact striving to not be a federal partner in that effort."

Roy Austin, former director of the White House Office of Urban Affairs, Justice, and



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U. S. REP. JOHN CONYERS SURROUNDED BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS.

Opportunity, delivered an equally pessimistic assessment.

"In my humble opinion, the greatest current threat to civil rights in this great nation is this current administration. In record time [it] has already shown not simply a willingness to not defend civil rights, but it has shown an intent to violate civil rights, and at a mini-

mum make it easier for others to violate civil rights. No marginalized, struggling, excluded, discriminated against, or protected individual or group is safe from what [it] has already done or appears to be planning to do," Austin declared. "Everything that people have fought for, and that some have died for in recent decades, is at risk. Hopefully the will of the peo-

ple, of representatives like you, and the courts will continue to ensure that the current administration cannot accomplish all that they desire."

According to Austin, the Trump administration "could not move fast enough" to remove guidance that literally helps to save the lives of transgender individuals. In addition, he had harsh words for the White House's "Muslim ban," which in his view not only endorses religious discrimination but also diminishes public safety.

"When the federal government announces it will side with bigots and those with irrational fears, we all lose some of our humanity," Austin said.

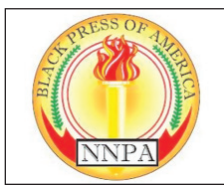
He also criticized the "orchestrated photo-op" that President Trump had with the leaders of the nation's black college and university presidents in February. While the White House may have celebrated it as a successful meeting, Austin cautioned, the students who depend on and thrive at these historic institutions, must not be fooled by the administration's false promises.

"Many of us in the Obama administration used to say that we wanted a nation where the color of your skin, the God you pray to, your ZIP code, or who you love did not determine your chances of success. It saddens me to see an administration that is trying to make these characteristics even more important and determinative," Austin lamented.

Following eight years of near radio silence when it came to criticism of the White House to avoid publicly finding fault with its first African-American occupant, the Congressional Black Caucus has been quite vocal in calling out actions by the current administration that members consider unjust. After its meeting last month with President Trump, the group announced plans to also meet with key members of his administration to find common ground and at least attempt to smooth out differences.

But given Session's previous civil rights history during his time as a lawmaker and the record he is currently building at DOJ, the hope for common ground appears bleak.

Said Texas Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, "We may be seeing the most dangerous Department of Justice that we have seen in decades."



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CASH IN THE APPLE

What a mess!

After seeing heartbreaking news coverage of an alleged chemical weapons attack in Syria - video that showed women, children and infants gasping for air and being hosed with water in an effort to save their lives - Pres. Donald Trump, in an effort to show up Pres. Obama for his alleged inaction in 2013 when the world witnessed a similar horrendous chemical weapons attack by Syrian Pres. Bashar al-Assad on his own people, announced to the world that unlike his predecessor, who at first threatened to use military force to stop Assad from ever using chemical weapons again (Obama actually asked Congress to give him the authorization to go into Syria to stop Assad, but never got it), ordered a cruise missile attack on a Syrian air base in an effort to show who is really boss.



Cash Michaels

But based on subsequent reports, it's really kind of hard to show the enemy who is really boss when you first warn your enemy that you're going to bomb his air base, so that he can go hide somewhere else when it happens.

It's also kind of hard to be taken seriously when all that you bomb are eight or nine old rickety planes (which Syria's close friend Russia will be more than happy to replace in a heartbeat) and don't do anything to blow up their chemical weapons capacity. We knew where the stockpile was, and guess what, it's still in the same place, waiting to be bombed.

No Syrian soldiers killed, no Russian soldiers killed (that's why Trump warned them) and no chemical weapons stash eliminated.

And, to add outrage to insult, Trump Administration officials have to gall to pat themselves on the back for a job "well done" (if firing 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles to an air base, blowing up precious little is a "job well done," then I'd hate to have us go to war) and say that the whole phony exercise was part of their "America First" strategy.

Only certified idiots believe that BS because only certified idiots are saying it.

To be clear, no one here is criticizing our brave men and women of the US armed forces. Their job is to put their precious lives on the line to defend this country. They have no control over who gives them the order to fight or blow up things. They just follow those orders, and hope that the commander-in-chief giving them knows what he's doing.

So if there's any blame in all of this, it falls at the feet of the misguided egotist who many believe was elected with the help of the Russians, so that they could use him toward their own ends.

So given all of this, we have to ask ourselves the same question that was repeatedly asked during the 2016 presidential elections - can we really trust Donald Trump with the nuclear codes? Does he have the judgment, in lieu of experience, to properly defend the United States when war is indeed required?

Or is he so power hungry that he will use the power of the US military just to prove a worthless point?

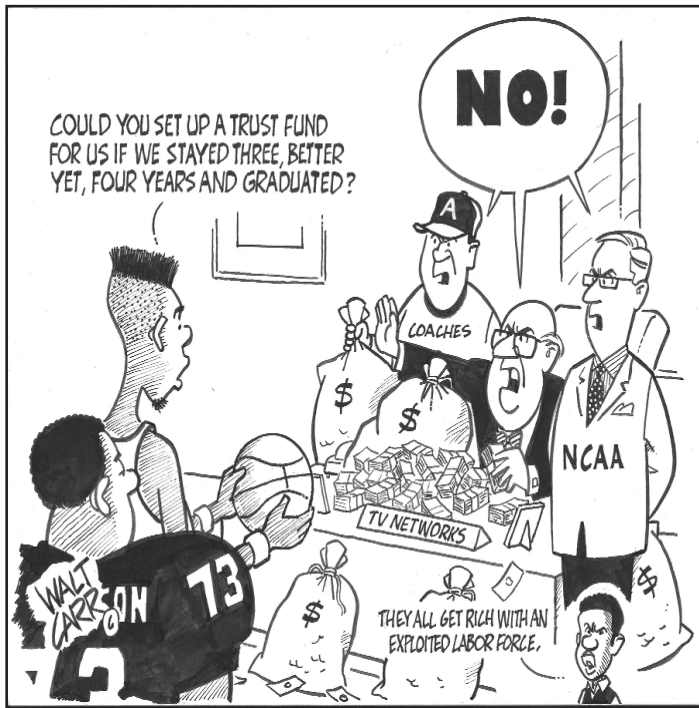
If Trump really intended to make Syrian Pres. Assad pay for what he did to his own people, then wasting 59 cruise missiles just to see things go "boom" was a true waste.

If Pres. Trump wanted thinking folks to take him seriously, he failed.

Fortunately for him, he's getting a lot of applause from folks who are not thinking.

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Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Decision to bomb Syria was dangerous, deceptive

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Fifty-nine cruise missiles. When Donald Trump ordered the attack on Syria, he made an impetuous decision, turning his previous commitment to stay out of the Syrian civil war and focus on ISIS on its head. He ordered the attack on a sovereign nation without seeking sanction from the United Nations or the U.S. Congress.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

For this, he received lavish praise from the media and bipartisan congressional support. He'll undoubtedly enjoy a boost in the polls.

Military force is called "strong power." Ordering an attack turns the president into the commander in chief and gives him an image of decisiveness and power. Yet the unleashing of cruise missiles against Syria is both dangerous and deceptive.

If Trump has decided to commit to regime change in Syria, it is dangerous. Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad is backed by both Russia and Iran, and Assad's forces are the leading opposition to ISIS, the terrorist gang that Trump is already committed to

destroying.

If the cruise missiles are simply a punitive gesture, a one-off strike to punish Assad for allegedly using chemical weapons in the Syrian civil war, it is deceptive. The missile attack will have done little but raise false hopes among Assad's opponents. One day later, Assad's air force launched attacks from the air base that was hit, against the same town that was allegedly bombed with chemical weapons.

Last year, the U.S. dropped 26,171 bombs — in Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan. The only thing that the new bombing in Syria does is to get Trump and the U.S. deeper into the Syrian civil war, even as Trump appears to be escalating U.S. activity in Afghanistan, Yemen and Iraq. During the campaign, Trump expressed his scorn for regime change and denounced the foreign policy elite for engaging in wars without ever "winning." Now, he appears to be doubling down on those same wars without any plan for victory.

Bombs — strong power — are in fact simply destructive. They build nothing. In Syria, the human catastrophe from the civil war is unspeakable. Roughly half of the 22 million residents of Syria have been driven from their homes,

including an estimated 6 million internally displaced and some 5 million refugees whose flight has created an ugly right-wing reaction across Europe. Half a million have died. Another 2 million have been wounded. More bombs aren't a sign of strength; they are an expression of violent futility.

The horrible pictures of babies dying from poisonous gas might have sparked a different response. The U.S. could have gone to the U.N. with proof that the Assad regime had sponsored the attack, calling for a cooperative international effort to rid Syria of those weapons. Trump might have dispatched his emissary to Russia to demand that it join in fulfilling the promise it made to former President Obama to rid Syria of chemical weapons. The outside powers feeding the violence in Syria — the U.S., Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Turkey, Iran and Russia — might have convened in an effort to bring the violence to a halt, or at least to agree to stop fueling it with weapons and forces.

The children's deaths might have served to generate a global demand for an end to the violence. Instead, it triggered a quick recourse to bombs to "send a message," ensuring only that the violence will continue, that more Syrian chil-

dren will be killed, and that the U.S. will find itself enmeshed even more deeply in yet another war.

The U.S. has been at war in the Middle East continually since 2001. In the name of creating democracy and security, we have created chaos and spread violence. In the name of fighting terrorism, we have generated ever more terrorists and helped create failed states where they can spawn. What will it take for this country to learn the limits of military force, the weakness of "strong power"?

Dr. Martin Luther King got it right when he taught us: The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. So it goes. Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.

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

The March unemployment report is mixed news

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Our 45th President has had no trouble claiming the good employment news reported for January and February of this year. In those jobs reports, released on the first Friday of



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the month, we saw unemployment rates of 4.8 and 4.7 percent. In both of those months, more than 200,000 jobs were created. 45 crowed that this data showed how successful his Presidency had been, even though he had barely kept his seat in the Oval Office warm, and oven though he had done nothing, from a policy perspective, to stake his claim on progress that could only have come from the economic recovery engineered by his predecessor, President Barack Obama.

Now, we have the report from March, with an unemployment rate, at 4.5 percent, that is at its lowest level in a decade (since May 2007). We also have a sluggish report on job creation — with just 98,000 new jobs, less than half as many jobs that were created in each of the last two months. Is

the 45th President going to claim that his actions have caused a slowing in job creation? Since he was so quick to claim credit when the numbers looked good, what will he say now?

More importantly, the low jobs creation number suggests that the economic recovery we have been experiencing is far from solid. The March number can be a mere hiccup — we did have weather challenges last month that may have slowed some job creation, and may even have been responsible for lower job growth in the retail sector. But it might also suggest that the Fed should not be so quick to raise interest rates. Despite relatively low unemployment rates, there is room for much more job creation before employers will have to compete for workers.

The overall unemployment rate of 4.5 percent would be something to celebrate if it were accompanied with more job creation. It might also be something to celebrate if the Black unemployment rate were not so high — at 8 percent it is more than twice the white rate of 3.9 percent. Furthermore, when those marginally attached to the labor market, discouraged workers, and those working part time because they can't find full time work, are

included, the overall unemployment rate is 8.9 percent. Using the same methodology, this unemployment rate would be 15.8 percent for African Americans.

To be sure, these numbers are a vast improvement on the numbers we saw a year ago, not to mention five years ago. But the impact of these low numbers has bypassed many workers. Too many have still not seen their pay levels increase (wage growth was around .02 percent last month), and too many still fear layoffs or job reorganizations. Equally importantly, the approach this administration has taken to federal employment and to health care have had chilling effects in the labor market. As an example, while employment has been trending up in health care, the health care sector added about 20,000 jobs a month, compared to an average monthly gain of 32,000 jobs in 2016. The baby boom isn't getting any younger, and Americans sure aren't getting any healthier. It is plausible that, instead, announcements about health care by this administration, and chicanery by this Congress, may have slowed health care employment when it should be rising.

Except for "America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again", and a

whole lot of rhetoric, we have no specifics around this Administration's economic plan. We do know, however, that freezing or reducing federal employment will have an impact on unemployment rates, and that cutting key departments (Health and Human Services, Labor, Interior) will have an impact on the long-term employment situation. Those who work in the social service areas (social workers, community service workers) are also rightly apprehensive about how their work will be funded and who will pay for it. This unemployment rate report may be as good as it gets if Mr. Trump has his way.

President Obama did his best to create a robust economic recovery. President Trump says he inherited "a mess". The January and February unemployment numbers disprove that assertion. The March report, however, shows that while 45 did not inherit a mess, he can make one with his draconian budget cuts and other ill-advised economic measure.

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

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TO THE EDITOR!

Wells Fargo and customer confidence

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

What we see in the article that accompanies this editorial is that Wells Fargo Bank certainly has a problem with its customers. We know for a fact that a number of those customers happen to be African American and Latino and that



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these two ethnic groups have been faithful clients of this bank. At several times throughout the discussion of the wrong doing by bank officials in terms of directions given to employees, statements have been made by the bank CEO about rebuilding customer confidence. One of those steps was the running of a series of full page ads in daily newspapers seeking to reassure bank customers. The problem is, none of those ads ran in African American newspapers or as far as we know in Latino newspapers.

Now, Wells Fargo has announced a major advertis-

ing campaign for the month of April 2017. This campaign is to "rebuild customer trust" The problem is that once again there has been no interaction with African American newspapers which are read by people who have accounts with Wells Fargo, but happen to use other than "mainstream" or daily newspapers. Consider that community newspapers are found in all of our ethnic communities, not just African American, Latino, or Asian. The failure to use these newspapers suggest that the bank as a government regulated institution,

does not include communities of color as a matter of public policy. This is not acceptable.

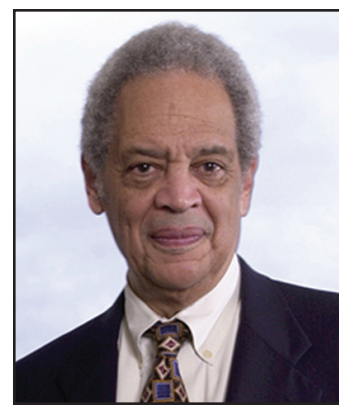
Perhaps we need to share our concerns with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency within the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which has oversight jurisdiction over all financial institutions in this country. Mr. Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Dr. John Warren is the publisher of San Diego Voice and Viewpoint and is a member of NNPA.

TO BE EQUAL

Roger Wilkins' life story is the story of Civil Rights

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)



ROGER WILKINS

"We have no hope of solving our problems without harnessing the diversity, the energy, and the creativity of all our people." – Roger Wilkins

For Roger Wood Wilkins, the Civil Rights Movement was the family business. When Wilkins was born in 1932 in segregated Kansas City, Missouri, his uncle Roy Wilkins already was a well-known journalist and activist serving as assistant NAACP secretary, and later would serve as executive director. His mother, Helen J. Claytor, was Secretary of Interracial Education for the National YWCA and later would oversee the organization's integration.

"My uncle lived in a building on Sugar Hill [in New York City]," Wilkins told NPR in 2011. "W.E.B. Du Bois lived there. And Kenneth Clark lived there. And Thurgood Marshall lived there. So when Roy would invite me to dinner, you know, these giants were in the room."

Wilkins interned for Marshall while a law student at the University of Michigan.

As a newly-minted in 1957, Roger Wilkins was facing a prosperous career in the private sector in New York. But the Little Rock Nine – the first Black students to desegregate an all-white high school in Arkansas after the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision – changed his plans.

"And so you couldn't say to yourself, well, let those kids do it," he said. "If you were alive, you had to say, I want to do something. I want to become involved."

He worked for a few years as welfare caseworker in Cleveland before joining the Kennedy Administration in 1962 as a special assistant to the administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development. Under President Johnson, he led the newly-created Community Relations Service, which describes itself as the U.S. Justice Department's "peacemaker for community conflicts and tensions arising from differences of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and disability."

"The racial upheavals in this country in the '60s came loaded with a heavy history," Wilkins wrote in 2005 upon the 40th anniversary of the Watts riots. "Many of the participants had lived through it; others had absorbed knowledge carried by their parents and grandparents of the soul-shriveling cruelty of the post-bellum rural South, of the northward migration during World War II when defense jobs opened up, of the physical brutality and guile southerners used to keep their labor force submissive and cheap. They remembered the promised cities full of good jobs, and how many of them just missed out as America passed its industrial peak. Finally, they surely understood the grim and fetid realities of the northern ghettos to which they were consigned."

At the end of the Johnson Administration, Wilkins accepted a position with the Ford Foundation. There he worked closely with the National Urban League and then-President Whitney M. Young, funding a program Young created called New Thrust, which developed the leadership skills of urban Black youth.

In 1972 he began writing editorials for Washington Post, where he won a Pulitzer Prize for his commentary on Watergate, and spent the rest of his career as a journalist, author and educator.

As is the case for many of our parents and grandparents, Wilkins' life story is the story of civil rights in the 20th and 21st centuries. Born into Jim Crow, he initially thought Barack Obama had no chance of being elected President. Yet he urged his daughter, Elizabeth, to work on his campaign, telling her, "this is your generation's Selma, and you dare not miss it."

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

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linked. Harmful policies advocated by the Trump Administration, including widespread availability of school vouchers and increasing funding to local law enforcement officers, stand only to exacerbate the push-out of children of color and limit their access to a quality public education.

The school-to-prison pipeline already hinders the promise of many young children of color by replacing school resources with those of the juvenile justice system; these practices indirectly result in a diminished applicant pool for HBCUs and make it that much harder for these institutions to fulfill their missions ground-

ed in justice and equality. HBCUs constitute strong and powerful portions of the American story. To demonstrate an earnest interest in these institutions, President Trump and his administration must remain cognizant of the historic and current purpose of HBCUs. Increasing the available resources for these colleges and universities is one part of the process, but another part, arguably of more importance, is implementing policies across the executive branch that honor and support the goal of HBCUs to achieve a society free of discrimination and bigotry.

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We're with them!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Word origins can "shed light" on the experiences of a people and explain much of what they've endured. Many older African Americans explain the origin of the term "honkie" as it relates to the activity of white men driving through African American communities "honking" the horns of their automobiles in an attempt to solicit sex from "willing" African American women.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

consciously, these same attitudes fuel the actions of whites today who, without cause or for some specious reason, choose to denigrate African American women.

Most recently, we have seen this behavior in the attempted public humiliation of Representative Maxine Waters, American Urban Radio correspondent, April Ryan, and, once again, Dr. Susan Rice, former National Security Advisor to President Obama.

In this context, we must stand against Fox Anchor, Bill O'Reilly, for his comment about Representative Waters, stating, "I didn't hear a word she said. I was looking at the James Brown wig. If we have a picture of James, it's the same wig." We saw and must stand against Presidential Press Secretary, Sean Spicer, who erroneously, as though she were a child, admonished April to, "Stop shaking your head!" We must stand against, and reject, the Trump Administration's feeble attempt to justify Trump's, now infamous, "wiretap" tweet by falsely accusing Dr. Rice of being the source of the "leaks."

Saying we stand against the abusive and oppressive nature

of our society is not enough. As Black women, we must resolve to throw down the gauntlet in support of each other. This is especially true when we see a sister unfairly targeted for abuse because her politics do not comport with those who do not act in the best interest of our community and issues of importance to us. We must not be distracted by the irrelevant, superfluous comments of those who oppose us. Our unified 94% vote in the most recent Presidential election demonstrates our understanding of this principle.

We must commit to tell our stories and continue our unity. We're the successors of fearless, strong and effective Black women like Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, Dr. C. Delores Tucker, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Fannie Lou Hamer, Diane Nash, Ella Baker, Amelia Boynton, Septima Clark, Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth, Harriett Tubman and so many more who stood up for us despite their own personal peril. If you do not know these women and their efforts I encourage you to learn.

We must also stand with Black women of all ages who may not be in the news on a daily basis, but who march in

the footsteps of other great Black women leaders. We must learn about and commit to supporting the efforts of women like Akousa Ali, President of the NAACP-DC, Ophelia Averitt, the wonder woman whose name is connected with anything of value occurring in Ohio, Dr. LeZli Baskerville who spearheads better funding for HBCU's, Amy Billingsley and Dr. Julienne Richardson who record/create an accurate account of OUR history through The HistoryMakers, and Oprah Winfrey, the largest donor to the African American Museum.

History has shown that those who actively oppress are only concerned with identifying, discrediting and retarding the efforts of those who achieve progressive results. Without past and current accomplishments of many courageous Black women, our community would, most certainly, have floundered.

The sisters I have mentioned, and others like them, are the ones with whom we must stand and salute.

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HBCUs:

Much greater than a brief photo opportunity

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I love historically Black colleges and universities, commonly referred to as HBCUs. I'm certainly biased, as I'm a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., but my admiration for these institutions extends across my lifespan and the generations that preceded me.

A host of my friends, family members and colleagues are HBCU alumni, and these institutions continue to contribute a great deal of vibrancy to American life and our system of democracy. My first major case as a lawyer centered around the desegregation of Maryland's four HBCUs, and I recently wrote two pieces dedicated to the significance and personal history of HBCUs.

I am particularly proud of these institutions for what they have managed to do despite the perennial challenges of systemic racism and inadequate investment. With all of this in

mind, I find myself troubled by the news that broke on Monday, February 27, 2017. A number of articles on various news outlets, as well as posts on social media, quickly made it known that the Trump Administration, ostensibly under the direction of President Trump's assistant, Omarosa Manigault, had organized a meeting with numerous HBCU leaders. A photo opportunity emerged, and a peculiar picture, with President Trump, Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway and the HBCU presidents & chancellors, soon made its rounds on the Internet.

To conclude the day's events, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos issued a statement asserting that HBCUs are 'real pioneers of school choice.' As a young civil rights attorney and HBCU graduate, I do recognize the validity of some assertions made by the Trump Administration in reporting what transpired during the listening session. For instance, enhancing the infrastructure of a number of HBCUs could certainly play a role in increasing the competitiveness of these institutions in the twenty-first century. However, a brief photo opportunity and press release associating HBCUs

with school choice both severely mischaracterize the history and promise of these 105 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

At their founding, many HBCUs opened their doors to students who had been previously denied an opportunity to access a postsecondary education. As they have evolved, these institutions have fortified themselves as supportive spaces for students to refine their commitment to social justice and learn of the significant contributions of members of the black diaspora to the world. When I think of my experience at Howard, I recall marching to the White House in 2011 to protest the execution of Troy Davis, traveling to Annapolis to call for an end for the death penalty in Maryland and partnering with grassroots community organizations to canvas in Baltimore as a part of the University's Alternative Spring Break initiative.

Yes, increased funding, stronger programmatic offerings and better facilities would all undoubtedly assist HBCUs in reaching their full potential in the current global landscape. What the new administration must also understand is that HBCU

graduates often leave their campuses with both degrees and a mission to achieve racial & social justice.

For many HBCU alumni, myself included, that photo opportunity does little to mitigate the damage already done by the Trump Administration's policies to these principles, including the travel ban, the rescission of the Obama Administration's Title IX guidance for transgender students, and the Department of Justice's decision to remove itself from a crucial challenge to a discriminatory voter ID law in Texas. Additionally, the dark picture painted by President Trump in his inaugural address, which placed emphasis on American carnage and a need to restore law and order in this nation, contradicts the rhetoric released by the Administration concerning HBCUs.

As communities of color continue to mobilize against militarized schools and police shootings of unarmed black people, among other issues, the missions of HBCUs and these activists find themselves inextricably

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TRUMP MEETS WITH HBCU PRESIDENTS

The
Black Press:
USE It
or
LOSE It!

New Hanover County

Flag Football Registration - Games will be held at Legion Sports Complex. Reply-To: info@wilmingtonrecreation.com. Pre-registration required. Birth certificate is required. Register in person @ MLK Community Center, 401 S. 8th St. Wilmington 341.0057 or 341.7866. Deadline April 15th.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, April 27, 7 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on the Rock the Block Health Fair Saturday, April 29, 10 am-2 pm at MedNorth Health Center, 925 N. 4th Street, Wilmington and other vital community and state issues will be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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.

Wake County

North Carolina Cancer Survivorship Summit will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton from April 27th- April 28th. The summit is for cancer survivors and their care givers. For additional information contact Nikita Spears at 919-707-5331 or Rachel Vaughn at 910-395-5688 or Rachel.Vaughn@hotmail.com

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Bellamy Elementary School crowned 2016 Recycle-Bowl State Champion



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BELLAMY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

SUBMITTED BY NHCS PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bellamy Elementary School was crowned as the North Carolina state champion of Keep America Beautiful's Recycle-Bowl, the national recycling competition for K-12 students, teachers, and school communities. Recycle-Bowl, which engaged nearly 1,300 schools spanning 47 states and the District of Columbia, took place over four weeks in the fall, culminating in America Recycles Day, which was observed on Nov. 15, 2016.

Bellamy Elementary has participated in the Recycle-Bowl for the past three years. The students and staff at Bellamy have continued to expand and increase their recycling efforts each year. Bellamy's Recycling Team recycles school-wide each week while recycling in the cafeteria on a daily basis. The students take responsibility for maintaining their recycle routes by hallway and grade level.

We are proud of our continued efforts to reuse/recycle at Bellamy. It is great to see the students involved and taking responsibility for our school and environment," said Cate Woessner, sponsor of the recycling group.

More than 700,000 students and teachers participated in Recycle-Bowl, striving to recycle as much as possible. Recyclables recovered during the 2016 competition totaled 2.2 million pounds, which prevented the release of 3,150 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO2E). This reduction in greenhouse gases is equivalent to the annual emissions from 655 passenger cars.

"It's encouraging to see students of all age groups and from all parts of the country get so excited about recycling both at school and at home," said Brenda Pulley, Senior Vice President of Recycling at Keep America Beautiful. "Congratulations to Bellamy Elementary, our North Carolina state winner."

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Observing school transportation safety and making it a priority in daily life

We hear and read so much about school bus safety. It is a matter that is of great significance to so many. It is a matter which concerns the safety of bus drivers and our children who ride the school buses. Our children ride the buses in the mornings and afternoons. As I observe them boarding the buses in the morning and getting off in the afternoons, they appear happy. I like to think that their safety is in the hands of, not only competent, but also caring



Verniece Stanley

drivers. One thing that is very important is for bus drivers and the children who ride the buses to enjoy a healthy relationship, one that is warm and respectful toward each other. Once these young bus riders leave home every morning, bus drivers are the first individuals these bus riders meet, and, when the school day is over, bus drivers are the last individuals, particularly those associated with school, they see before arriving back home. It is most desirable that they hold a great respect for them and vice versa. The time that they must spend together ought to be valued.

Safety for both the bus driver and children ought to always be on all our minds. This is something with which

we ought to be concerned throughout the country. There ought to be a great concern among us regarding the safety of our student bus riders every day because we realize that bus drivers are transporting the most precious cargo anywhere.

Some children are transported to school by parents, relatives, neighbors, friends, etc. Some of the students in the higher grades drive themselves to school or ride with student friends. Whether students ride the school bus or are transported in other ways, safety must be mark for which we aim. So, for the rest of this year and for the coming year, even years up the road, may all be extra careful in order that all involved may be safer than ever before. Have a safe and

happy "rest of the school year/s."

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.

Local Delta Sigma Theta Sorority member attends Delta Day at the United Nations



DEBRA GILL

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MEMBERS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY

BY DEBRA GILL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Wilmington Alumnae Golden Life Member: Debra Gill attends Delta Day at the United Nations March 24, 2017. "Protecting and Empowering Women to Success in the Changing World of Work." Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was the first and only designated NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) process that began in the late 1990's after completing an extensive application and review process. In a presentation by Hanifa Mezoui, Chief NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the UN (ECOSOC), Past National President Gwendolyn Boyd accepted the credentials on behalf of the sorority before 150 members of the organization from across the country. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was welcomed to the United Nations by Assistant Secretary General for External Affairs, Gillian Sorensen, who asked the sorority in her keynote address to, "use your NGO status to monitor the status of women and children in the world and bind together

with other NGOs to insure that the UN honors its commitments."

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was granted Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the UN as a result of its volunteer services and humanitarian efforts performed to address issues throughout the world.

Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work was the theme of CSW61 (Commission on the Status of Women) 13-24 March 2017 at the United Nations.

Debra attended Delta Day at the United Nations as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated Wilmington Alumnae, North Carolina chapter and participated in "Protecting and Empowering Women to Succeed in the Changing World of Work"

Presiding member Marcella Maxwell, Ed.D., National Social Action Commission, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. introduced Dr. Paulette C. Walker, National President, CEO of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Dr. Walker welcomed the attending sorority members and guests. His Excellency Courtenay Rattray, Ambassador/Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations gave the formal welcoming statement from the United Nations. Framing the Issues, Patience Stephens, Ph.D., Special Advisor on Education, UN Women spoke on women global in the changing world of work. Dr. Stephens stated "The consistent employment of women that is critical and important factor is education. Women to be in an era of expanding an ubiquitous higher paying technology related jobs requires strong advocacy." Call to action from Carla A. Harris, Co-chair, National Social Action Commission, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Panel discussion: Protecting and Empowering

Women to Success in the Changing World of Work. Moderator: Suzanne Douglas Cobb, Honorary Member and Honorary Co-Chair; National Arts and Letters Commission, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Panelists included Kurt Davis, Counsellor (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs), Permanent

Mission of Jamaica, Rahama Wright, Founder, Shea Yeleen a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Reverend Itang H. Young, Executive Director, The Abyssinian Fund, Inc.

Sister to Sister: A Journey of an Information Technology Executive Rhonda Green, North America/Latin America Incident Manager, Zebra Technologies Corporation. Soror Green describe her rise within Zebra Technologies. "Women are leaders, as leaders we respond to getting ahead of change and challenges. Women are often paid less and economic equality of pay is paramount."

Luncheon in the Delegates Dining Hall included the introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies: Nicole N. Yearwood, Member, National Social Action Commission, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Meditation: Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, 22nd National President and Co-chair, National Social Action Commission, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Greetings: Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Ph.D., Executive Director, UN

Women. The Keynote Speaker and Honoree: Chirlane McCray, First Lady, City of New York. Special Presentation: Vincent HoSang, O.J., C.D., LLD (Hon), President and Chairman, Caribbean Food Delights Chirlane McCray is a writer and a passionate advocate for the underserved. Ms. McCray is the driving force behind Thrive/NYC, the most comprehensive mental health plan of any city or state in the USA. Thrive/NYC is changing the culture around

mental health and substance misuse, remaining the way government and its partners deliver services, and making it easier for people to get help in the places where they live, work, worship and learn. The First Lady is honored to serve as Chair of the Mayo's Fund to Advance New York City. The Mayor's Fund is the City's official nonprofit - a one-of-a-kind organization that brings together government, philanthropies and the private sector to work on some of the most pressing issues of our time, including, mental health, youth workforce development, immigration and citizenship. First Lady McCray is also Honorary Co-chair of the Commission on Gender Equity and is guiding efforts to create a city where every girl and woman is treated equally and feels safe.

Honoree: Vincent HoSang, O.J., is a Chinese-Jamaican, business leader and philanthropist. His is the President and Chairman of Caribbean Food Delights, a leading producer of Jamaican style patties in North America as well as the Chairman of the Vincent HoSang Family Foundation and Vice-President of Royal Caribbean Bakery. Born in Springfield, St. James, Jamaica, he migrated to the United States in the late 1960's.

Along with his wife, Jeanette, he began business operations in 1978, with a small restaurant and bakery. Today, his manufacturing facility produces some 65,000 Jamaican patties per hour.

The model business leader attributes his success to God's guidance, his passionate and dedicated staff and customer loyalty. For this reason, he strongly advocates "giving back."

Renowned for his kind generosity, he has helped many charitable organizations expand and students excel both in New York and the Caribbean.

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 Jamielle 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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"Buddy"**

Henry Alexander Howard, Jr., better known to family and close friends as "Buddy", was born November 28, 1949 to the late Henry Alexander Howard, Sr. and the late Lucy Bragg Howard at Community Hospital in Wilmington, NC. He departed this earthly life to enter into his eternal life on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at his home in Hampstead, NC.

Howard was educated in Pender County Public Schools and graduated in the South Pender High School Class of 1968. Afterwards he entered the United States Army. He served for 6 years of active duty, 16 years in the Army Reserves, including serving in both the Vietnam and Desert Storm Wars. He drove an 18 wheeler tanker for 33 years with several different trucking companies.

After returning to Wilmington, he met and married the love of his life, Sheron Denice Hill on February 23, 1973. From this union came two beautiful children, Christopher and Christina.

Buddy joined and worked very diligently at St. John Church of Christ, DOC in Hampstead, NC. He served on the trustee board, sang on the choirs and the Browntown Male Chorus.

He had one son, Christopher and two sisters, Gertrude Brown and Montrea Howard to precede him in death.

Those who are left to cherish his beautiful memories: His loving wife, Sheron and daughter, Christina both of the home; one granddaughter, Nataya Redd of Greenville, NC; two brothers, Preston Howard (Patricia) and Donald Bragg both of Hampstead, NC; two sisters, Sharon H Stukes (Larry) of Wilmington, NC and Nadine Howard of Washington, DC; one aunt, Gladys H. Brown of Hampstead, NC; one god daughter, Angela Nixon of Hampstead, NC; one very special cousin, Alice M. Howard of Hampstead, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Gracie M. Jordan

Gracie Mae McArthur Jordan came to the end of her earthly journey on April 4, 2017 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center.

Gracie was born to the late Charlie William McArthur and the late Annie Ruth Kenan McArthur on June 20, 1953. She attended Duplin County Schools.

Gracie and Clyde Jordan, Jr. were joined in holy matrimony on January 15, 1984 in Las Vegas, Nevada, where they resided for many kids. They later moved to Teachey, NC, where they became members of Mt. Sinai Missionary

Baptist Church. Gracie later attended The Way Worldwide Ministries where she worked diligently with the choir. She was faithful there until her health prevented her attendance.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her son, Timothy D. McArthur; a brother, Johnnie William McArthur; two sisters, Helen C. Flowers and Dorothy M. Carroll.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Clyde Jordan, Jr. of the home; three paternal children, April Jordan Shannon, Anthony Jordan (Mary) and Antonio Jordan; seven grandchildren, Markus, Kiki, Amber, Antoine, Melique, Kilani and Noah; two brothers, Charlie Henry McArthur and James Edward McArthur (Stephanie); two sisters, Annie Lois Carr and Joyce M. Smith; two brothers-in-law, John Carroll and James Jordan, Jr; two sisters, Camilla Lacewell (Davis and Sonia Jordan Nobles (Rudolph) 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.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Bernard "Leroy" Hardy

Deacon Bernard "Leroy" Hardy, 71, of Wilmington, North Carolina, peacefully succumbed to his Master's call on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice, after a valiant battle with an extended illness. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him.

Deacon Hardy was born on January 25, 1946 to the predeceased parents, Foster Hardy Sr. and Elsie Mae Hardy. He was the second oldest of four children. One sibling, Foster Hardy Jr. preceded him in death. Leroy was educated in the New Hanover County School system, graduating with the 1965 Williston Industrial Senior High School Class.

Deacon Hardy married the love of his life, Deaconess Gladys Simpson Hardy on February 15, 1975. Carol was raised as his daughter. He was a family man, always caring for family. He loved his daughter and involved himself in every detail of Carol's life. Leroy remained with Gladys through 41 years of marriage, with lives interwoven, supporting, and caring for each other. His favorite pastime was taking her automobile shopping. He also prided himself in selecting the many elegant fashions that she would wear. Together Leroy and Gladys took many "dream trips" after retiring, including destinations as diverse as the Holy Land, Paris, France, St. Thomas, Barbados, Alaska, and many others.

Deacon Hardy was self-employed for thirty years as a brickmason. His word was

his bond, and everyone knew it. To utter a lie or intentionally deceive was never evident in any of his business endeavors. With every tool that could fashion brick, he engaged with the world as a man who would be the master. His achievements continue to be displayed at Taco Bell and the many subdivisions throughout New Hanover County that the "Hardy" team would display its handiworks. He was also employed with the Wilmington International Longshoremen's Union, Local #1426, and retired in 2006 after 18 years of dedicated service.

Deacon Hardy accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and was ordained as a Deacon under the pastorate of Rev. E. T. Coston. Leroy was a very spiritual man with a strong faith and dedicated to serving others. He set an example with his actions, influencing the lives of others. Upon uniting with the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church family, he continued as a member of the Deacons Ministry. It was during this time that others would witness his quiet dignity, respecting himself the way he respected others. He was a humble servant and an example of patience, kindness, and hard work, always displaying a contagious smile.

We rejoice in Deacon Hardy's transition into the eternal presence of his sweet Jesus. By faith, Leroy still speaks, even though he will not be physically with us. If he would speak to those who are still living, what might he say to his fellow believers? He might say, "Take hold of the opportunities today to serve Him". To those who are seeking the truth, he would tell them to trust Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of their lives today.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: a loving and devoted wife, Deaconess Gladys Hardy of the home; an adoring daughter, Carol Reese (Anthony) of Lithonia, GA; two precious grandchildren, Victoria Daniel (Eric) and Brinita Reese all of McDonough, GA; one extra-special great-granddaughter, Erin Daniel of McDonough, GA; two special sisters, Elizabeth Williams of Wilmington, NC and Barbara White of Durham, NC; an uncle, Dallas Leroy Hardy of Wilmington, NC; an aunt, Olivia Hardy of Wilmington, NC; a special nephew, Anthony Hardy of Wilmington, NC; a god-daughter, Cortney Clark of Wilmington, NC; a person he loved and mentored, Deacon LeRon T. Montgomery of Wilmington, NC; one sister-in-law, Joan Thompson of New Haven, CT; a brother-in-law, Richard Simpson, Jr. (Deloris) of Wilmington, NC; a special friend, Charlie Brown; three special Deacons, Thomas Jones, George Jones, and Joe Porter,

and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

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In Loving Memory Of



Annie Jinwright Smalls
Sunrise:
February 10, 1928
Sunset: April 6, 2016

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be
A resting place along the
road to sweet Heavenly
Eternity
We all have different
journeys, different paths
along the way
We all were meant to learn
some things,
But never meant to stay
Anonymous

Lovingly Submitted
Smalls, Ghee,
Jinwright Families

Happy Birthday in Heaven



Victoria Sweat
Sunrise: April 15, 1958-
Sunset: February 9, 2017

Your birthday brings back memories of laughter and of tears of all celebrations held throughout your precious years

As you're now watching over us I hope that you can see how much those memories we made will always mean to us.

We will always cherish times we had and smile just at the thought

We hope you know the magnitude of joy your life here brought.

On holidays and birthdays it's so hard to be apart
Like every day that falls between your memory falls in our heart.

You're with us now where ever we go

You're part of all we do
We will celebrate your special day and the gift of loving you.

With love always. Rest in peace

LaShaine, Latreekia,
Marteeikia, Missy, Grizzly,
CoCo and Helen

Card Of Thanks



The family of the late **Victoria Sweat** acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.

Special thanks to Rev. Dr. Albert Gee and the members and friends of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church;

Mr. Robert and Dorothy Carmichael of Dillon, SC.; Mr. Fred and Jewell Tinsley and Michael Tinsley of Clinton, MD.;

Pastor Nathaniel Blackman and The Church of God, Siler City, NC.;

Ms. Dora Thomas and Ms. Michelle Allen of Arcadia, FL.;

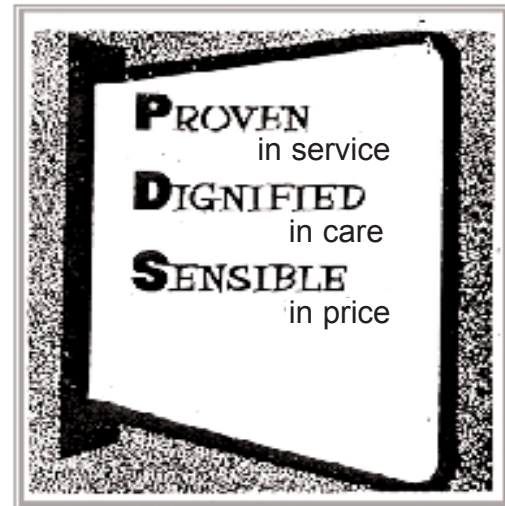
Mrs. Pamela H. Brown, Mrs. Celia Singleton, Publix Supermarket of Atlanta, GA. and the medical staff and caregivers.

May God's blessing be with each of you.

The family

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New Hanover County

Bowens Chapel AME Zion Church, 5826 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold a Women to Women Fellowship Conference on Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Come dressed in jeans.

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 Thursday April 13th, host church- Shoulder Branch, Pastor: Eric Underwood and guest church -St. John AME, Pastor: Wilma Hansley Friday April 14th, host church- New Hope MBC, Pastor: Doctor Carl McIntyre and guest church- Central Baptist Church, Pastor: Richard Robinson

Saturday April 15th, host church- Mt. Herman MBC, Pastor: Sampson Lemon and guest church- Mount Holly MBC, Pastor: Isaac Alderman

Thursday night is Holy 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 15th, service will begin at 6:00 p.m.. All other services will begin at 7:00 P.M. each evening.

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 S. 10th St., will celebrate their senior choir's 106th anniversary on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 p.m. with a gospel musical extravaganza featuring Mt. Nebo Praise Dancers and various choirs from among the surrounding area.

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.

St. Andrew AME Zion Church, 1201 S. 9th St., will hold their Gertrude Daniel's "Crowns Fit for Royalty" Parade of Hats on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 p.m. Gospel singing, hats praise dancing will be featured. Reception will also be held.

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.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their pastor's 18th anniversary on Sunday, April 30th at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Carl Moore, pastor and Lakes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church family of Atkinson, NC will be the special guest to render service. Dinner will be served immediately following the service.

Moore's Chapel AMEZion will be holding their church anniversary on Sunday, April 23rd. The morning guest will be Rev. Johnas Freeman along with Pierce Chapel AMEZion Church at 11:00 a.m. The evening program guest will be Rev. Ben Pittman with Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

The speaking voice of God

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a bright and sunny day. We met at our usual place and at our usual time with grateful hearts. Our meeting was called to order by our President Eloise Purdie. Mr. George Hill called for the choir: Our opening song was "Because He Lives." Prayer was given by Evangelist Sharon Pollock. Next we sang, "Pass Me Not." Our speaker for today was

Mrs. Evelena Jennings. Her message was that God is always speaking and letting the world hear the sound of His voice. She concluded that we have tuned our ears not to hear what the Lord says. She assured us that God's nature is to speak and communicate with His people. She reminded us that God is our shepherd and we are His sheep. That's why He said, "My sheep know My voice". She cautioned us against hardening our hearts to His voice. If we harden not our hearts, we will hear His

voice. When we read the Bible, we must let it speak to us. She finished her message by singing, "In the Garden." Her message was well received and enjoyed by all. She was thanked for such a great message.

Minister McQuillan asked for expressions. Mrs. Purdie thanked everyone for his or her participation thus far. The minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow gave her report.

Ms. Cherry Pearson called the roll and reported on the trip money Mrs. Thelma Gates and

Mrs. Sheila Ross shared treats for us today, which were greatly appreciated. The report of the "Callers" was given. The winner was Mrs. Mary Martin who represented with 12. The announcements and the report of the sick were given.

The "Smiles and Laughter" was done by Mrs. Mary Martin.

Our circle was formed and we sang "Bind Us Together."

Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan, and the meeting was adjourned.

There were 58 present today.

TELL SOMEBODY

"I Am The Resurrection"

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.



Sylvia Hooper

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Corinthians 15:12-22

"And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

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But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you." Mark 16: 1-7

"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and unbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16: 9-14

"So then after the Lord had

spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16: 19-20 Tell Somebody Happy Resurrection Day!

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

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

New Study:

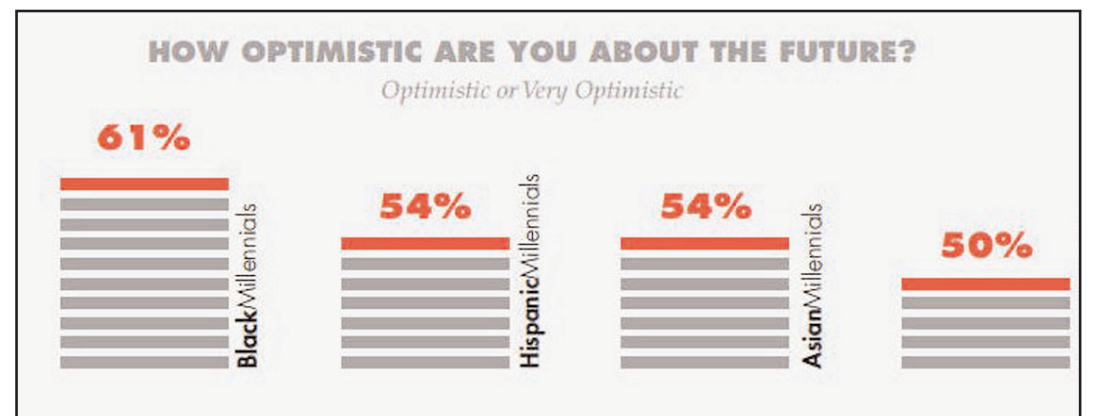
Black Millennial more optimistic about their future than Whites, Hispanics

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(TriceEdneyWire.com) A newly released study of Millennial reveals that Black consumers between the ages of 18-35 are more optimistic about their futures than Hispanics, Asians and Whites of the same age. Young African-Americans were also far more likely (59 percent) to say "anyone can achieve their dreams if they try hard enough."

The report is based on 2016 data from a collaborative research study conducted by Richards/Lerma (known for its expertise in Hispanic market advertising) and The University of Texas, Stan Richards School of Advertising and Public Relations. It was designed to gain a more thorough understanding of the complexities of today's highly diverse multicultural Millennial group.

"One of the most staggering findings of all in the midst of our nation's current racial upheaval is that Black



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Millennial are more optimistic than the other Millennial segments. Although they are less likely to say they are currently satisfied with life, they are the most optimistic about the future," the report says.

The study, "Millennial Deconstructed," consisted of a national online sample of Black, Hispanic, Asian, and White Millennial between the ages of 18 and 34 and Hispanics 35+ for comparison, and explored three separate topics: political beliefs and attitudes,

the American dream, and media behavior. A series of qualitative one-on-one interviews were conducted following the quantitative study to gain additional insights into survey findings.

"Although our initial intent in this report was to strictly define and deconstruct the American Dream by racial/ethnic segment, a much more interesting story emerged after analyzing the results," the report says. "When zooming into the differences

between the segments, the data reached out and smacked us with untold cultural stories that challenge popular notions about each race and ethnicity. While the differences between the way the groups define and relate to the American Dream are interesting, what's far more compelling is how their cultural and ethnic background shapes their responses in counterintuitive ways. In other words, it's not only 'the what' we want to talk about, it's the often neglected how and why."

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Alexander "Buttercup" Adams, Jr.

Alexander "Buttercup" Adams, Jr., age 66, of Navassa, passed away on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Funeral services will be held 2pm on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to services. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Daniel J. Hill

Daniel J. Hill, age 68, of Wilmington, passed away

Sunday, April 9, 2017. A visitation will be held from 6-8 pm on Friday, April 14, 2017. Funeral services will be at 12 Noon on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will be in John Chapel Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Lucille E. DesChamps

Lucille E. DesChamps, age 64, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, April 7, 2017. Services are pending. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.



Mary Elizabeth Cheek McIntyre
Sunrise: January 18, 1920
Sunset: March 14, 2017

Date: March 17, 2017

To The Family of Sister Mary Elizabeth Cheek-McIntyre:

The Scriptures tell us that, "For everything there is a season." And for our loved one this year was the season of Sis. McIntyre's death. Your loved one left this life and entered another. God who was invisible to her before is now visible. There is no point in denying our grief. It is real. It proceeds from a real sense of loss. We know what it is to feel empty and hollow, unable to respond to the life that remains for our sorrow over the life that has gone. The writer of the Wisdom of Solomon writes:

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
And no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great food." (Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-5)

The Columbus Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church shares your sorrow and offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the precious life of Sis. McIntyre. But in the midst of grief and sorrow, the bright light of hope shines forth! Now see through a glass darkly" said Paul. But then he said, in heaven we shall see Jesus Christ face to face. No Glasses. No Mirror. Face to Face. We shall leave this earthly life and be reunited to those we love.

"And unto Him, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, and is able to present to all of us with Him before the thorn of everlasting grace, be glory in the heavens, and on all the earth, for His blessed name's sake." Amen

Prayerfully yours,
Rev. Kevin D. Coakley- Senior Pastor
Member of Columbus Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church
Boston, Massachusetts

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Ebenezer Celebrates Women's Day

April 30, 2017

10:55 a. m.



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LEGAL NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION 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.

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

The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as by law required and will also be subject to a ten (10) day right of redemption or to the filing of a bankruptcy petition. In the event of an upset bid, redemption or the filing of a bankruptcy petition, or any other reason that the Substitute Trustee deems necessary to redo the sale, the bid deposit will be returned and no other remedies will be assertable. This 10th day of March, 2017.

Frances S. White
Frances S. White or Rick D. Lail, either one of whom may act, Substitute Trustee
P.O. Box 30081
Charlotte, N.C. 28230.0081
(704) 817-8134

April 6, 13, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE 12-SP-81

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by **Trina McDonald a Single Woman** dated December 14, 2007, and recorded December 14, 2007, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 5260 at Page 1320, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$137,275.00, 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, NC, North Carolina, on **April 25th, 2017 at 11:00 AM O'clock**, all that certain parcel of land secured by the above-described Deed of Trust recorded in Book **5260** at Page **1320**, 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 part of Lot 3, Blk 313, official plan of City of Wilmington, NC.

ADDRESS SHOWN AS SECURITY ON THE NOTE AND DEED OF TRUST: 1007 N. 11th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

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: Trina McDonald .

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April 13, 20, 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 **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 Administratrix of the estate of **Donald Thomas Bryan, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of June, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of March, 2017

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

March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER 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

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 TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Johnnie C. Baker**, 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 **13th 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 13th day of April, 2017

Estelle F. Baker, Executrix of the Estate of Johnnie C. Baker
1415 Airline Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Bernice Bunn Lea**, 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 **13th 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 13th day of April, 2017

Ramsay L. Gorham, Executrix of the Estate of Bernice Bunn Lea
142 Beach Rd. Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2017

CITY OF WILMINGTON NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Wilmington City Council is considering the conveyance of 920 Meares Street, Parcel ID R05414-008-020-000, to Cape Fear Community Land Trust, for the sum of \$1,000.00. The use of the property will be restricted by deed to ownership and/or occupancy by persons of low to moderate incomes. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-269, an upset bid can be made within ten (10) days after the date of publication of this Notice and the conveyance will not be made until the offer is accepted by City Council.

Persons wishing to upset the offer shall submit a bid with their offer to the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 N 3rd Street, Wilmington, N.C., by 5:00 P.M. April 24, 2017. At that time the City Clerk shall declare the highest qualifying bid as the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer.

•A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer to an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and five percent (5 %) of the remainder.

•A qualifying higher bid must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made in cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The city will return the deposit on any bid not accepted, and will return the deposit of any offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The City Council must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will do within 60 days after the final upset bid period has passed.

•The city reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject any or all bids.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk, at 910-341-7816 during normal business hours.

April 13, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Betty Ann Bordeaux**, 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 **13th 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 13th day of April, 2017

Stephanie B. Carroll, Executrix
28 Northwood Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Michael David Smith**, 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 **13th 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 13th day of April, 2017

Michelle Smith Arthurs, Executrix
316 Garnercrest Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411

April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER N THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 218

IN THE MATTER OF: Z.A.N. (DOB: 08/06/2014)

TO: RESPONDENT - FATHER: JEREMY STOKLEY MURDAUGH AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

Take notice that a PLEADING seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor male child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than MAY 23, 2017, said date being forty (40) days following the first date of publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply for the relief sought. You have the right to attend the hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Jeremy Stokley Murdaugh has been assigned Attorney LeeAnne Quattrucci. Counsel may be contacted at 910-795-0230, 401-J Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS is scheduled for **MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017, at 9:30 A.M.**, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter.

This the 10th day of April, 2017.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 (phone)
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

April 13, 20, 27, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Andrew Watkins, III (17-E-259)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **June 16, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of March, 2017

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

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Larcille Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of June, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of March, 2017

Catherine Slater Southerland, Administratrix
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 SAFFO LAW FIRM, P.C. 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
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April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017

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