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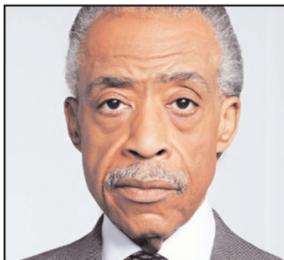
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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts.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

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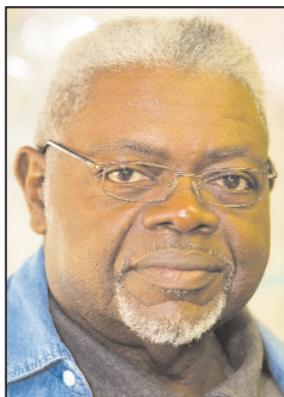


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BERNEST HEWETT

SLOWING DOWN

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In my column two weeks ago, I informed you that I have turned over the Brunswick County NAACP to Deacon Carl Parker, who is the first vice of this chapter. I will work with him to make this transfer of power successful. I am having to move away from some of the positions

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FIFTY CENTS

More tax cuts equal more social spending cuts in coming budget, say state Democrats

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Several weeks ago, Democratic Governor Roy Cooper unveiled his 2017-18 budget proposal, the first of his new administration, that called for increased State government spending by \$1.1 billion in order to primarily improve education - pre-school to college - making this State a national leader in education by 2025.

The Cooper \$23.4 budget would also give teachers a ten percent raise over two years, expand Medicaid coverage for over 600,000 North Carolinians, and restore tax credits

Democrats in the legislature, naturally, applauded the Governor for his vision and budget priorities.

"Governor Cooper's budget makes investments in North Carolina's greatest resource: its people," said State

Democratic Senate Whip Terry Van Duyn in a March 1 statement.

"We are very encouraged to see Governor Cooper's people-first agenda," Sen. Van Duyn continued. "These priorities reach out to groups that have been marginalized by the Republican leadership over the past six years in favor of corporate tax breaks. It's added up to a big payday for corporate bosses but has left workers struggling to make ends meet."

Legislative Republicans, for their part, weren't as impressed with Governor Cooper's budget proposal, accusing Democrats again of "overspending," with Senate Leader Phil Berger (R- Rockingham) saying that the GOP believed in "...returning hard

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**STATE DEMOCRATIC
SENATE WHIP TERRY VAN DUYN**



**STATE SENATE MINORITY
LEADER DAN BLUE**

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION



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WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF LAS AMIGAS INC.--(Bottom l-r) Peggy Mack, Wanda Pugh-Trice, Regional Director Marilyn Westinghouse Webb, Lena Williams, Marsha Graham Ali and Annisten Grady. (Top l-r) Leslie Watson, Jacqueline Davis, Chapter President Johnsie Davis, Lula Little and Sherby Eaddy.

Las Amigas Inc. holds awards luncheon

BY JACQUELINE DAVIS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On March 25, 2017, The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas Inc. held its 14th Annual "Women of Distinction" Awards Luncheon at the Ebenezer Empowerment Center on 2929 Princess Place Drive. At the luncheon several distinguished women were hon-

ored. Mistress of Ceremony, Sister Jacqueline Davis, opened the program with words of encouragement to our guests and a poem by Mayo Angelo, Phenomenal Woman. Next, the honorees were escorted in and seated by their sponsors and/or escorts. The 2017 honorees are: Mrs. Jacklyn Ballard, Mrs. Eunice King, Mrs. Lillian Lewis, Mrs. Frances B. Matthews, and

Mrs. Marguerite Murrain. Sister Wanda Pugh-Trice welcomed all of our guests and thanked them for coming to support the honorees. They were given applause and a standing ovation. The invocation was given by Sister Emilie Todd and a brief history of Las Amigas Inc. by our Sister Lena

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ROBERT STEPHENS

**HBCU
students, alum
to lobby for
support in DC**

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A national gathering of students from historically Black colleges and universities [HBCUs], co-organized by an alumnus of Winston-Salem State University, is slated for next week in Washington, DC, targeting lawmakers to do more to help their schools survive.

Scheduled for next Thursday, April 27, the "HBCU Day of Action" is a rally at Capitol Hill geared to "urge the White House, members of Congress, and state and local officials to maintain funding and increase resources for the hundreds of thousands of students enrolled at HBCUs every year," says the event sponsor, The HBCU Collective.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Trump's avoidance of Black Press reveals tense relations

BY PAUL DELANEY
FROM THE CENTER FOR
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Editor's Note: Paul Delaney, a veteran print journalist, spent 23 years with The New York Times as an editor, reporter, and foreign correspondent. He began his career at two black-owned newspapers, the Baltimore Afro-American and the Atlanta Daily World, before moving on to a succession of other newspapers, including the Dayton Daily News in Ohio and the now-closed Washington Star. He was a founding member of the National

Association of Black Journalists and served as the chairman of the journalism department at the University of Alabama from 1992 to 1996. He is currently completing a memoir on his career.

At the very beginning of the new administration, and probably in a moment of hubris, Omarosa Manigault, an aide to President Donald Trump, promised that the first newspaper interview with the new president would go to a member of the black press. Nobody took her seriously. In fact, such a meeting has yet to

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that I now hold in my community and other places. I have been told by my medical advisors that if I want to see my two grandboys grow up, I need to slow down.

I will soon stop writing this article, but I will not stop fighting for *The Wilmington Journal*. It is my hope that the community will fight to keep this paper going with their support and donations. This is the very paper that has survived since the early 1900's and has taken the truth to the people when other papers would not touch the minority news or even tell the truth about issues that plague the minority community. I will be in different communities fighting for *The Wilmington Journal* so that it can continue to print and grow.

We cannot allow other people to mislead our people. We must tell the story. We have elected officials who need to be exposed. We have laws harmful to the African American community and to other minorities being made. They need to be explained. We are told that "Black Lives Matter" is making trouble for people, but the true story must be told. If we allow *The Wilmington Journal* to die, we will have no voice that will tell us about these kinds of problems.

One of our leaders in the past once said, "If we allow our voice to be smothered or cut off, we then again become slaves to society. If you don't tell your own story who will?" Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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earned tax dollars to our taxpayers."
 State GOP legislative leaders are expected to release their budget plans shortly now that Easter has passed, and Democrats are indeed expecting more of the same as in previous years - massive tax cuts for corporations and the rich, which were offset by new sales taxes on repair, installation and maintenance services paid mostly by low to moderate

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occur, prompting me to think that, given the disastrous encounters with other black groups-such as black college presidents-perhaps it is best that such a meeting never happens.
 As someone who began his career working for a black-owned newspaper, I'm well aware that those of us who have toiled in the black media are used to being ignored or mistreated by public officials. I never expected President Trump to meet with the black press. Like the community that spawned them, black journalists have always felt the sting of second-class citizenship.

The recent do-between White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer and April Ryan-the White House correspondent and Washington bureau chief for American Urban Radio Networks, a consortium of black-oriented radio stations-is an example. Spicer chided her as he evaded her question about a white man killing a black man in New York. "Stop shaking your head again," Spicer hectoring Ryan. There is nothing new about such patronizing, bordering on racist behavior.

From the beginning-slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow segregation, lynchings, and discrimination of all types-reporters and editors from the black press took on the racism and the racists of the world, shining a bright spotlight on such evils as most of their counterparts in the white media took pains to ignore. In some cases, especially in the South, white reporters and editors encouraged the racist views of the day. At a conference of journalists a few years ago, keynote speaker Hodding Carter III observed that in the South during the 1960s, "the average Southern newspaper was ... bigoted." He should know. His family owned the *Delta Democrat-Times*, a rare liberal newspaper in Greenville, Mississippi.

Although black media was the stepchild of American journalism, it focused attention on many newsworthy acts that downtown dailies ignored. Black reporters working for black publishers and broadcasters tackled some of the worst cases of violence-and at times led the charge. I remember the pride of fellow staffers at the Atlanta Daily World after a campaign by the paper saved a black man from Georgia's electric chair. And who can forget the chilling coffin photos of the mutilated body of Chicago teenager Emmett Till-who was lynched in Mississippi-published in Jet magazine.

During the current news-room downturn that has seen dwindling numbers of readers, listeners, and revenue, the black press has taken a heavier hit than its white counterparts. How bad is it? One black publisher agonized over whether to accept advertising from the Trump campaign. She ended up rejecting overtures-and ad money-from the campaign.

"I could not in good conscience take the money," she explained during a private dinner that I attended last year with a group of black journalists.

President Trump and most African Americans are off to a terrible start, not surprising given the heavy black vote against him and the atrocious gaffes he and his appointees continue to make regarding nonwhite folks. Given his

income families.
 During his district town hall meeting last month in Raleigh, Senate Minority Leader Sen. Dan Blue (D-Wake) also said he expected Republican leaders to lean towards more tax cuts for the wealthy and increasing taxes for the working class.

On April 5, Sen. Blue wrote on his Facebook page, "The Senate just passed the 'Billion Dollar Middle Class Tax Cut' bill. Sounds good, right? But I voted against it for several reasons. Here's the reality of the bill."

Blue continued, "The tax cuts average out to \$80 per person, going from a \$55 tax reduction for those making less than \$55,000 and up to \$680 for those making \$200,000 or more. It also reduces the corporate tax rate to one of the lowest in the

nation."
 "If this were truly a middle class tax cut, corporations and those making over \$200,000 a year would be excluded from this bill. My colleague, Senator Ben Clark, tried to run an amendment to this point, and Republicans voted against it."

"Beyond that," Sen. Blue continued, "...this bill truly outlines our ideological differences. We have been operating under recession level funding over the past six years - State employees are facing premium increases and are in need of substantial raises; school districts are weighing the decision to lay off art and PE teachers in order to adhere to smaller class size standards."

"At the end of the day, I believe that a billion dollars can have a greater impact on

the 10 million people of this State than \$80 can have on a single person."

"The bill will go to the house for final approval."
 What has been evident when Republican leaders have cut social programs like Medicaid in the past is that North Carolina has been running higher and higher budget surpluses. Two months ago, State officials projected \$552 million in budget surplus revenues. In 2016, the amount of state income taxes collected was \$425 million, while 2015 saw about \$400 million.

House Republicans say the surpluses are a result of "...a common sense, conservative approach to State government." Translation, say Democrats, leaner social programs, and even more taxes for

the low to moderate income taxpayers.

"Lawmakers' fiscal strategy of flawed rigid formulas and persistent tax breaks is holding back our economy by leaving many investments that support thriving communities unmet or underfunded," wrote Tazra Mitchell, policy analyst with the NC Justice Center, a nonprofit progress advocacy group in Raleigh. "This approach hampers North Carolina's ability to generate improved economic outcomes today and in the future through proven strategies-strategies like investing in public services and programs that expand opportunity, build pathways to the middle class, and connect people to jobs and communities to markets."

actions and appointees thus far, black people have reason for deep distrust.

The few occasions of personal contact between President Trump and African Americans have been awkward and/or disastrous, enough to assume he will keep such intercourse to a minimum. During a White House meeting last month, Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) said he informed Trump that

"his language describing African-American communities has been 'hurtful' and 'insulting.'" Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) was one of first leaders to publicly call for Trump's impeachment. What's more, Waters was among a handful of members of Congress who refused to attend his inauguration and refused to join fellow black congressional leaders in attending the

White House meeting.

Black media have kept up a constant drumbeat against the Trump administration; we can expect that to continue, and possibly intensify. One issue sure to bubble up repeatedly-meetings with President Trump. As a former colleague at *The New York Times*, E.R. Shipp, wrote in *The Baltimore Sun*:

So with nuts, neophytes and

revisionists running the Trump asylum, one might wonder why 70 or so presidents, chancellors and advocates for historically black colleges and universities-HBCUs-accepted a "getting-to-know-you" White House invitation.

I suspect the same sentiment will apply to members of the black media, if they're ever invited to meet with the president.

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[RALEIGH] A progressive advocacy group is calling for a criminal investigation into false claims of voter fraud by former Gov. Pat McCrory and the state Republican Party



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after the 2016 election. Democracy NC Executive Director Bob Hall told reporters Tuesday that his organization was calling for a probe "...by state and federal agencies into wrongdoing related to preparing, filing and promoting bogus charges of voter fraud. Hall released a report after a five-month investigation "...into false allegations of voter misconduct and uncovers a pattern of unsubstantiated

claims of election fraud and irregularities, made without regard for the harassing and harmful impact on innocent voters."

POST-HB 2 REPEAL: THE NCAA AWARDS NORTH CAROLINA TOURNAMENT GAMES

North Carolina is back in business with the NCAA being threatened with losing any bids to host championship games in coming

years because of the state's controversial HB 2 "bathroom" law which restricted members of the transgender community from using restrooms contrary to their birth certificates. The NCAA demanded that the law be repealed, and two weeks ago, it partially was. Now, beginning in 2020, men's Division I basketball tournaments will be played in Greensboro, and the first and second rounds hosted in Raleigh the follow-

ing year. In all, Raleigh, Cary, Greensboro and Winston-Salem were granted 24 men's and women's NCAA events ranging from basketball to indoor track and field championships.

NCCU'S BLACK FEMALE POLICE CHIEF NO LONGER ON THE JOB

[DURHAM] Police Chief Odetta Johnson of North Carolina Central University is no longer on the job,

according to published reports. There is no explanation for why Chief Johnson is no longer in charge. She has been chief since December 2015. Johnson, a black female, has been replaced by Connie Bullock. Chief Johnson was lauded for being a role model for African-American females wanting to enter law enforcement.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS



LAS AMIGAS 14TH ANNUAL "WOMEN OF DISTINCTION" HONOREES

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A PRAISE DANCE WAS GIVEN BY MS. JERRY TYSON FROM WARNER TEMPLE AME ZION CHURCH.

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Williams. A musical selection was given by Las

Amigas Sister Marsha Graham-Ali.

Biographies of 2017 "Women of Distinction" honorees were given by Sister Lula Little and Sister

Leslie Watson. Each sponsor presented a beautiful certificate to their honoree from The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas Inc.

A praise dance was given

by Ms. Jerry Tyson (pictured) from Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Sister Sherby Eaddy blessed the food and lunch was served by the caterer, On Thyme Catering.

During the luncheon, door prizes were presented by Chapter members. The closing remarks were given by Chapter President, Sister Johnsie Davis, who thanked

the committee chairman, Sister Emelie Todd, and members for another successful luncheon and introduced all the members of Las Amigas, Inc. that were present.

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"Alumni and students play an integral role in preserving and growing our HBCUs," Winston-Salem State University 2008 alumnus, Robert Stephens, a co-leader of the Collective, told The Root.com. "We're here to make sure our elected officials see and feel the importance of HBCUs, and we're here to hold them accountable for their support."

Stephens was WSSU student body president for 2007-08 and has served as a board member for the WSSU Young Alumni Council.

Joining the other over 100 HBCUs from across the nation that will be sending student representatives for the "Day of Action" will certainly be many of the schools



WSSU CHANCELLOR ELWOOD ROBINSON

by our motto 'Enter to Learn. Depart to Serve,'" said WSSU Chancellor Elwood Robinson, in a statement. "From the time they are freshmen, we instill in our students the need to be active and thoughtful citizens."

Chancellor Robinson continued, "Our alumni and students play a critical role in ensuring our elected officials understand the important role of HBCUs. We appreciate that they feel passionate enough about what we do at WSSU to advocate on our behalf."

This year's "Day of Action" is particularly relevant, given the recent HBCU Fly-in Conference at the end of February, where over 80 presidents and chancellors went to Washington, D. C., at the invitation of N. C. Rep. Mark Walker of Greensboro (R-NC-6), to discuss how the

Republican-led Congress, and President Donald Trump, could partner with historically Black schools to increase financial support.

However, after the Trump Administration released its budget proposal weeks later, it became clear that HBCUs would not be getting what some felt they were led to expect. While Congress has not yet released its budget for the coming fiscal year yet, thus far, HBCUs are not realistically expecting any more support than what the

Obama Administration offered.

Jack Minor, communications director for Rep. Walker, cautions, however, that it's still too early to determine exactly what HBCUs are in store for.

"For us, most of what we are looking for can, and would, be done outside the scope of the budget," Minor said in a statement. "For instance, expanding Pell grants to year round, and focusing on fostering private-public relationships to help

HBCU students with more opportunities after school. One other area of interest is any transportation bill that would come through Congress. The [Trump] Administration has noted that this is a place where HBCUs could see advancements to invest in their campuses."

Shambulia Gadsden Sams, an alumna of another North Carolina HBCU, Shaw University, is also a co-organizer of the HBCU Collective's April 27th Day of Action.

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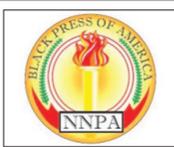
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Our Voice

CASH IN THE APPLE

The smell of war is in the air

I don't know about you, but last weekend...Easter weekend...a time where Christians around the world were supposed to rejoice that Christ had risen after his crucifixion, I virtually slept with one-eye open.

Hadn't done that since I was a kid growing up in the People's Republic of Brooklyn, NY, where every night there were gunshots, loud traffic and fire sirens 24/7.

But starting on Friday night, reason for my inability to get a good night sleep - a malady which would continue onto Saturday night - was the loud, and I do mean very loud saber-rattling between that small country run by that crazy maniac of a North Korean leader, Kim Jong Um, and that rather large country with the world's most recent crazy loudmouth maniac on the world stage, US Pres. Donald J. Trump (and the "J" stands for jackass).

These two clowns began sending signals to each other that if the other one so much as blinked, they would be scooping what was left of their country after a nuclear attack off the ground.

Indeed, the whole world was watching these two to out-macho each other, with Trump pointing toward his worthless Syria airstrip bombing - you know, the one where Trump told the Russians to warn the Syrians to head for the hills while we bomb most of their old planes - while Jong Um basked in the glow of one over-sized missile after another during a colorful parade of arms and soldiers through the streets of the North Korean capitol.

And that was followed by a promised missile launch that "luckily" blew up before it got five feet in the air.

But in between the missile parade and the faulty missile launch was a very bold threat from the North Korean leader to our US president that a nuclear war was more and more possible than not.

And, of course, what does Trump do? He starts taunting the North Koreans to chill out, or else he'll start some mess they won't be able to handle.

It's been my experience that when someone is crazy enough to talk smack to you, ALWAYS be ready for the worst, but don't antagonize them, especially if they're crazy. That's what Pres. Obama did for eight years. Does anyone doubt that he was always ready to put North Korea out of business, but never wanted to ratchet up tensions unless absolute necessary.

Why, you may ask? Primarily so that decent citizens like yours truly could get so sleep, knowing that the president in charge has the good judgment not to do anything stupid. With Obama in the White House, a good night's sleep was had by all.

But with Trump as the new commander-in-chief, you doze off at your own risk. This man could literally tweet all of us into World War III without us knowing it.

No, this is NOT what I want. It's not what anybody wants, anybody with sense, that is. But right now, Donald Trump is trying to show the world that he's Tough Guy Number One. That's a big problem. He's trying to bully someone who is committed to proving that he can bloody the big bully's nose cause he has the weapons to do it with, and he's ready to rumble.

Yes, it started Easter weekend, but this is what reality will look like for all of us for the next four years.

This is shaping up to be the biggest nightmare ever, whether we sleep or not!

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

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QUALITY TIME

When we spend quality, time teaching our children, they learn--Excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do".

As a teacher, I found the saying "your attitude will help determine your aptitude" to be about 98% true. It is the teachers, parents, mentors, family members and spiritual leader's duty to encourage, teach, lead,

guide young people in the right directions and correct them when they are out of line. A one word correction in their terminology can help them change from negative to positive. Example: Two five-year-

old boys were asked if they could ride a bicycle. One said "no" and the other said "not yet"!!!

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Mayor Emanuel's education plan falls short

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel sincerely wants to do something to improve Chicago schools. I have no doubt of that. Unfortunately, his proposal - called "Learn. Plan. Succeed." - falls short of the mark.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

His idea is to add a new requirement for high school graduation. Starting in 2020, all students eligible for a high school diploma would, in order to graduate, have to demonstrate that they have a job, admission to college, an apprenticeship or internship, a place in a gap-year program or an enlistment in the military. Emanuel touts the plan as requiring every graduate to have a plan for their lives before they get their diploma. "If you change expectations," he says, "it's not hard for kids to adapt."

Sounds good, right? But the City Colleges of Chicago, a sys-

tem of seven community colleges, already guarantees admittance to any high school graduate. So all the high schools will do is get every graduating senior to apply for admission, whether they intend to go or not. That will require a dramatic increase in school counselors, of course, and there's no budget for that. (The mayor says he'll try to raise \$1 million from private donors to help.)

Chicago has the worst black unemployment of any of the five biggest cities in the country. Across the U.S., a staggering 51.3 percent of young black high school graduates are unemployed or underemployed (that is, forced to work part time involuntarily or giving up on finding a job).

A majority of young black high school graduates are looking for full-time work and can't find it. The mayor's plan does nothing to address this grim reality. Instead, it erects a paperwork hoop for kids to jump through that is likely to have very little to do with their plans for their lives.

Why not go a step further down the reform road?

Establish the requirement and then guarantee every graduate a job, with the city acting as an employer of last resort. Rather than create another hurdle for graduation, create an incentive to graduate. The problem isn't that Chicago's high school graduates don't want to work. The problem is that they can't find work. If the city wants to create a requirement, it should fill the need.

In this way, Emanuel's plan is a faint echo of his mentor Bill Clinton's welfare reforms. In 1996, when Clinton's welfare reform bill was passed, the rhetoric was all about impoverished single mothers going from welfare to work. The plan was to abolish the welfare guarantee and require that poor mothers go to work after a limited period of time.

Great, everyone is for work over welfare. But in order to hold a job, impoverished single mothers need some way to care for their children, job training, a way to get to their job - and a job to get to. None of that was provided in the welfare reform bill that eventually passed. And the result was, when the recession hit, unforeseen con-

sequences - impoverished mothers and their children took the hit.

Emanuel operates from the theory that poor graduates lack a plan for life after high school. What they lack, however, is a real job or a real training program that would lead to a job.

These kids grow up in impoverished neighborhoods and on mean streets. Often they come from broken homes, without adequate nutrition, with unstable housing. They attend schools with massive needs and inadequate resources. If they make it, they graduate into an economy that has little place for them.

If the mayor actually wants to address this challenge - and I believe he does - it will take more than "nudges." It will take investing in schools, providing intensive counseling, resources for those qualified to go to college but who cannot afford it, affordable transportation and housing, and jobs.

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

I won't be silenced by the solar industry's intimidation tactics

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Being a journalist who covers issues important to the African-American and other marginalized communities, I have taken on powerful forces over the years. I have provided a voice for underrepresented communities and engaged both the private and public sector, but always strove to be accurate and respectful. After all, how can I demand civility and fairness from others if I don't practice it myself?



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Earlier this year, I wrote a piece in a publication that focuses on issues in the African-American community. It was about the rooftop solar business. I expressed concerns that industry bad actors were misleading consumers. I focused on three aspects that worried me: First, that new customers may be unaware that the panels can cost upwards of \$15,000 and can generate an additional lien against their home, making it harder to sell. Second, rooftop solar salespeople often tell customers that they will save a lot of money on their utility bill, which is not always true. Third, salespeople

engaging in high-pressure tactics often do so in the hope that a customer will sign a contract before they understand all of the complexities of a long-term financial agreement.

In response to my article, the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) - which represents the rooftop solar industry in Washington -- wrote a response in the same publication refuting my piece. I didn't fully agree with SEIA, but I respected their right to voice their opinion. I saw their response and was hopeful that going forward the industry would take more steps to protect minority consumers. I decided to move on and continue writing about the other issues important to me.

However, in the last few weeks, I have become a target of an intimidation campaign led by SEIA. Specifically, a gentleman named Michael Schmidt, a Senior Vice President at Crosscut Strategies, who claims to be an agent of SEIA, has repeatedly called and emailed me and my staff. In one call, he even asked a staff member why I had not responded to him and asked: "what was I afraid of?"

In his correspondence to a woman in my office, Mr. Schmidt states that I wrote: "that solar companies are targeting communities of color". Mr. Schmidt went on to say that: "The SEIA team

finds this abhorrent and they wanted to follow up with her about what she knows, since the column didn't provide details. SEIA takes this issue and consumer protection generally very seriously. Would it be possible to arrange a quick call between Dr. Malveaux and SEIA's general counsel about this?"

I believe that Mr. Schmidt's suggestion that I speak with SEIA's general counsel, Tom Kimbis, is an attempt to assert that my comment about "targeting communities of color" could be libelous. If SEIA wanted to provide me with facts to change my mind, why couldn't Mr. Schmidt provide me with that information, or connect me with SEIA's communications or policy experts? The suggestion that I speak with SEIA's in-house attorney was designed to intimidate.

Be assured, I take this threat seriously. I believe I did nothing wrong, but I do not have millions of dollars to defend myself. SEIA represents companies like Tesla that are worth billions of dollars. It wouldn't be a fair fight.

I want to be clear: I wrote the rooftop solar piece based on recent correspondence sent by three Democrats in the Congress to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The letter was read by Rep.

Henry Cuellar of Texas, a Hispanic, and Reps. Emmanuel Cleaver of Missouri and Bennie Thompson of Mississippi, both African Americans.

At the end of the letter sent by those Congressmen, they stated that the high-pressure sales tactics used by bad actors in the rooftop solar industry are often targeted at the least sophisticated consumers. Therefore, the matter is a "particular concern for minority communities in our districts and around the nation." That is where I got the line in my piece that SEIA seems to be so upset about.

If Abigail Ross Harper, the head of SEIA, or anyone at the association has an issue with what I said in my piece, then they should have reached out to me and asked to speak. I would have agreed and had an open mind. But the fact that they decided to try and use a hired gun to try and intimidate me and my staff only makes me believe that my original piece - that the rooftop solar industry does not respect minorities -- was sadly all too accurate.

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.

CFPB keeps financial services industry accountable

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On April 5 a committee hearing before the House



Charlene Crowell

Financial Services Committee was supposed to be one of two mandated sessions required by the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This spring, as in past years, Richard Cordray, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) appeared to testify before Congress on the past year's efforts and achievements.

Instead of affording Director Cordray the chance to speak about consumer trends and concerns captured in a 50-page report on 2016's efforts, nearly six hours of partisan attacks called for his dismissal and an end to the CFPB as we know it.

According to committee chair, Rep. Jeb Hensarling of

Texas, "Not only must Mr. Cordray go, but this current CFPB must go as well."

Somebody needs to call a timeout for behavior that devolves a congressional hearing into an extended partisan tirade. That kind of behavior neither respects consumers nor the oaths lawmakers took to speak and act in support of the American people. As the tone of any public forum is set by those entrusted with leadership roles, shame on the committee chair and all committee members who shirked their sworn governmental duties.

For the record, either Director Cordray or his staff has appeared more than 60 times before lawmakers since CFPB began. Indulging partisan attacks while ignoring a document that attests to the real-life concerns of consumers and their finances is an inappropriate use of public resources.

What was lost in a marathon attack was CFPB's service to America's consumers that more reasoned minds would have heralded. Since CFPB opened its doors: \$12 billion was returned to 29 million consumers harmed

by financial companies; 97 percent of complaints sent to businesses received timely replies; and More than 1 million consumer complaints were filed - 1,136,000 to be exact.

"With the help of complaints," noted Director Cordray, "we dig deeply into potentially unfair practices, so we can prevent minor issues from becoming major problems. We also use complaints to identify opportunities to educate and empower consumers about the marketplace and their rights and to understand what the rules of the road should be when we consider and undertake rule-making."

"Through the questions they ask us, the stories they tell us, and the complaints they submit, the voices of consumers remain foundational to the Bureau's work," added Director Cordray.

For example, the story of a California consumer was included in the report.

"We had actually lost over \$1,000...For a very frustrating month, we tried everything to reach the company for an explanation and finally put in a complaint with CFPB.

Within two weeks we received a response from the company and a check for the difference. We are so grateful to CFPB and this avenue of resolution."

"Time after time the CFPB has shown to be an effective agency and has kept our financial sector accountable to the public," noted Yana Miles, Senior Legislative Counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending. "With Director Cordray at the helm, CFPB has helped restore financial freedom for millions of working families."

And many of those working families included Black and Latino consumers who are frequently targeted for financial abuse. For consumers of color, CFPB's actions are strongly welcomed. Before the Bureau's creation, consumer protection was shared by several federal offices and holding predatory lenders accountable was on a long list of other duties. With CFPB, consumer protection is the sole focus, violations are verified

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TO BE EQUAL

In a victory for voting rights, Texas I.D. Law struck down a fifth time

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live. Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined." – United States Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black
A federal court this week dealt a blow to Texas' efforts to disenfranchise voters of color.

Texas' draconian 2011 voter identification law has been struck down for the fifth time. Among the attorneys representing the plaintiffs, Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus of the Texas House of Representatives, are the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, who have worked tirelessly to defend voting rights across the nation.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas determined the law intentionally discriminates against Black and Latino voters. The determination raises the possibility that Texas voting procedures could be placed under federal supervision, as it was from the 1965 passage of the Voting Rights Act until the Supreme Court's disastrous 2013 gutting of the Act with its *Shelby v. Holder* decision.

The court found that when the Texas legislature considered the bill, the lawmakers were aware that only two people, out of 20 million votes cast in the previous decade, had been convicted of in-person voter fraud. Other, more common forms of voter fraud were not addressed by the bill. The law was easily the most restrictive in the nation with respect to permitted identification. A Texas state handgun license – which may be legally obtained by some non-U.S. citizens – is a permissible form of identification under the law, while a federal or state government ID, nor a student ID, are not.

Monday was the second time Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos had ruled on the law. At the 2014 trial, experts testified to Texas shameful history of suppressing minority voters, from reconstruction up to the present day between 1895 and 1944, Texas permitted all-white primary elections. From 1905 to 1970, Texas voters were prohibited from taking people with them to the polls to assist them in reading and interpreting the ballot. Between 1902 and 1966, Texas required a poll tax.

And even though the Voting Rights Act of 1965 put Texas' voting procedures under federal preclearance, Texas continued discriminatory practices. When to voting age was lowered to 18 in 1971, Waller County – home to historically Black Prairie View A&M University – prohibited students from voting unless they or their families owned property in the county. A court struck down the requirement in 1979, but Waller County continued attempting to enforce the law as recently as 2003. Waller County violated the preclearance requirement during Barack Obama's 2008 campaign for President, improperly rejecting voter registrations and placing limits on the number of new registrations. The witnesses also noted that in every redistricting cycle since 1970, Texas has been found to have violated the Voting Rights Act with racially gerrymandered districts.

"Minorities continue to have to overcome fear and intimidation when they vote," Judge Ramos wrote in her 2014 decision. "Reverend Johnson testified that there are still Anglos at the polls who demand that minority voters identify themselves, telling them that if they have ever gone to jail, they will go to prison if they vote. Additionally, there are poll watchers who dress in law enforcement-style clothing for an intimidating effect."

While we join other civil rights groups in celebrating the court's decision, Texas persistence in continuing its long history of racial discrimination against voters is disheartening. We call on Texas' leadership to heed the blindingly clear message that voter suppression is unacceptable in 21st Century America, and move forward with a commitment to equality and opportunity.

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

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and enforcement actions return hard-earned monies to families.

"The CFPB leveled the playing field between consumers and financial companies in a way that no other regulator had previously, said Paulina Gonzalez, Executive Director of the California Reinvestment Coalition. "It stopped scammers, created real consequences for illegal behavior by corporations, and increased transparency into the marketplace so that people are better equipped to make important financial decisions. Consumers want, need, and deserve a strong agency that stands up for their interests."

A similar reaction came from Wade Henderson, President and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. "It is disappointing but not surprising that payday lenders, debt collectors, for-profit colleges, and other industry

groups have turned to their allies in Congress and the courts in an effort to weaken the Bureau so they can keep exploiting financially vulnerable Americans."

In the throes of the foreclosure crisis, consumers and their advocates spoke up, stood up and insisted on changes to ensure that never again would irresponsible lending practices jeopardize the nation's economy.

Director Cordray and his staff have worked to bring financial justice to the millions who have been harmed. Perhaps now is the right time for people to stand up and be heard once again.

According to Congresswoman Maxine Waters, the Ranking Member on the House Financial Services Committee, "The Consumer Bureau and Director Cordray are doing exactly the job they are supposed to do, and they are doing it well."

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A reversal of fortune

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I've been left to wonder which hurts more. Does it hurt more to have a disappointment occur without expectation or does it hurt more to be able to anticipate a disappointment and see it materialize?



Dr. E. Faye Williams

I've come to the realization that when it relates to the U.S. Justice System, a disavowal of patterns and practices that've served to protect the integrity of the process and broadly protect the rights of citizenship hurts whether anticipated or not.

My great disappointment in the Justice System came on June 25, 2013, in the *Shelby County v. Holder* decision. The Supreme Court struck down Section 4 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act which invalidated the "Pre-clearance" requirements of Section 5. Progressive observers predicted a retrenchment of extralegal policies that served to suppress the voting rights of non-whites who are likely pro-

Democratic voters. Events since that decision have proven the progressive prediction correct. The pre-1965 experience of a segment of society rendered powerless because of an inability to vote looms large as a future possibility, as well.

Laws passed in a significant number of states since 2013 have served to restrict voting rights and have, when contested, earned the condemnation of judges who've seen through the subterfuge and determined that these laws are no more than vehicles targeting the voting rights of minorities. Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell's adamant refusal to perform his constitutionally mandated responsibilities of conducting the confirmation process of Judge Merrick Garland signaled a commitment by Republicans to obliterate the changes to social justice achieved in the past 50 years.

My next disappointment in the Justice System came on February 9, 2017 when Jefferson B. Sessions assumed the office of Attorney General of the U.S. Although initially giving a broadly-general statement of understanding his job of assuring justice under-the-law to all citizens, his subsequent actions seem more like

rationalizations of the White Citizens' Council. Sessions' most recent and egregious act is his refusal to implement already-established consent decrees with police departments that've demonstrated disparate enforcement of the law (i.e. Ferguson, Baltimore and Chicago). In the face of overwhelming evidence and, in some cases, cooperation of the offending police department, Sessions has chosen to overlook the discriminatory patterns and practices in training and enforcement and excuse them to the isolated actions of individual officers.

Somewhere along the way, Sessions has missed the fact that no individual or institution is above the law. These isolated actions he's willing to explain away have immeasurable impact on individuals and our communities that reach far beyond an isolated event.

My most recent and greatest disappointment in the Justice System came on April 10, 2017, with Neil Gorsuch taking the oath as the newest Supreme Court Justice. The addition of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court appears to be little more than the appointment of a Scalia-on-steroids Justice who offers little hope of justice for any

except the moneyed and well-aligned.

The Gorsuch confirmation threatens to again send women to back-alleys for abortions. It threatens to solidify control of corporate interests over the lives of ordinary citizens, including environmental issues, healthcare and workers' rights. It threatens elimination of laws which control the effective implementation of civil rights initiatives. Considering the ages of current Justices, this Gorsuch threat could last 40 years or more and impact society for generations beyond that.

For all who say otherwise, voting has consequences! Those hood-winked by declarations of a failing society and non-voters who saw no reason to vote have helped shaped this reversal of fortune. In support of political interests promoted in the last election, the Supreme Court and Department of Justice, once allies and defenders of the rights of vulnerable citizens, have turned their backs on those who've depended upon their objective judgments.

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BLACKONOMICS

Radioactivity

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Well done beats well said every time...When it's all said and done, much is said and little is done.

There are many Black folks who can tell us what "we need to do" in the context of economic empowerment and other issues that matter. They have all the answers, but too often deal with them from a symptomatic perspective rather than a problematic perspective. Some of us believe that simply talking about a problem, mainly by delineating its symptoms, is actually doing the work necessary for a solution. Think about it. We cite criminal justice symptoms and educational symptoms, we talk about the wealth gap and the health gap and the income gap, and we regurgitate statistics that justify our symptomatic approach to the dire situations we face every day. But merely talking and writing about the symptoms have never solved our problems. Someone has to execute.

I hear and read a great deal of information as I look for the solution to our problems. It's almost to the point of information overload. You

would think that with all of the activists we have within our ranks that some actual activity, beyond mere exercising our powers of speech and penmanship, would take place. That is especially true on radio talk shows. Those I call "Radio-Activists" are adept at identifying the symptoms and saying what "we need to do" while seldom, if ever, laying out the problem and offering a solution—a solution on which they are willing to work and help implement. Mere "Radioactivity," and I would add "TV Activity," while they may inform us, if not acted upon is just more information. And just like knowledge, information is not power unless you use it—use it to your own advantage.

So all the pontificators, prognosticators, pundits, and philosophizers who simply offer their assessments of our problems by describing their symptoms, should do a little introspection to see if they are really interested in contributing what they can to solve our problems. Instead of, or at least in addition to sounding the alarm, they should also offer real solutions and then prepare to contribute some time, talent, and treasure toward solving those problems.

Radio activists are usually busy telling others what must be done, as they continue to sit on the sidelines and critique problems. They seldom are willing to get into the game by initiating the

solutions they espouse; instead, they tell others what to do and how it should be done. Radioactivity, when it comes to economic and political action, is dangerous and seldom results in any real progress, that is, unless someone other than the Radio-Activist picks up the gauntlet and executes a strategy that evolves into a movement to empower our people.

Don't be a Radio-Activist. The next time you have the opportunity to speak on the air—or via any medium—don't just say what "we need" to do; follow it up by saying what you either are doing about the issue or what you are willing to do about it. Besides, after making your transition, wouldn't you rather have folks speak of you in terms of what you did in addition to what you said? Don't you want to leave a legacy of putting your words into action? Don't you want your children to know for your work on their behalf rather than what you said we "needed"?

We can see what our ancestors did, many of who never gave a speech or wrote a book; they simply worked to leave something better for those who came after them. It's more about the actions than it is about the words anyway. Frederick Douglass told Harriet Tubman, "I have had the applause of the crowd and the satisfaction that comes of being approved by the multitude, while the most that you have done has

been witnessed by the few trembling, scarred, foot-sore bondmen and women, whom you have led out of the house of bondage... The midnight sky and silent stars have been the witness of your devotion to freedom and of your heroism... 'God bless you,' has been your only reward."

Everyone can do something. You don't have to be rich; you don't need to be an intellectual; and you don't have to be a leader. You have something more than words to give to our people. Love, trust, respect, encouragement, a smile, a hug, a couple of dollars to a person in need, the willingness start a project, a movement, or an organization, are all things we can do as individuals. As a collective we can unify, organize, and work on building something for ourselves, because just talking about it will not get the job done. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

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New Hanover County

LCFH offers Healing Arts Workshop to Cope with Mother's Day Grief
For daughters who have lost their mothers, Mother's Day can be a particularly emotional time, even if they lost their mother many years ago. Lower Cape Fear Hospice is offering a no cost Healing Arts workshop for daughters who have lost their mothers on Saturday, May 6, from 9:30 a.m. to noon to help prepare them for the upcoming holiday. To register, call 910-796-7991.



Maides Park will hold free sports events on Friday, April 21st for ages 7-13 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Soccer, rugby, lacrosse, tennis ultimate frisbee and basketball. Refreshments will be provided. T-shirts will be given to participants, while supplies last. On Saturday April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Earth Day will be celebrated. Free arts and crafts, relay races, nature walk, free painting, snacks and prizes.

Community Briefs

National Black Leadership Caucus NHC Chapter will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday April 27th at Robert Taylor Senior Homes, 1308 N. 5th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information please call 910-274-7067.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on the Rock the Block Health Fair Saturday, April 29th 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.

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.

Wilmington Precinct 25 will hold their monthly meeting on Friday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Robert Taylor Senior Homes, 1308 N. 5th Ave. For more information call 910-274-7067.

Wake County

North Carolina Cancer Survivorship Summit will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton from April 27th- April 29th. 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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Davis Funeral Home honors March students of the month with limo ride and breakfast



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Rachel Freeman School of Engineering students honored for March.



Snipes Academy of Arts and Design students honored for March.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Senior citizens: Outstanding people with amazing memories of outstanding moments

It is a great thing to live in communities with our senior citizens! Senior Citizens have a great many experiences that they could share with us. These stories range all the way from yesterday's farm life and the hardships thereof to all kinds of other adventures in what life used to be.



Verniece Stanley

Seniors, many times, share what it was like to be brought up on the farm. They talk of the hard times experienced there and also the happy times shared there.

Another subject on which the seniors like to report is the adventure we used to know in riding the Greyhound Bus Lines. So many of us remember standing on the shoulder of Old Highway 17 South, money in hand and right arm outstretched, as a sign to the bus driver that we wanted to ride. It was a part of the Greyhound Bus's daily route, as the bus headed toward Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

It was back in the days of Jim Crow, and certainly, as exciting as it was to ride, still, we were met with discrimination on the buses, just as we were elsewhere in those days. There were usually a few seats set aside at the back of the bus in which Blacks traveling to various destinations were permitted to sit. If the bus were crowded and therefore, the seats at the back were filled, Black riders had to make the best of standing up. Even though our tickets were paid for, just like the Whites' were, seats nearer the front of the bus were reserved for "Whites Only." Funny thing, isn't it? The money looked the same, and it was all placed together in the same designated container, but the two races were separated by law.

As we remember the old days, another image comes into our minds, and that is of big trucks traveling on Highway 17. Generally it was in the spring when we would observe these big trucks from various places, such as Florida, normally be transporting several people, sitting in the back of the trucks. They traveled in a way that would remind us of someone on a

hayride. These, we learned, were migrant farm workers who were headed to huge farms, sometimes plantations, in North Carolina and Virginia. They traveled about from farm to farm, usually with small amounts of food and little money on which to make it, but they worked hard and rested up in order to be ready to make the next trip to the next farm or even the next state. These people, many of them, had a dim outlook on life, but they also had a dream that, if they worked hard enough and long enough, they could make a better life for themselves and their families. They suffered many hardships. Sometimes, tears ran from their eyes and rolled down their cheeks, but they could see through their tears the hope of a better life ahead. They would wipe away their tears and continue to toil, looking toward better economic conditions.

The income was low, and it was hard to save money for economic security during these hard times, but they, for the most part, struggled on, and, at the end of the summer, some went back to their homes in Florida and other

places from which they had come to join their families back home. Others found permanent dwelling places in the states to which they had traveled and worked or moved farther and farther north. Some were fortunate enough to return to visit family and friends back home periodically. Others never returned to their native hometowns but continued to seek the reality of their dream! What memories of outstanding moments!

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.

365 South Entertainment and Support The Port Foundation, Inc. Easter basket giveaway



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Kids standing in line as they wait for their free Easter Basket during #DatWaySunday Easter Basket Giveaway with 365 South Entertainment & Support The Port Foundation, Inc.

BY CEDRIC HARRISON
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365 South Entertainment and Support The Port Foundation gave away 100 Easter baskets on Easter Sunday at 10th Street Park (Portia Hines Park) during "Dat Way Sunday".

#DatWaySunday is an engagement where community members

from the north side and surrounding areas of Wilmington come together to fellowship and enjoy hanging out with one another while playing basketball, eating, and this past Sunday giving away FREE Easter baskets to all the kids that came to the park.

Boys stood in one line, while the girls stood in the other line to receive their free Easter basket. Thanks to Wilmington native with a big East Coast buzz Artist/Rapper Push Almighty of 365 South Entertainment for making the giveaway possible.



365 South Entertainment Artist/Rapper and local native Push Almighty posing for the camera with the First Young Lady that he gave a Easter Basket to during, #DatWaySunday Easter Basket Giveaway with 365 South Entertainment & Support The Port Foundation, Inc.

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Alexander "Buttercup" Adams, Jr.

Alexander "Buttercup" Adams, Jr., age 66, of Navassa, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2017. A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Mr. Alexander Adams, Jr., "Buttercup" was born April 12, 1950 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Alexander Adams, Sr. and Ruth West Adams.

Alexander attended Lincoln High School in Brunswick County, Class of 1969. He worked at the Bolivia Lumber Mill in Navassa, NC and the Wanet Sausage Co. in Wilmington, NC for a number of years.

Alexander joined Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in 2003. He served as Trustee and later became a Deacon in June 2009. He was a member of the Male Chorus, and the Gospel Choir and served faithfully. He was joined in marriage to Deborah Thomas on March 23, 2006.

Alexander was preceded in death by his 3 children; Bobby Bowman, Michael R. Adams and Antwain Adams, grandmother, Anna Bunting West Manago, a special aunt, Louise West, a special uncle, Samuel West and a special cousin, Anna Ruth West Suggs.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife Deborah Adams; two daughters, LaMonica Toster Redd (Andrew), and Tawanda McGhee; two sons, Michael Cobbs and Anthony McGhee (Rachelle); two stepsons, Charles Thomas (Wendy) and Xavier Thomas (Sharene); 12 grandchildren, Natasha, Nakita, Da'Mek, Tamia, Ja'zir, Mae Halia, Akira, Anthony, Jr., Emijah, Mayah, J'lanay, and a special grandbaby, Avaiah; three great-grandchildren, Ryan, Kylin and Ashtan; two special cousins, Sandra Suggs and Craig Suggs (Sharon); and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Daniel J. Hill

Daniel J. Hill, age 68, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2017 after a brief illness. A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in John Chapel Cemetery.

Dan was born May 24, 1948, the son of the late Mary

Elizabeth Hill Tate and James Tate.

He grew up in the Rock Hill Community. Dan was a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church since 1989 and enjoyed singing in the male choir for years. Dan loved his church and his family. He had a special and trusting love for his sister Wilma Gordon, and for his cousin and best friend Hugh Wrisbon. He was preceded in death by his biological father Herbert Bryant, two brothers, Dennis and James D. Tate, and a sister Ida Wells. He leaves to cherish memories a son, Lee Andrew Tate, a caring brother, Curtis (Ann) Hill of Wallace, NC, three devoted sisters, Wilma Gordon, Rose Prentice and Janice Tate of Wilmington, NC; one uncle, Joe Lewis Hill of Castle Hayne, NC; six aunts, Beatrice Kellum, Carolyn Hill, Odessa Hill, Thalia Grady, Eleanor Pierce of Wilmington, NC, and Henrietta (Luther) Collins of Bronx, NY, a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends, including Elder Willie Holliday. *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. A funeral service was held on Friday, April 14, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lucille Elizabeth Dent-DesChamps was born in Cape May, New Jersey on June 17, 1952 to Catherine Lucille Major-Dent and Milton Charles Dent Sr. She was one of six children. When she was five her Coast Guard family was transferred to New London, Conn. and from there to Seattle, WA when she was eight.

Lucille attended, Garfield High School and Seattle Central Community College where she took courses in Cosmetology. Lucille worked as a Clerk Typist, Office Assistant and Cashier before relocating to Wilmington, NC in 1984 with her two sons Devon Marshall Coleman and Aaron Bernard Boyer. She was always the type of person who loved caring for people. It came very natural to her and it was no wonder her first job was at Fannie Norwood Memorial Home (nursing home) in 1984. On May 23, 1987 she married George Roland DesChamps and conceived her youngest child soon after, Ebony Nicole DesChamps. She loved her family and wanted nothing more than for her chil-

dren to be strong, independent, and happy. Throughout the years she worked with children at Tiny Sherman Daycare and Shaw Speaks Community Center and made a difference by being that adult children could confide in and respect. She always said that the reason a lot of kids have behavior problems, was because no one really sits down and listens to them. She knew how to listen and how to discipline in a way that made children change their act; she was definitely a "Child Whisperer". In her later years, she began working for Senior Choice Unlimited where she cared for the elderly and was a great companion.

She touched so many lives and left behind some beautiful, impacting, and funny memories. And on the morning of April 7, 2017, God decided to bring a beautiful soul home. He put her in peace where there was no pain or suffering. *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.*

Dexter James

Dexter James, age 61, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2017. A visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2017. Burial at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Card Of Thanks



The family of the late **Deacon Bernard (Leroy) Hardy** wishes to express with great appreciation for the outpouring of love during the illness and death of our loved one. Never are we more aware of how much friends and family mean than at the time of bereavement. Your kindness and sympathy will always be remembered.

Lovingly,
Deaconess Gladys Hardy of the home
Daughter:
Carol Reese (Anthony), Lithonia, Ga
Granddaughters:
Victoria (Eric), McDough, Ga
Great-Granddaughter:
Erin, McDough, Ga.
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We have found the answer to the question: "Why does God give us the sunshine and at nighttime take it away?" So that we will always be able to remember the brighter times of life and the love ones we can cherish for eternity.

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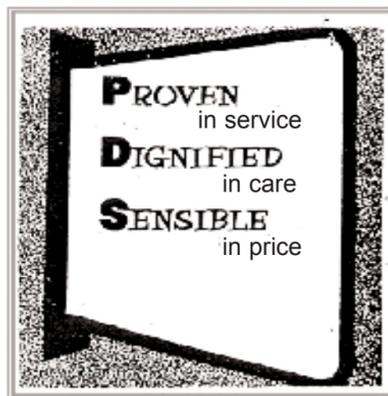
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New Hanover County

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.



Religious Briefs

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2929 Princess Place Dr., will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday, April 30th at 10:55 a.m. The guest speaker will be Sister Acquinetta J. Beatty of Piney Grove FWB Church, Bolivia, NC.

First Baptist Church Scotts Hill, 8800 Market St., will observe their annual Women'd Day on Sunday, May 7th during the 11:00 a.m. service. The guest speaker will be Rev. Pamela Simmons of Second Chance Ministries, Sneads Ferry, NC. At 3:00 p.m. the guest speaker will be Rev. Barbara Evans of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC.

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 around the surrounding area.

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.

St. Mark's Episcopal, 600 Grace St., will hold an afternoon tea in honor of St. Mark's 148th Anniversary on Sunday, April 30th from 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Wear your fanciest hat. Donation \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit St. Mark's Bell Tower. To purchase tickers please contact church office at 910-763-3858.

Bladen County

Baldwin Branch Young Adult Missionary Ministry will present "Pack The Pew 2017" Theme: "Straight Outta Oil: Can I Get A Refill?" on Sunday, April 30th at 9:45 a.m. Guest minister will be Elder Tyquan Sparks of Columbia, SC, with guest worship leader, Ms. Tara Ganus of Whiteville, NC. Bring canned goods on this day of mission to pack the front pew. Invite school clubs, social organizations, kings, queens, Greek families, bike clubs, masons, and more. A 42-inch television will be given to the person with the most guests. Get involved in "Pack The Pew 2017." Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor. Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church is located at 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 AME Zion will be holding their church anniversary on Sunday, April 23rd. The morning guest will be Rev. Johnas Freeman along with Pierce Chapel AME Zion 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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New Williston Exhibits
at Cape Fear Museum

The Williston Alumni Association, along with the Cape Fear Museum, is sponsoring a reception on Sunday, May 7th in the Williston Auditorium of the Cape Fear Museum on Market Street between 8th & 9th Streets.

Exhibits have been on display since the Williston Alumni Assn. made a substantial contribution to the museum in the 1990's. The Alumni Association is pleased to have new items for former Willistonians and the general public to view. This exhibit will continue to change in the future. The organization continues to contribute to the museum through an endowment to which alumni contribute.

Please join other former Willistonians for this reception the first Sunday in May. There is no admission required to enter the museum that day as it is the first Sunday of the month.

"We Are Jewels"

Ebenezer Celebrates Women's Day

April 30, 2017

10:55 a.m.



Guest Speaker: Sister Acquinetta J. Beatty,
of Piney Grove FWB Church
Bolivia, NC

Rev. A. L. Gee, Pastor
Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church
2929 Princess Place Dr.
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SENIOR MOMENTS

Thanking Him in advance

My Fellow Seniors:

Since my husband passed away, my bank account has dried up. One of my church members said to me, "Don't worry about it. Just put it in the hands of the Lord." I know God can do anything but fail, but there is so much suffering around the world that I had to wonder if He would take the time to consider my financial problems.

I always like to think positive, to trust in Him and hope for the best, but I know there are people in this world who have problems that are far greater than mine. That makes me wonder if God is going to take the time

to deal with my situation while so many other people are suffering with problems that are much worse.

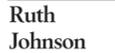
When a billion people are asking for a billion different things at the same time, does God deal with each one Himself or does He expect His servants to do whatever is needed? How would we know who needs what unless He tells us?

Actually, He already did. The Lord said, "Do unto oth-

ers as you would have them do unto you." That's all it takes to make this world a better place.

If you were stuck in a ditch, you would want someone to pull you out, right? Well I'm in a hole right now. So, if you are a servant of God, you already know what to do. So I am thanking you in advance.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.



Ruth Johnson

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

The God of Money

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! Our opening song was "Glory to His Name." Prayer was offered by Brother Claude Martin. It was a most uplifting prayer, and we really Brother Martin for it. Our next song was "Revive Us Again."

The speaker for today was Sister Louise Moore. Her subject was "The God of Money." She reminded us that God has given us useful resources and that God provides all we need. She said, "When we realize all God has

done for us, we need to be more thankful." She challenged us depend on God and not our material things. She also brought to our attention the fact that, though we think the more we accumulate the better off we, that's not true. Money in its right place is good, but we should never forget that it all belongs to God. Our source is Jesus. If we choose to trust in Him, we will realize that He is our true Provider. God will meet all needs according to His riches in Glory. We just thank Sister Moore so much for that meaningful message. We truly needed it, and we truly

enjoyed it!

After such a wonderful message, remarks were given. We welcomed Vice-President Gladys Taylor. We were really glad to have her back with us.

Minutes were given by Secretary Mildred Ellerby, after which it was time for our "Callers" to report. There was a tie between Sister Janice Gordon and Sister Francis B. Matthew. Thanks to all our Callers and members who were present.

Our announcements were given. The sick report was given by Sister Annie Haskins, and we thank her

for the wonderful job she always does.

We were blessed again to have "Smiles" brought to us by Sister Mary Martin. As usual the laughter was uplifting, and we truly appreciate and love Sister Martin for taking the time out to give us such laughter. We must remember that laughter is good for the soul.

We sang our usual closing hymn, "Bind us Together." Prayer was offered by Minister Doris McQuillian.

Our meeting was adjourned at this point.

We were happy to have fifty members present today.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Who stole my peace?"

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
Phillippians 4:6-7

"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you..." spoke Rudyard Kipling in his poem entitled, "If".

Life happens to us all! Many things that happen are pleasant and pleasureable.

We like to take credit for these things. But when bad things happen, somehow it is so much easier to blame others, than accept the blame ourselves, or at least the part we played in allowing it to happen. The Blame Game begins when we take the easy way out, and blame others for our own personal failures, faults, and calamities.

Truthfully, There are a lot of things that happen to us, that are beyond our control. Just like good things can happen to bad people. Bad things can happen to good people. God reigns on the just and

the unjust. God also gives us the victory through the choices we make in response to the things that happen to us. We can become bitter, or we can become better. We can become weaker, or we can become stronger and wiser through the things we experience and the responses we give. If we would dare to accentuate the positives in our lives, the negatives would gradually be eliminated or diminished. Then, we won't have to ask the question, "Who stole my peace?"

One of the most frustrating things to happen, can occur when someone blames you, for their spiritual loss. If someone steals your money, automobile, personal items, yes there is someone else to blame. But who is to blame when we lose the joy of the Lord, the love of God, or the peace of God? "Who stole my peace?"

If you do not have inner peace, who actually is to blame? Jesus said in John 16:33, that in this world we will have tribulation, but in him we will have peace. There are a lot of disturbing things that can happen, but through it all, Jesus is able to keep us in perfect peace, if our mind is stayed

on him. (Isaiah 26:3)

When we go to God in prayer and make our requests known to him, faithful obedience will bring about the blessing of inner peace. God empowers his people by instructing us to worry about nothing, while praying about everything! This kingdom principle will work if we practice this method in everything. It is not the will of God that we ever lose our peace to anyone or anything. It is not always easy, but it is always worth it, and in the end, if we obey, there will be peace.

The Peace of God, is one of the promises of God to Believers in Christ Jesus. But our part in the peace process is to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and minds fulfilling the will of God in us and for us. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the one which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Coll 3:15. "Who stole my Peace?" If for some reason, you have lost your peace, the good news is, you can get it back! If the Lord is indeed your shepherd, he can and he will restore your soul. Peace is a part of the package of spiri-

tual restoration. It is yours to have, to hold, to retain and to maintain. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7

Prayer: Father we pray in the Name of Jesus that you will restore peace to all who ask for it, for your glory. Amen Tell Somebody.

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

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

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UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by **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.

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This 20th day of March, 2017.

Frances S. White
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April 13, 20, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Airlie 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

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This the 13th day of April, 2017

Ramsay L. Gorham, Executrix of the Estate of Bernice Bunn Lea
142 Beach Rd. Avenue
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April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Annette R. Geiger**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or **before July 11, 2017**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of April, 2017.

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

April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Lawrence **Charles DeBellis**, 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 **20th 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 20th day of April, 2017

Teresa DeBellis, Executor
912 Deer Spring Ln
Wilmington, NC 28409

April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2017

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00315 in Pasquotank County bidding on 5/3/17. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 4/24/17 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

April 20, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

"Invitation to Re-Bid"

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: **Avis Consolidated Rental Car Facility**
RE-BID DUE DATE: **April 25, 2017**
RE-BID TIME: **2:00 p.m.**

This invitation is to re-bid the Avis Consolidated Rental Car Facility per bidding requirements. Sealed bids will be received at the Airport Administration Building, 1740 Airport Blvd., Suite 12, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405 until 2:00 PM local time, **Tuesday, April 25, 2017**, at which time they shall be opened in the ILM 2nd Floor Executive Conference Room, 1740 Airport Blvd., Suite 12, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405, for:

Avis Consolidated Rental Car Facilities

This project includes: the developing of a remote consolidated rental car facility on airport property located at the intersection of Hall Drive and Blue Clay Road, Wilmington, NC. The site will house one (1) lease area for the Avis/Budget rental car agency operating at the Airport. This site will be developed and leased to Avis/Budget Rent Car Company. The size of the lease area is approximately 4,200 square feet. Included in the lease areas will be proposed parking spaces with future expansion capabilities, administration and office space, maintenance bay, service canopy, and wash bay.

Major project component for this project include:

- 174 parking spaces with future expansion capacity for up to 300 vehicles; 1,200 square foot administration/office space; lighted maintenance bay with two overhead doors; and one automated wash facility.

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid will be required to accompany bids. Contract Bonding shall also be required. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding. Participation in the Disadvantage and/or Women Business Enterprises Program (DBE and/or WBE) is required. The goal for this contract is nine percent (9%) to be performed by certified DBE and/or WBE firms.

This project will be bid as a single contract. Bid prices shall be held for up to 90 days. All bids must be submitted in accordance with Project Manual which may be examined in the Airport Administration Building, or obtained from:

RS&H Architects-Engineers-Planners, Inc.
1520 South Boulevard, Suite 200
Charlotte, NC 28203
Attn: Michael Blackmore, PE
Telephone (704) 940.4782
Email: Michael.Blackmore@rsandh.com

Complete sets of drawings and specifications may be purchased from **McGee Cadd Reprographics**, for \$135.00 per set, plus the cost of mailing or overnight shipping, after 12:00 p.m., April 19, 2017. Plans are also available at www.carolinanplanroom.com at no access charge. Partial sets of drawings and specifications will not be issued. The purchase price for the contract documents is not refundable.

Consistent with New Hanover County policy and practice, no prospective bidder shall be considered for contract award who has, within ten (10) years prior to its bid, failed to fully perform a contract with New Hanover County or New Hanover County Airport Authority through contract breach in initial construction and/or failure to fully perform required subsequent remedial repair. The ten (10) year disqualification period shall be calculated as commencing with the most recent breach or failure to perform.

April 20, 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

LEGAL NOTICES

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 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Elizabeth Unie Engelmann**, 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 **20th 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 20th day of April, 2017

Dorothy Lee Bowers, Executor
113 Double Eagle Ct.
Aiken, SC 29803

April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2017

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In Re Dissolution of A Wolf Company, Inc. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 55-14-7

Having submitted Articles of Dissolution to the North Carolina Secretary of State for filing, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against A Wolf Company, Inc. to present sufficient information to identify the claimant, nature and amount of the indebtedness along with an affidavit in support of said claim to the undersigned at the address given below on or before April 20, 2022 -- or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Corporation please make immediate payment.

On this day, April 20, 2017.

Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr., Attorney for A Wolf Company, Inc.
Sherman & Rodgers, PLLC
8120 River Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

April 20, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, R. Yvonne Hughes, having qualified on the 17th day of April, 2017, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Joseph Cleveland Hyatt (16-E-1662)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **21st day of July, 2017**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 17th day of April, 2017.

R. Yvonne Hughes
Personal Representative
ESTATE OF JOSEPH C. HYATT
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington NC 28403

April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2017

MEETING NOTICE

The Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will hold a work session on Wednesday, April 26th at 1:30pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room of the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, N.C. to discuss the proposed Cape Fear River Crossing.

The Board is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The Board sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

April 20, 2017

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room of the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, N.C.

The Board is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The Board sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Tracy Manning at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
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April 20, 2017

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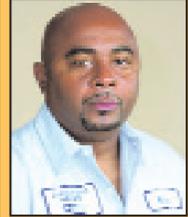
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