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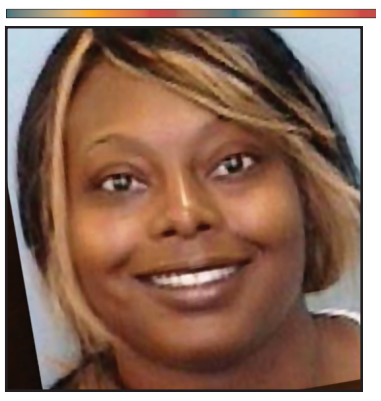

EBONEE SPEARS

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

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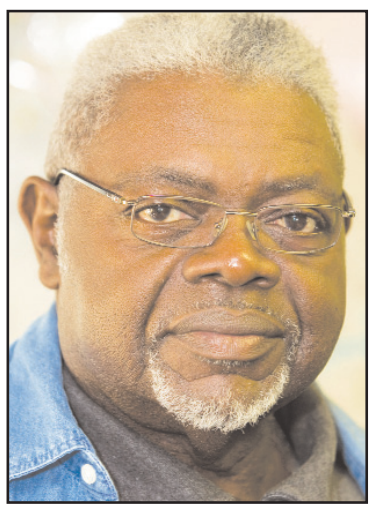

BERNEST HEWETT

Pre-Juneteenth Banquet scheduled

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County Black Leadership Caucus will hold its annual Pre-Juneteenth Banquet June 5, 2017 at The St. James Community Center, 4136 Southport-Supply Rd. The program will begin promptly at 5:00p.m. We ask that you come out and join us. Your presence will be a sign of progress for this County.

The Brunswick County Black Leadership Caucus is known for awarding scholarships to youth and its ability to bring the people of Brunswick County together. This is an opportunity for us to come together and break bread with each other in peace and harmony and with good intentions. We must never stop promoting the power of love and prayer. Man is only as strong as his work toward man!!!

Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

NC NAACP President Barber leaves in June

Will join national "Poor People's" campaign

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER

Though he insists that he's "really not leaving," Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of the State Conference of the North Carolina NAACP, says he will be "transitioning" from the state presidency next month to join a national "poor people's" campaign to address issues of poverty and social inequality.

"I'm not going to run for another term [as president] of the North Carolina NAACP, and I will step down in June," the civil rights leader said Wednesday during a teleconference.

Maintaining that the NC NAACP is "...strong in our legal victories; strong in our organizational structure; strong financially and strong in the clarity of agenda...," the civil rights leader expressed confidence that the next state president, coming from among the organization's four vice presidents, will be up to the task.

Barber has been president of the North Carolina chapter, the largest in the South, since 2005. He led the once troubled conference into national prominence with weekly Moral Monday demonstrations at the North Carolina state legislature

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2017 MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

REV. DR. MARY BENJAMIN

Honoring the life of a great woman

BY SYLVIA HOOPER
CONTRIBUITNG WRITER

"A man's work is from sun to sun, but a mother's work is never done!"

"Ye have not chosen men, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:"--St. John 15:16

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This Mother's Day Memorial Tribute is to reflect and honor the life of a great woman, whose work is yet praising her in the gates of the community and the world even though she has transitioned from earthly labor to heavenly reward. Her fruit has remained, because she was a chosen vessel of the Lord. She poured out her life for the glory of God and was indeed a mother to many sons and daughters! We are giving honor to whom honor is due; for she fought a good fight and she kept the faith! She endured to the end. She was a virtuous woman. Her lasting legacy continues to impact the lives of the many people she touched with the love of Jesus Christ. `

Jesus said, "I must work the work of him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work." St. John 9:4 Rev. Doctor Benjamin possessed the wisdom to know that the

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Confusion about Trump statement on HBCU funding

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Is President Donald Trump standing by his stated earlier commitment to support historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), or is he backing off, using some oblique constitutional reason not to do so?

Last Friday afternoon, the Trump White House issued a statement upon signing HR. 244, the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2017, which was recently passed by Congress to fund the federal government by $1.1 trillion through September 2017.

What was notable about the law was that even Democrats, like Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12), were pleased with it.

"This is a clean bipartisan budget that's good for the 12th District," she said in a May 3rdstatement. "Students across the 12th District will now have access to year round Pell Grants, increasing access to higher education and opportunity."

Rep. Adams concluded, "This budget is a reflection of what Congress can accomplish when we work together."

But in Trump's May 5th signing statement on the law, the Republican President delineated which provisions of the bill "...would, in certain circumstances, unconstitutionally limit my ability...." as commander-in-chief.

Toward the end of Trump's statement, he continued, "My administration shall treat provisions that allocate benefits on the basis of race, ethnicity, and gender (e.g., Division B... "Historically Black College and University Capital Financing

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NC NAACP blasts UNC board attempt to cripple civil rights center

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The president of the NC NAACP is critical of a UNC Board of Governors subcommittee proposal that wants the UNC Center for Civil Rights at UNC-Chapel Hill to cease filing complaints, motions, lawsuits or other legal claims, usually on behalf of poor people or communities, against any private person, company or government, or one acting as, or employing, legal counsel.

"This is another attempt by the extremist Republican-led General Assembly and its allies to roll back civil rights and undermine any group or policy that fights for civil rights, voting rights, and the principle of equal protection under the law, embedded in our Constitution," says NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber. "It reveals how afraid they are and how deeply they realize that the policies they are promoting, when exposed, are found to be driven by racism and are an affront to justice."

"They can't handle the truth, so they try to stop the truth tellers," Rev. Barber continued. "The UNC Center for Civil Rights is under attack because of the work they do, and have done, challenges the [repression] the General Assembly is doing, and wants to do more of."

The full UNC Board is expected to vote on the matter this month. Public opinion was solicited in Chapel Hill on May 11th.

Conservative members of the UNC Board of Governors Education Planning, Policies and Programs Subcommittee say legal centers on UNC campuses should not be involved in litigation, only learning about it.

"We need to confine ourselves to our mission, which is academic," Raleigh Attorney Joe Knott, a committee member says. "The university is not a public interest law firm and doesn't need to be."

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"Dr. Mary Benjamin was a woman of integrity whose tenacity, sense of humor and God given creative ideas for Ministry made an indelible impact on my life." Mother Patricia D. Lofton, N.C. 2nd. Supervisor of Women, COGIC.

"Rev./Dr./Mother Mary Benjamin was truly one of the most honorable and distinguished giants in the gospel of Jesus Christ on the east coast of the United States of America. She was a very unique woman of God who loved all people, no matter the race, color, creed, or denomination. She was truly a woman with a Christ like mind and supported the younger generation on the battlefield for the Lord. She preached and taught the Word of God to hungry souls, here and abroad. She always celebrated the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ every Good Friday." Evangelist Lynda Smiley McMillan.

There are many voices willing and able to join in the chorus of accolades to this great woman, Rev. Dr. Mary Ben-jamin. Evangelist Beverly Jordan is one of them. She stated, "Mother was gentle and sweet, always comforting, caring, loving, supportive, and giving. She embraced everyone as being someone special. Young men from the prison she ministered to often remembered her after their release from incarceration, and would share with her the impact of her being there for them. Mother Benjamin could go in there and touch those men in a way many others could not! I believe she took them as her sons and used a motherly approach in ministry.

Mother Benjamin taught many students in The Undenominational Bible Institute. Her classes included pastors, ministers, and anyone who wanted to learn more about the bible. She was a serious and a tough professor! We were all so blessed by her teaching skills. The school originated from New York to New Bern, then to Wilmington, under the instructions of her Overseer. There were so many graduates from her classes.

Mother had a heart for outreach ministry. She fed the hungry, supervised a food distribution program, and visited the sick everywhere. Mother was always willing to listen and share Mother wit and scripture. James 1:19 comes to mind when remembering her. "Let every man be quick to hear and slow to speak, slow to wrath." She would listen well, and then impart a little wisdom with you. She would touch your life in word or deed….. I will never forget the way the Lord would use her to bring validation and value to those who needed it….because I am one."

Her husband of forty-five years, Elder Lensey Benjamin cherishes the memories of her as being, "The Love of My Life". Dr. Benjamin served faithfully as Undenom-inational Pentecostal Holiness Church, Pastor for over 25 years until 2008, being obedient to God, she withdrew from UPHC, and established an independent charter changing the name of the church to its present name, LightHouse Shining Ministries, Inc. The church family was her life and she loved it until the end. She would always say, "It is nice to be nice", and "To God Be the Glory."

BARBER

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since 2013, and challenging the state on controversial cases of alleged racial injustice.

The key to Barber's success was his ability to lead diverse racial and religious coalitions to demand change on issues ranging from equal education to affordable health care. Subsequently the Christian leader was invited to twenty-three states last year to do "moral revival" training, sparking Moral Monday demonstrations as far away as Chicago.

In recent years, Rev. Barber has been recognized as a key voice in the progressive movement nationally, garnering him numerous appearances on MSNBC and CNN, and stories in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal; an address during the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia; and the keynote sermon at Riverside Church in Harlem last month commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s April 4, 1967 "Beyond Vietnam" address.

His numerous appearances across the country gradually fueled speculation that Rev. Barber was steadily ascending to national leadership. Last Wednesday, he confirmed that he will be "following a deep calling" and "transitioning to an expansion of the work around the country."

"We found that there is a deep hunger for a shift in our moral narrative in the nation, and I've been asked by a number of moral leaders and impacted persons and advocates to join with them in helping to bring some leadership, energy and unity to helping to build the Poor People's campaign, and a national call for a moral revival. "

Rev. Barber said the campaign will focus on 25 states and the District of Columbia, with at least half of them in South, including North Carolina, culminating with the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's 1968 Poor People's Campaign.

"In the times in which we live, our country still needs to address the issues of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy and militarism, and our national morality," Rev. Barber said. "We need a moral narrative."

Though Barber is leaving the North Carolina NAACP presidency, he is not leaving the civil rights organization. He says he'll still be a member of the state conference, and still sit on the national NAACP board.

The Christian pastor will not be leaving his Goldsboro church either, Greenleaf Christian Church, saying that doing so keeps him in close touch with the needs of the people.

He will join the national effort under the banner of his own social justice group known as "Repairers of the Breach," which, in partnership with the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights and Social Justice at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and other social justice and theologian activists, will sponsor "The Souls of Poor Folk: Auditing America 50 years after the Poor People's Campaign Challenged Racism, Militarism, Poverty and Our National Morality" leading up to the 50th anniversary of the Poor People's Campaign."

"In 1968, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others knew the nation needed a Poor People's Campaign to challenge extremism," said Rev. Barber. "Today, we recognize that in order to challenge the extremist policies that are being proposed at the highest levels of government, which hurt the most vulnerable, we need a Moral Revival Poor People's Campaign. We must advance a moral movement in America, that can move beyond the limited language of left versus right politics."

CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER

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But supporters of the work at the UNC Center - which was started in 2001 by civil rights attorney, Julius Chambers, say it provides an invaluable service to low wealth communities in the areas of school desegregation, "... fair housing, environmental justice, community inclusion and political participation….," according to Theodore Shaw, a Julius L. Chambers distinguished professor of law, and Director of the UNC Center for Civil Rights.

"The Center works to dismantle structural and racialized barriers to equality - the legacy of hundreds of years of slavery and racial discrimination that have impacted our state," wrote Shaw.

Indeed, according to UNC law Professor Gene Nichol, Chambers at first hesitated to establish the Center there, accurately predicting "They won't let you open a center to represent poor Black people," referring to conservatives. "And if they do, and if we do our work, they'll close us down."

So it was no surprise when, in a February 14th memo, Raleigh Attorney Steve Long, another UNC Board of Governors member, wrote, "Filing legal actions against the state or city and county governments is far outside the primarily academic purpose of UNC centers. "

And yet, it was the UNC Center that sued years ago to ensure that all North Carolina public school students were guaranteed the constitutional right to "a sound, basic education, " and sued to stop a toxic waste dump in Brunswick County that threatened the black community there.

At North Carolina Central University's School of Law in Durham, there is also concern that two institutions - the Dispute Resolution Institute and the Intellectual Property Law Institute, in addition to eleven legal clinics for students there, would also be in jeopardy

Irving Joyner, professor of law at NCCU's School of Law, and chair of the NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee, agrees that the UNC Board of Governors proposal is partisan, and pointed.

"[This] is an attempt to send the message to others who are in the University system that efforts to advance, protect and support the rights of minorities and poor people will be resisted by the UNC Board of Governors," Prof. Joyner said. "These efforts are shameful and will have the effect of subverting the University's stated mission of providing education, services and resources to citizens in this state, and to improve its quality of life."

"Board members who support this effort, ignore the fact and reality that citizens provide the authority and funds which have been used by the University System to gain national recognition and those citizens, particularly those who are often the targets of governmental over-reaching, deserve an effective return of their investments to this system. By the same acts, students are being denied the opportunity to benefit from the many excellent learning labs which our universities have been able to utilize in the past," Joyner added.

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NC RANKS 35TH IN TEACHER PAY ACCORDING TO NEA

[RALEIGH] North Caro-lina has moved up from 41st in teacher pay nationally, to 35th, according to the National Education Association. Average teacher's salary in the state was $49,837 in 2016-17, $9,000 less than the national average. Out of the 12 states that make up the Southeast, North Carolina now ranks 5th, moving up from 9th.

SENATE LEADERS UNVEIL $22.9 BILLION BUDGET PLAN

[RALEIGH] The fine details weren't available at press time Wednesday, but state Senate leaders unveiled their $22.9 billion budget proposal Tuesday afternoon, touting that it gives teachers, principals and state employees pay raises, and cuts taxes by $1 billion. The proposal spends $600 million less than Gov. Roy Cooper's plan. The Senate plan, however, provides no cost-of-living increases for retired state employees. Hearings on the budget were scheduled to begin on Wednesday, with a senate vote by Friday. The House is expected to present itts budget plan shortly.

SEN. BURR TROUBLED BY FIRING OF FBI DIRECTOR

[WASH. DC] The chairman of the US Senate Committee on Intelligence says he is troubled by the firing of FBI Director James Comey, and its timing. NC Sen. Richard Burr also said he was troubled by the reasoning of Pres. Trump's dismissal of Comey, giving that the FBI director was heading up a probe into alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential elections. Burr, a Republican, had high praise for Comey, calling him "a public servant of the highest order.

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Program Account) in a manner consistent with the requirement to afford equal protection of the laws under the Due Process Clause of the Constitution's Fifth Amendment.

According to The Hill, a Washington, DC online newspaper, the 25-year-old "…financing program lets the Education Department allot federally backed loans to historically Black colleges and universities to help them fund construction on their campuses," in this case, $20 million in federal loan subsidies in fiscal year 2017.

In North Carolina, Bennett College for Women, in Greensboro, know the value of that program firsthand.

"Bennett College has benefitted greatly from the HBCU Capital Financing Program," said LeRoy Summers, Jr., Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance. "In 2009, the College borrowed program funds to construct a new Honors Residence Hall, a Global Learning Center, and an Intergenerational Children's Center. Funds were also borrowed to refinance an existing loan from the Department of Education. The interest rates on these loans were lower than rates offered by financial institutions, thus saving the College money.

POLITICO, another online DC based newspaper, reported, "…where the bill conflicts with the White House's interpretation of the President's powers under the Constitution, he will go with the Constitution."

In other words, because the program was exclusive to HBCUs, Trump was hinting that he might not approve of funding it.

It didn't take long for Trump's critics to interpret his statement as a betrayal of his February 28th executive order that HBCUs will be "…an absolute priority for this White House."

Trump made that declaration during a meeting with over 80 HBCU presidents and chancellors then in the Oval Office for a photo op. He promised no increased funding at the time, but Republicans in Congress ensured that HBCUs would see considerable support. Democrats, on the other hand, were wary.

After Trump's May 5th contradictory signing statement, his critics pounced.

News stories suggested that the President was "hinting that financing for HBCUs may be unconstitutional."

Rep. Adams, co-chair of the Bi-partisan HBCU Caucus in Congress, was one of several Blacks in Congress to express outrage. "I am surprised and troubled by President Trump's signing statement on the FY17 omnibus, which specifically singled out our historically Black colleges and universities,"

Adams continued, "Any action taken to weaken the HBCU Capital Financing Program would undermine their financial stability, harming both students and alumni alike. The President needs to keep his word and prioritize supporting these important institutions. The economic prospects of hundreds of thousands of Americans depends on it."

At Bennett College in Greensboro, the concern was real.

"It is imperative that the Trump administration recognize the program's value to our institutions and the community at large and leaves it intact," Vice President for Administration and Finance Leroy Summers said. "Aside from the financial benefits to HBCUs, doing so is also important for maintaining good relations between HBCUs and the Trump administration. In late February, Bennett College Interim President Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins and other HBCU presidents and chancellors met in good faith with Trump and his administrators. If funding for the HBCU Capital Financing Program is cut, that would detract from the progress that was made during those meetings."

Other HBCU leaders, like Chancellor Elwood Robinson of Winston-Salem State University, held their fire, choosing instead to remind The White House of what HBCU's bring to the table.

"While Winston-Salem State University does not currently have a project funded through the program President Trump was addressing, we believe that historically black colleges and universities play a critical role in the nation's higher education landscape," Robinson said in a statement. "Our 25,000-plus alumni demonstrate the incredible outcomes and the enormous economic impact we have on the region and the nation. We continue to strive to ensure that policymakers are aware of the value of HBCUs and the historic underfunding of our institutions and support us at both the state and federal level."

Still others in the HBCU community, like Cheryl Smith, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs for the United Negro College Fund, said she was "puzzled by this provision and [was] seeking clarification from the White House as to its meaning."

Even the spokesman for Republican Congressman Mark Walker of Greensboro (R-NC-6) was confused, especially since Walker was a GOP leader pushing for more funding for HBCUs in Congress.

"We saw this over the weekend and have some questions," said Jack Minor, Rep. Walker's communications director. "We are seeking clarification from the administration on the signing statement."

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund, which also advocates for more HBCU funding, also weighed in.

"We have shared with the White House our assertion that the HBCU program is not at all a race-based government effort and therefore doesn't raise any equal protection or due process concerns because participation in the program is limited to HBCUs," the TMCF said in a weekend statement. "HBCUs serve some of the most diverse populations in this nation and three TMCF member schools enroll more White students than Black students:"

With criticism mounting, the Trump Administration finally decided Sunday that a clarification was in order.

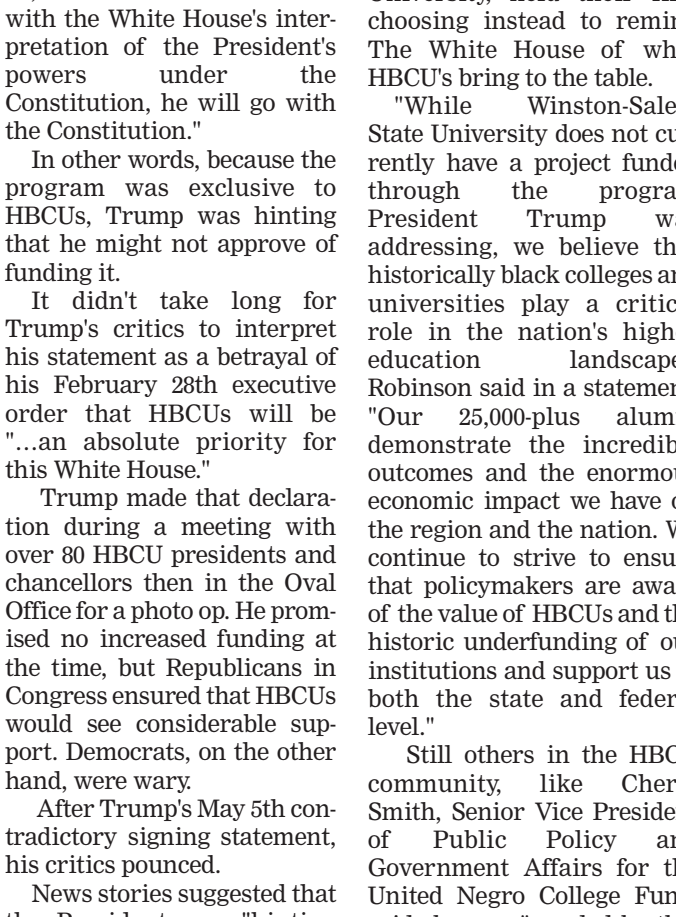
"The statement that accompanied my signing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2017 sets forth my intention to spend the funds it appropriates, including the funds for historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), consistently with my responsibilities under the Constitution," Pres. Trump said. "It does not affect my unwavering support for HBCUs and their critical educational missions."

"In a few days, my Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, will give the Commencement address at Bethune-Cookman University, a school founded by the great Mary McCleod Bethune and committed to leadership and service. Secretary DeVos chose an HBCU as the venue for her first Commencement address to demonstrate my Administration's dedication to these great institutions of higher learning."

The president continued, "I look forward to selecting an Executive Director and Board for my HBCU initiative and continuing this important work with HBCUs throughout the nation."

But even with that clarification, Democrats were not convinced that, when it comes to HBCUs, Pres. Trump can be trusted,

"Sadly and shamefully, HBCUs, including the schools with which President Trump met, are left to wonder whether he wants to help or hurt them," said Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA), Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and Rep. John Conyers (D-Mi.) in a statement.



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Your Voice

First Tuesday

Excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do"--ISIS cheered and danced after they bombarded a village then ran in and raped the young girls and women before killing them. They then killed the saviors including children using guns, daggers, machetes and hatchets. Thursday May 4rd Trump, his staff and most of the Republicans members of the U.S. House of Representatives cheered as they repealed Obamacare. They celebrated by having an "all you can drink" beer bash in the White House Rose garden. No Americans died that day but it is estimated that around 25 million people will be kicked off their insurance and 43,000 people will die each year under Trumpcare. Only Congress can impeach Trump, but as a citizen, I can do my small part by helping to stop my U S Representative, David Rouzer-R-7th District-NC, retire because of his back-stabbing yes vote. I will do something positive to provide a little help to an un-appreciated profession after living through Trump's disasters 100 days. Our teachers must explain to their elementary students how their President tells at least 7 lies every day, uses profanity, disrespect ladies and says bad things about people who are not white and keep his job. I will buy a NC lottery ticket the 1st Tuesday of each month which will help toward giving much needed raises to my fellow teacher. That date marked on my calendar will remind me to post this on my Facebook page each month. I will post it up to the Mid-term election in 2018.

James J. Hankins---
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Our Voice

GUEST EDITORIAL

"IN NORTH CAROLINA, PIGS DON'T FLY BUT THEIR FECES DO"

BY
Amy Goodman and Denis Moynihan
of Democracy Now!

Billions of gallons of pig feces and urine are collected in lagoons, mixed with blood and rotting pig body parts. To keep these fetid ponds from overflowing, the toxic liquid is pumped skyward with enormous spray devices, aerosolizing the waste, which is carried away by the wind.

There are 10 million people in North Carolina, and 9 million hogs. Judging by the smell, the hogs are winning. Or, rather, the giant corporate factory hog farms are. Hogs are the largest agricultural product of the Tarheel State, adding at least $2 billion to the economy there. How the hogs are raised and slaughtered, and how the waste is handled, is making life miserable for many North Carolinians. Billions of gallons of pig feces and urine are collected in lagoons, mixed with blood and rotting pig body parts. To keep these fetid ponds from overflowing, the toxic liquid is pumped skyward with enormous spray devices, aerosolizing the waste, which is carried away by the wind. Neighbors suffer indescribably bad odor and an array of illnesses. The notoriously regressive Republican majority in the North Carolina statehouse has passed a bill-H.B. 467, Agriculture and Forestry Nuisance Remedies-to protect the factory hog farming industry from liability, which the state's recently elected Democratic governor has yet to sign-or veto. In the meantime, impacted communities, mostly African-American, are fighting back.

Naeema Muhammad, organizing co-director for the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN), described the problem on the "Democracy Now!" news hour:

"The hogs are kept in tin metal housing [with] slats in the floor. Whenever they go to the bathroom or abort baby piglets or whatever, it falls through the slats in the floor, and it's piped out into the open-air lagoon. This urine and fecal matter produces methane, ammonia gases, and so you can smell it ... it smells like rotten eggs, sometimes rotten collard greens-it's just a terrible smell. And they [local residents] have been forced off of their wells, because they were seeing remnants of the waste in their well waters by the coloring and the odors."

NCEJN, together with the Waterkeeper Alliance and the Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help, filed a complaint with the Environmental Protection Agency. Naeema Muhammad explained: "We joined together and filed a Title VI complaint, under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI states that governmental agencies cannot do business in a way that intentionally or unintentionally have a disproportionate impact on low-income communities."

The complaint includes research findings from Steve Wing, associate professor of epidemiology at the University of North Carolina's Gillings School of Public Health. Wing was interviewed by Mark Devries, a filmmaker and animal-rights activist. Devries took the first aerial drone footage of North Carolina's factory hog farms, with their expansive reddish-brown waste lagoons. Wing told Devries, "It can, I think, very correctly be called environmental racism or environmental injustice that people of color, low-income people, bear the brunt of these practices."

In addition to the EPA complaint, impacted residents have filed a series of lawsuits alleging violations of property rights, since people are forced to stay indoors to avoid the smell and the constant clouds of filth raining down. The target of the lawsuits is the largest factory farmer in the state, Murphy-Brown LLC, which is the hog supplier for corporate food giant Smithfield Foods. Smithfield Foods, in turn, is owned by WH Group, a Chinese-owned multinational food corporation listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. These lawsuits are not targeting family farms, but heavily polluting, foreign-owned factory farms.

Will Hendrick, staff attorney with the Waterkeeper Alliance and manager of the organization's North Carolina Pure Farms, Pure Waters campaign, elaborated on "Democracy Now!":

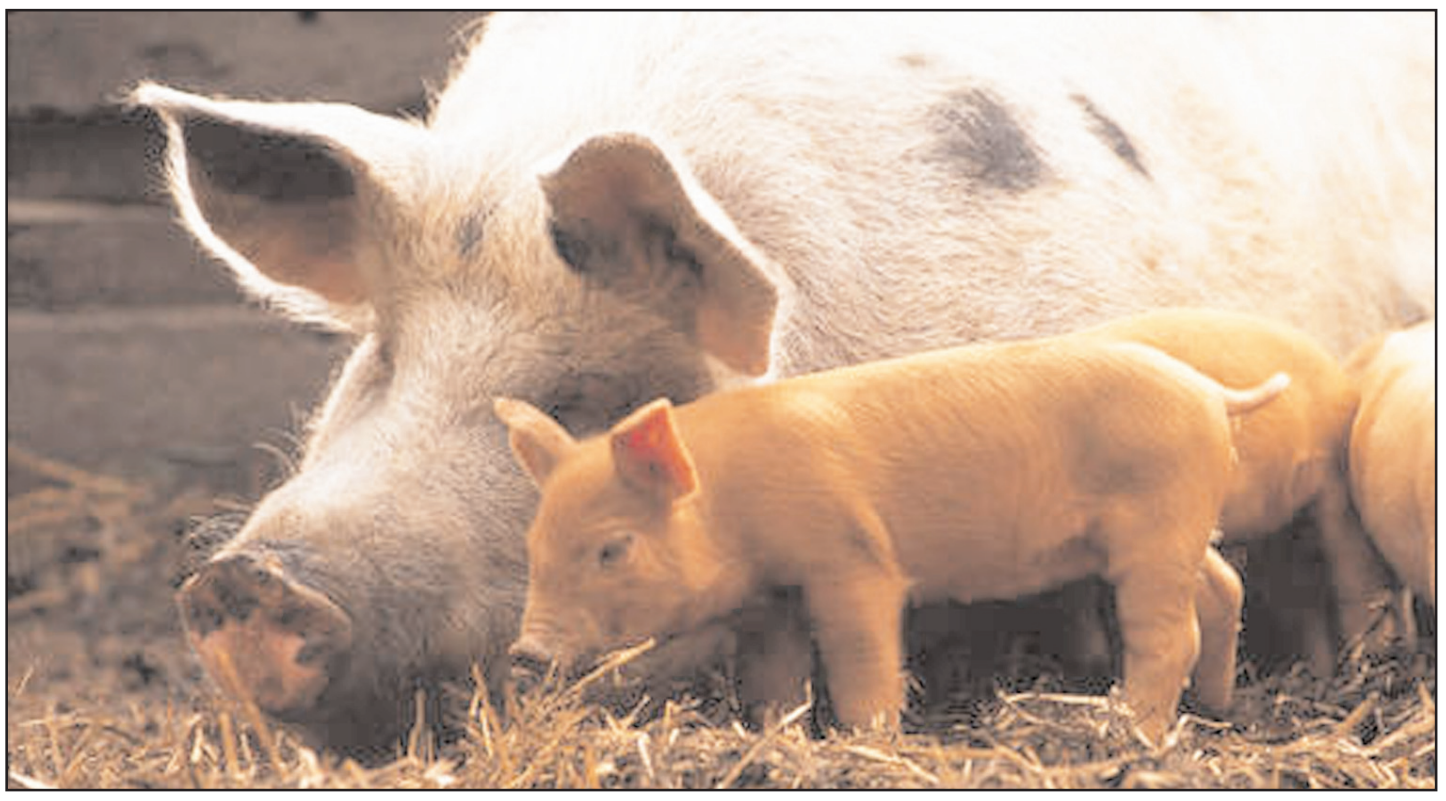
"The attempt here is not to drive this industry out of North Carolina. Agriculture has been and will continue to be an important part of our economy. However, no industry is worth the impacts on public health and the environment that we have seen in this industry. And so, the attempt here is not to bleed that industry dry, but instead to make sure that that industry is conducted, that these operations are managing waste, in a way that doesn't harm their neighbors."

Elsie Herring, a resident of Wallace, North Carolina, was interviewed by Devries. She told him: "This is where they spray animal waste on us. This is about eight feet from my mother's house. ... You think it's raining. We don't open the doors up or the windows, but the odor still comes in. It takes your breath away. Then you start gagging. You get headaches."

Despite the enormous impact on so many residents, factory farming has its loyal defenders in the North Carolina Legislature, among them state Rep. Jimmy Dixon. At a hearing on H.B. 467, Dixon, who has received at least $70,000 from factory farm contributors, said "These claims are at best enormous exaggerations and at worst outright lies. Is there some odor? Yes. But I would like you to close your eyes and imagine how ham and sausage and eggs and fried chicken smell."

Something is rotten in North Carolina. Gov. Roy Cooper can't veto the smell, but he can veto this noxious bill.

Matters of Opinion



FIGHT HOUSE BILL 467

BY Bob Hall for Democracy North Carolina

For years, Big Hog pollution has damaged rural communities across NC, especially communities of color. And Big Hog money has polluted our state's politics, as Democracy NC has documented in the past.

Last week, Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed a bill (HB 467) that would protect the hog industry from lawsuits by neighbors who suffer damages caused by hog pollution.

The NC House Republican leadership will try to override Gov. Cooper's veto. The hog industry has infected reasonable debate about this issue with its money and lobbying muscle; it even gained votes from members of the Legislative Black Caucus to pass the bill.

We are joining with the NC NAACP in supporting Governor's Cooper's veto. Please support Gov. Cooper's veto; support poor and black communities in Eastern NC.

Call or email immediately these key Democratic legislators who originally voted for this horrible bill:

Rep. Edward Hanes (Forsyth County) call 919-733-5829; email Edward.Hanes@ ncleg.net

Rep. Rodney Moore (Mecklenburg County) call 919-733-5606; email Rodney.Moore@ncleg.net

Rep. Marvin W. Lucas (Cumberland County) call 919-733-5775; email Marvin.Lucas@ncleg.net

Rep. Howard J. Hunter (Bertie, Gates, Herford, Pasquotank) call 919-733-5780; email Howard.Hunter@ncleg.net

Rep. Charles Graham (Robeson County) call 919-715-0875; email Charles.Graham@ncleg.net

Rep. Michael H. Wray (Halifax, Northampton) call 919-733-5662; email Michael.Wray@ncleg.net

Again, please call/write them now! Urge them to vote against overriding the veto of HB 467.

Thank you, Bob Hall

PS: Here's what HB 467 does:

Unjustly limits the total amount of damages that residents around hog farms and other confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) can receive in a nuisance lawsuit.

Eliminates compensation for harms to health, lost income, and pain and suffering caused by CAFOs

President Donald Trump succeeds in trashing civil rights

(via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The reviews of Donald Trump's first 100 days have generally focused on his failures, flip-flops and follies. We've heard a lot about what he's failed to achieve, but too little about what he is intent on doing.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Trump's time in office so far has been a systematic and vicious assault on civil rights. The progress that was won with struggle, sacrifice and legislation is being subverted by ink and administrative actions and deregulation. Trump is intent on rolling back the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, and in his first 100 days the damage has already begun.

He appointed Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, a judge with a record of rulings undermining the rights of workers, women, LGBTQ community, and protections of the environment and democracy.

Gorsuch, selected from a list provided by the far-right Federalist Society and Heritage Foundation, is so extreme that he was confirmed only after Republicans overturned the Senate's long-established rules to get him confirmed with a mere majority. Gorsuch's accession to the court now reconstitutes a five-person activist right-wing majority that will continue to undermine voting rights, worker rights and civil rights.

Trump appointed Jefferson Beauregard Sessions as his attorney general, a man who derides the Voting Rights Act as "intrusive" and celebrates the Shelby decision that undermined it. Sessions reversed the Justice Department's position on Texas' racially discriminatory voter ID law. He has reversed the commitment to phase out private for-profit prisons, and has moved to abandon vital police accountability measures that had bipartisan support. He's threatening sanctuary cities while gearing up for mass deportations that would break up families and separate mothers from children.

Trump issued his Muslim travel ban, an executive order barring citizens of selected Muslim-majority nations from visiting the United States, although federal courts blocked it as an unconstitutional violation of religious freedom. Trump's toxic rhetoric has been followed by an increase in hate crimes across the country.

To head the Department of Education, Trump appointed billionaire Betsy DeVos, who for years has devoted herself to undermining public schools and who defends deep cuts in everything from support for schools in poor neighborhoods to Pell grants that help the children of working families afford college.

Trump has given his economic policy over to former Goldman Sachs bankers, including Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House Economic Council head Gary Cohn, and they have rolled out plans to give the very rich deep tax cuts that they will use to justify slashing programs vital to working people, including Medicaid, education and even Meals On Wheels.

Trump has stacked his cabinet with committed opponents of the missions of the very departments they head: Scott Pruitt at EPA, Ben Carson at Housing and Urban Development, Rick Perry at Energy, Alex Acosta at Labor.

Trump has signed 13 resolutions of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act overturning Obama-era regulations, including the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces executive order that required federal contractors to pay their workers a living wage and to obey workplace safety regulations.

Trump continues to assert the lie that there was mass voting fraud in 2016, setting the stage for more efforts to restrict voting, particularly for people of color and the young.

This list could go on - and, as Trump has said, 100 days is only the beginning.

We have big challenges in this country. We have to make this economy work for working people. We have to rescue the democracy from the corruptions of big money. We have to address catastrophic climate change before it is too late. We have to stop fighting endless wars abroad and begin rebuilding at home. We have to make it easier, not harder for people to register and vote. In each of these areas and more, Trump is headed the wrong way.

Yes, some of his efforts have failed, but he is already doing damage to the common good. *Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is founder and president PUSH/ Rainbow Coalition.*

The Black Press:
USE It or LOSE It!

CASH IN THE APPLE

What's old is new again?

Forgive me, but I'm 61 years old, I love watching old movies and TV shows.

Why? Because it is so much fun (at least to me), to try to see details of stories I know only too well, in a different light and perspective from when I first saw the movie/TV show.

Cash Michaels

As a kid (mostly teenager), I watched pure-ly to enjoy, and as well I should. After all, that's what entertainment is supposed to be about when you're young, just laughing and carrying on with your crew.

So now, when certain show or films come on cable for me to watch again, I remember how much fun I had as a kid seeing it the first time, and part of me wants to relive those feelings again.

Another part of me wants to confirm that what I saw many years ago was really that good in the first place. And finally, yet another part of me (that would be the 61-year-old part) wants to pick it apart and see why it was so good in the first place.

Now this isn't just limited to show and movie I liked. There were lots of shows and movies I didn't like many moons ago, that I'll now take a peek at and see if I still feel that way, and why, or why not.

The result of all of this belated re-exploration is, what I think, a valuable lesson that things aren't always what they first seem to be. Sometimes they're much better, sometime they're much worst. But time has a way of changing your perspective on things. That's the result of maturity, experience, and even a change in attitude.

Sometimes, you also learn to re-look at something through another person's eyes and perspective, deliberately trying to understand what and why they are seeing something different. Watching old TV shows with young people is a perfect example of this. My youngest is quick to point out how flimsy the special effects are, while I'm trying to convince her that the story is what she be paying attention.

But I guess what I really find fascinating is just how much better storytelling was then. You see, since special effects weren't all that great back in the day, filmmakers had to come up with compelling stories to tell - real stories with depth and meaning, with actors who actually knew how to act!

That means taking another look at "The Godfather" to really examine how two acting masters - Marlon Brando and Al Pacino worked their craft.

Or watching Sidney Poitier in any of his movies from the 1960s.

Or maybe actresses like Bette Davis or Joan Crawford - performers who took pride in their work, and knew how to bring audiences to their feet.

And paying close attention to how master filmmakers like Hitchcock or Spielberg used light and shadows to paint a picture with textures and hues.

And of course the music, always a major character in any film or TV show.

The way they used to do it all, with skill and class, is a lost art in a world today of loud noise and constant explosions with very few characters you really enjoy.

I don't know about ten years from now, but it won't be as much fun as looking back today.

We old folks know real art when we see it. *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.*

Purged

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Being possessed by an abstract, nonlinear psychological construct has always led me to search for the truth which may rest in both the sublime and the ridiculous. Experience has shown me that even in the most unlikely scenario, a kernel of truth or reality may exist or have room to grow.

Dr. E. Faye Williams

Such is the case with the movie franchise, The Purge, and our contemporary society -- it's a case of 'art mimicking life.' The Purge movies reflect a social callousness that is eerily familiar to the current action by the US House of Representatives. In a 2016 Los Angeles Times review of The Purge: Election Year, writer Justin Chang gives the following description:

"The end is nigh in 'The Purge: Election Year.' - that cruel annual rite that, for one night only, allows all Americans to vent their bloodlust in the name of continued national health and prosperity."

In those movies, once a year, for twelve hours, lawlessness abounds and the weak and vulnerable are slaughtered. With the passage of Trumpcare, the House has taken a step toward a similar victimization of real-life vulnerable Americans.

Passage of Trumpcare establishes a healthcare agenda that stands in stark contradiction to the principles of Obamacare. Although the scope and details of Trumpcare remain obscure and the contradictions are too numerous to discuss in full in this short piece, the most controversial areas of comparison with Obamacare relate to pre-existing conditions, high-risk pools, tax credits, and older adults.

The most popular aspect of Obamacare is the provision guaranteeing coverage to persons with pre-existing conditions. Obamacare restricts insurers from refusing coverage and caps premiums for pre-existing conditions. Different rates for identical plans could only be established on the basis of age, tobacco use, geographic location and number of persons covered.

Under Trumpcare, states would be able to apply for waivers that allow insurers to set far-higher rates for those with pre-existing conditions. Potentially premiums will be raised to prohibitively high rates that would prevent the purchase of any insurance.

As with the use of any insurance instrument, those with a greater likelihood of illness would be placed in high-risk pools. Ostensibly, Trumpcare would assure coverage of those in high-risk pools with supplemental funding of premiums. Under the plan passed by the House, $8 Billion would be set aside for supplemental funding for those states requesting waivers. Unfortunately, several estimates suggest that to minimally fund this requirement, an additional $130 Billion would be necessary over a five year period.

I pray the celebration by many who admit they haven't even read the Trumpcare details will sooner or later regret their decision to pass Trumpcare at all cost. It seems that some of their constituents do more reading than their Representatives. There is no doubt the constituents will know what's in the bill that hurts them, and as we have seen during past Congression-al recesses, constituents will resist and persist. The sad thing is that during the last recess, as constituents pleaded for keeping Obamacare at those town hall meetings, some Representatives agreed to vote in their best interest as they heard the sad stories of what repealing Obamacare would mean. These same Representatives went back to Washington and voted against their constituents!

In the aforementioned movie review, Chang offers

"...rest assured that "The Purge: Election Year" is never in danger of letting you confuse the haves with the have-nots. So long as the right people wind up dead, why not keep it going?"

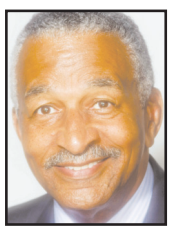
Once again Republicans have shown their true colors and promoted a bill that threatens the healthcare of 24 million of our most vulnerable, while giving massive tax relief to the 1%. The right to healthcare established under Obamacare is now threatened with the replacement of Trumpcare's "die quickly or suffer."

Dr. E. Faye Williams, President of the National Congress of Black Women. 202/678-6788 www.nationalcongressbw.org.

BLACKONOMICS

Rights? What rights?

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "They had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior that they had 'no rights which the white man was bound to respect"; and that the Negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit. Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, Dred Scott Case, 1857



James Clingman

Isn't this 2017? The above words were spoken 160 years ago. Obviously, in light of federal prosecutors not finding any cause to indict the cops who killed Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, Justice Taney's words still ring true. To that end, Black people have no civil right to life that prevents us from being shot and killed by police officers who are, in turn, given a paid vacation and allowed to go free. Sickening? Frightening? Evil? Uncivilized? All of the above?

Before you start throwing out all the excuses for Mr. Sterling's demise, I know he had numerous arrests and convictions for other crimes, none of which, however, called for the death penalty. I know he was a "big man," and I know he was struggling against the two officers. I know he was tasered and they said it had little effect on him. I do not know if the gun they pulled from his pocket was put there or if it was his.

I do know what I saw and what I heard, and one point jumped out at me-and still does. What happened to Sterling reminded me of a Black man named Nathaniel Jones, another "big man" who was killed by Cincinnati police officers. Yet another more recent memory is Eric Garner, a "big man" also killed by police. Jones and Garner were killed as the cops repeatedly said, "Put your hands behind your back." Sterling was killed as the cops were saying "Get on the ground!"

Lawful orders, yes, but they do not rise to the capital punishment level. What gripes me is that the cops yelled "get on the ground" at Sterling when he was already on the ground and they were on top of him. They shot him three times and then told him to get on the ground; then they shot him three more times. Again, he was already on the ground and under their control when he was shot at point blank range.

The U.S. Department of Justice, under Attorney General, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, says it can find no indication that Sterling's civil rights were violated. In other words, Alton Sterling had no rights the two White cops were "bound to respect." They could force him to the ground, put a knee on his neck, and shoot him six times, all with the full support of the DOJ. Of course, they did not know their dastardly act was being videoed, but I am sure they knew it was on audio via their own communication devices. So they yelled, "Get on the ground!" for evidence that Sterling was not on the ground yet.

Three questions: What? So what? Now what? The "what" part has been disclosed, and the DOJ has said "so what?" Now it's up to us to say, "now what?"

Though I have said this for decades, I will repeat myself. The only way to deal with these kinds of situations is through economic sanctions. What made the NCAA and the NBA pull its games out of North Carolina in response to a bathroom law that affected transgender people, who felt the law discriminated against them? Why did then Governor Mike Pence succumb to corporate leaders that said if a proposed law that discriminated against gay people was not rescinded they would move their businesses out of the State of Indiana?

Why has no athletic group, Louisiana State University, or any major corporation in Baton Rouge threatened to move and/or cancel anything in light of Alton Sterling's death? It's because Black folks are so crisis-oriented, for the moment rather than the long haul; we do not seem to be willing to organize ourselves around practical economic strategies that would surely make it clear to everyone that we are just as serious about our rights as other groups are.

Folks in Baton Rouge should demand corporations threaten to do what those in Indiana and North Carolina did. LSU should do what the University of Missouri football team did by refusing to play until justice is achieved for Alton Sterling. The NCAA should cancel its tournaments as they did in support of the transgender population. (After all, being killed is much more serious than going to the bathroom of your choice.) If they refuse, then do not support them.

There must be a price to pay for mistreatment against Blacks. As the saying goes, "Think globally; act locally."

CHILDWATCH

Flipping the switch

What if boosting a toddler's brainpower was as easy as turning on a light switch? In fact, "Flip the Switch" is one of the simple activities suggested by Vroom, an initiative that provides creative tools and materials to help families turn daily interactions with children into "brain building moments." On one side of an electronic "flashcard" Vroom describes this idea for children between six months and two years old: "Before leaving the house today, let your child be the one to turn off the lights. Help them flip all the switches and talk about how their actions turn the lights off for darkness and on for light." On the reverse side Vroom explains the "brainy background" behind it: "This game teaches your child about cause and effect. When one of you hits the switch, your child will observe how the lights turn off and on. Have a conversation about what is happening so they learn some new words too."

Marian W. Edelman

Vroom, an initiative of the Bezos Family Foundation, is one of a number of initiatives across the country focused on empowering parents to boost early childhood brain development. The first five years of life are the time of greatest brain development. Early nurturing interactions with caring adults form the basis of a healthy brain foundation. The strong case for increased federal investments for quality child care and other early childhood programs is bolstered by the great local work supporting families and communities in building healthy brains during children's earliest years of life.

Vroom is partnering with leaders in a number of cities to build early learning communities where high quality early learning environments are available for all children. In Dallas, Vroom is working with the Commit! Partnership to improve access to quality early learning opportunities and create a continuum of care to support children and families, with an ultimate goal of ensuring 80 percent of Dallas children enter kindergarten ready to learn by 2025. They are using Vroom's "Moments Framework" to educate parents about the importance of the early years for children's development and suggest activities they can do. For example, what do zoos, museums, laundromats and nail salons have in common? For Vroom, these are all opportunities to spread awareness about how parents can create "brain building moments" every day while they are out and about with their children. Vroom has also launched a free app so parents can receive daily developmentally appropriate activities like "Flip the Switch" on their smartphones.

A baby is born with a brain 25 percent as large as an adult brain. Researchers at the Institute for Learning and Brain Science at the University of Washington tell us that by the time she reaches her fifth birthday, her brain is already over 90 percent of the size of her mature brain. That startling period of growth in size is mirrored by the growth in neural connections needed to learn how to process information and build skills.

The Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University reports that in the earliest years of a child's life more than one million of these connections are formed every second, with simpler connections paving the way for more complex ones. These early connections build the foundation for children's future health, education and behavior. Every time adults respond appropriately to a young child's calls for attention, they are helping build and strengthen neural connections and supporting the development of a strong brain foundation. The Center on the Developing Child refers to this quality parent-child communication as "serve and return" interactions and says the absence of them is a "serious threat" to a child's development.

The idea for the Boston Basics initiative was born out of a 2011 conference hosted by Dr. Ron Ferguson devoted to discovering what parents need to know to help eliminate skill gaps already evident at age two. An advisory committee of researchers came up with five "Basics" all parents should practice with their children to support healthy brain development: 1) Maximize Love, Manage Stress; 2) Talk, Sing, and Point; 3) Count, Group, and Compare; 4) Explore through Movement and Play; and 5) Read and Discuss Stories. The Boston Basics Campaign, launched in January 2016, is a public-private collaboration between leaders from the Black Philanthropy Fund, the Boston Mayor's Office, the Pediatrics Department at Boston Medical Center, WGBH Broadcasting and the Boston Children's Museum among many other community leaders. The "basics" are being infused throughout the Boston community - engaging health care providers, places of worship, libraries and museums, barbershops, early childhood centers, and schools to ensure parents are saturated with information about how to support their child's brain development wherever they go. Boston Basics demonstrates the potential for private organizations and government partners to come together in support of young children in a community. The Black Philanthropy Fund was instrumental in investing time and resources to lead the campaign, which is now being expanded to a number of other cities.

Too Small to Fail, a joint initiative of the Clinton Foundation and the Opportunity Institute, launched the excellent public awareness and action campaign "Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing," which uses books, parent videos, text messaging, and social media to share fun and easy ways for parents and caregivers to boost their child's early brain and vocabulary development. There are now "Talking is Teaching Word Gap" campaigns in dozens of cities across the country.

Just as the latest research shows that investments in quality early childhood programs generate an average annual return of more than 13 percent on every dollar invested, every effort made in boosting young children's brainpower - including the thousands of simple, fun, and free activities parents and caregivers can weave into everyday life - benefits all of us later on. These important community initiatives are essential but cannot make up for needed public investments in programs that support children's early development. High-quality child care and other early opportunities are out of reach for too many children and families that need them but are also critical for further strengthening children's early brain development. Healthy early child brain development is not a partisan issue. Congress should embrace the evidence and make the investments needed today to guarantee every baby has a strong start to ensure a strong America tomorrow.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

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"When a school child remains unchallenged, he or she will shut down and lose interest in learning altogether".--BESSIE HOGAN

In Memory Of
Mrs. Mamie Locke Henry
March 30, 1900-May 2, 1977

Mother our hearts are heavy but the never ending love and all the years the nurturing you gave, finds us eternally grateful to our loving Savior Jesus Christ. God gave us a God fearing mother, who guided her through life. She trusted God's word and their relationship was strengthened daily. Parenting was a blessing for her. She knew that through prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the life her family lived would be blessed. She always encouraged us to listen to God and encouraged us to follow His instructions. We are forever thankful to God and to our mother for all her kindness, love, and great deal of admirations shown throughout her life.

Happy Mother's Day mom

Lovingly your daughters, Marian Henry Simon, Carey Henry Cummings and Joyce Henry Sutton; grandchildren and great grandchildren

Mrs. Ezmas Marscine Carmichael
Ms. Ezmas Juanita Carmichael
Mrs. Julia C. Johnson
Ms. Wanda F. Carmichael
Victoria Sweat

Three generations of generous, loving, tender, giving and wonderful mothers gone but never forgotten. A mothers' love is given freely, shared without questions and never asks for something in return. Our mothers displayed the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon, the love of Ruth and the dreams of David. Yes, we are the results of all of these qualities because they were there for us, to guide and protect our going out and coming in. They set boundaries that we have to step up to the plate, respect our elders, be kind to each other, look out for each other, stay together as a family and love the Lord. We share their memories individually and collectively and it bring smiles to faces and warm glows within our hearts. We tried to give them their flowers and praises while they could smell and hear and now we can only hope that the following generations will so the same. To the living mothers, every day is Mother's day and we thank you for being in the lives of your children.
Submitted by the family

Annie Marie Brinkley

I Knew A Woman

I knew a woman of faith, strength and beauty,
I watched her for years, I want to be like her.
A woman who walked this earth with a stride that said, "I have arrived". A woman who loved the people around her with such power that seem to melt away their troubles.
That woman was my role model, my hero, that woman was my best friend.
I Love and Miss that woman every day and I always will.
I am Proud to be that woman's daughter, yes that woman was my Mother, and that woman was and always will be the Wind beneath My Wings.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, LADYBUG!
I LOVE YOU.

Your Daughter,
Gloria Brinkley Caldwell

Eleanor Caldwell

For You Mama

Your heart has always been filled with peacefulness. The way you comforted and encouraged our family was a gift from God. You were always there for us and you always tried to make everything right in our worlds. We knew what it meant to feel secure. Now whenever life starts to get us down, we think of your strength and love and that warm sense of Peace surrounds us again. You were a very important part of our lives and you always will be. You are forever in our thoughts and in our hearts. You were a blessing to us and we are blessed because of you.

Happy Mother's Day Mama!

We love you,
Chris, Roy, Ida, Matthew and Jessie

Pearlena Mae Best Robinson
Sunrise: May 20, 1941-
Sunset: January 3, 1979

You can only have one mother;
Patient kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.

Happy Mother's Day

Your children,
Edna, Kenneth, Theodosia,
Cathleen, Catherine and Teresa

Annie Maggie Brinkley

Tempie (TC) Brinkley

Bertie B. Fillyaw

Panthea (Pansy) Brinkley

Nannie E. Mapson

Dorothy B. Waring

Sylvia Brinkley

The special people in our lives are never really gone, they have a cherished place in our hearts where they will always be remembered.

We come from a long line of women who havealways been workers and survivors, women of color and courage, women of spunk andspirituality, women whose faith keeps them going, women who lift up their eyes to God inprayer because they know He will answer even in their darkest hours, women of honor and pride, women of wisdom and ideals, women of peace and passion, women of strength and courage, women of laughter and love.

For all that you were, for all that you are, for all that you have done, and for all that you do to Bless and Inspire others, we celebrate You.

To All Women, To All Mothers
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Love, The Family

Ms. Retha Barnhill
January 10, 1910- January 17, 1997
Dedicated in remembrance of
my mother..

Happy Mother's Day in Heaven

Oh, how I love to touch your face, and talk with you once more. To hear you voice and see your smile, watch you walk through my door.
What a joy it would be, to have you hold me close.
And tell me that you love me,
that's what I miss the most.
The little things we would do, we were so close back then. It doesn't seem that long ago,
you were my very best friend.
God has made a place for you at His home in Heaven above. But you are always in my heart,
and have my undivided love.

Your Devoted Daughter,
Mrs. Nolan B. Pittman and Grandchildren

A Mother's Day Memory Of
Mae Rachel Freeman

A woman who was a lot of things, for a lot of people. For us, she was "Mom".

Children, Rodney,
Darnell, Sharon, Elise and Missy

In Loving Memory Of
Mrs. Edna Price Pearce
December 25, 1904
May 10, 1995

Sadly missed by your daughter,
Linda A. Pearce
Happy Mother's Day

Margret Murphy Jones
Sunrise 7-2-29 Sunset 5-5-2000

A Virtuous Woman

Who can find a virtuous woman?
For her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She stretched out her hand to the poor; yea, she reachth forth her hands to the needy. Proverbs 31.
Mother it's been 17 years you have been resting with our Heavenly Father.
We love you today as we did then.
Mother's Day comes once a year.
Some think that if you buy their mother flowers and a card that you have fulfilled their obligation for the rest of the year.
If we only comprehended 1/10th of what our Mothers did for us a children and how they would literally die for us if needed.
We realize that one day is not sufficient.
Her children shall rise and call her Blessed.
Thank you Mother for all of your sacrifices.
Happy Mother's Day

We love and miss you.
Your children, Harlee, Eremaine, Natalie and Donald, grand and great grand children

Lula Waddell Cleamons
"MaMa Lula"
April 5, 1913 - March 1, 1998

Gone But Never Forgotten

No matter how old we are,
losing a grandmother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart canknow, but her goodness, her caring and her wisdom live on.....
like a legacy of love that
will always be with you.
As we look upon your picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Our grandmother was a precious gift
from our glorious Lord above,
but the Lord chose to take her,
nineteen years ago
and give her all His love.

Grandchildren:
Patricia A. Waddell, Eleanor M. Waddell, Richard B. Waddell, III, Carolyn Waddell-Mack, Atty. Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)

Great-Grandchildren:
Reggie, Rodney (Latasha), Richard IV, Samuel, Michelle, Sharease, Jillian, Krystal, Jordan, and Gordan

Great-Great-Grandchildren:
Rodja, Ja'Mez, J'Quiron, Zoei, Ja'Tori, Kailynn and Mackenzie

Vivian White-Waddell
August 21, 1932 - May 15, 2006

Our Mother's Crown
Heaven lit up with a mighty presence,
as the Angels all looked down.
Today the Lord was placing the jewels
Into our mother's crown.
He held up a golden crown,
as our darling mother looked on.
He said in His gentle voice,
'I will now explain each one.'
'The first gem,' He said, 'is a Ruby,
and it's for endurance alone,
for all the nights you waited up
for your children to come home.'
'For all the nights by their bedside,
you stayed till the fever went down.
For nursing every little wound,
I add this ruby to your crown.'
'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby,
for leading your children in the right way.
For teaching them the lessons,
That made them who they are today.'
'For always being right there,
through all life's important events.
I give you a sapphire stone,
for the time and love you spent.'
'For untying the strings that held them,
when they grew up and left home.
I give you this one for courage.'
Then the Lord added a garnet stone.
'I'll place a stone of amethyst,' He said.
'For all the times you spent on your knees,
when you asked if I'd take care of your children,
and then for having faith in Me.'
'I have a pearl for every little sacrifice
that you made without them knowing.
For all the times you went without,
to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'
'And last of all I have a diamond,
the greatest one of all,
for sharing unconditional love
whether they were big or small.'
'It was your love that helped them grow
Feeling safe and happy and proud
A love so strong and pure
It could shift the darkest cloud.'
After the Lord placed the last jewel in,
He said, 'Your crown is now complete.
Happy Mother's Day

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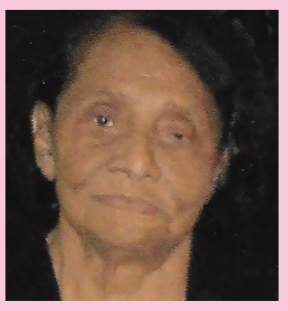
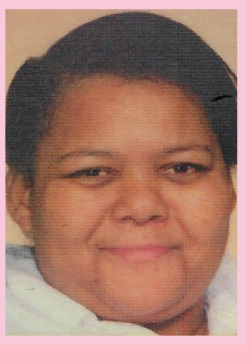
Carolyn Waddell-Mack,
Atty. Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)

Grandchildren: Reginald E. Waddell, Rodney L. Waddell (Latasha), Richard Waddell, IV, Samuel T. Waddell, Jillian N. Waddell, E. Michelle Waddell, Jordan C. Waddell, Sharease Berry, Krystal L. Mack, Gordan E. Burrell

Great-Grandchildren: Rodja, Ja'Mez, Ja'Qurion, Zoei, Ja'Tori, Kailynn and MacKenzie



Bettie Wiggins



Marquita Hardy

Katherine Scott Weller

Zenobia Mapson Rhea

Regina Brown

Carolyn Brinkley

If Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grow in Heaven Lord please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my mother's arms and tell her they are from me. Tell her I love her and miss her and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day.
But there is an ache within my heart that will never go away.
Happy Mother's Day,
Love the family

New Hanover County

Lupus Foundation of America, North Carolina Chapter (LFANC) will be hosting for those living with lupus, their family and caregivers on Thursday, May 18th from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 2131 S. 17th St. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Classroom D, Service Level. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP's monthly meeting is Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information and updates on 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 nhcnaacp@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.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

In Loving Memory Of

Vivian White-Waddell
August 21, 1932 - May 15, 2006

The strongest limb has fallen from our family tree.
We keep hearing her sweet voice that says,
"Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
Remember the good life I lived with you,
while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all of you and how I truly was blessed.
Please continue our traditions, no matter how small.
I'll be watching all of you, from the heavens up above.
So take good care of each other and carry all my love.
When your way seems dark and dreer, don't have to worry cause God is near.
If in your heart there is no song, just keep the faith and keep holding on.
Turn your plate down, fast and pray.
Jesus will always make a way.
There's a bright side
somewhere.
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It's been so very hard these eleven years without you.
But we're glad that Jesus knows.
He knows just, just how much we can bear.
We are still holding on and we're looking up,
giving you a smile,Because we will always remember,
"There's a Bright Side Somewhere".

We Miss You and Love You Always,

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brunswick County NAACP – Mother of the Year Program

The Mother of the Year Program was held at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia on April 29, 2017, at 4:00 p. m. The Master of Ceremony was The Reverend Quam Stewart, one of our most outstanding pastors. The honoree as Mother of the Year was Ms. Ann Parker.

Verniece Stanley

The opening selection was sung by the St. John's Male Choir. The invocation was given by Minister Stafford Stanley, a well known minister in Brunswick Coun-ty. We can depend on his presence at all meetings in and out of Brunswick County.

Mr. Carl Parker, 1st Vice President, of the Brunswick County NAACP, welcomed those in attendance and gave the purpose of the program. He is known to be one of the most outstanding members in the community. This is a time when more members should attend meetings and offer financial support for the organization. This would greatly strengthen us. There are times we must look back over our past and see the progress we have made.

Mrs. Eloise Hankins, mother of the Honorable Judge Pauline Hankins, of Brunswick County, did us the honor of introducing Judge Hankins as the guest speaker. So it was her great pleasure to introduce to us her own daughter. I have known her over the years, and she is a neighbor to live around. In fact, not only have I known her, but I have known the family for years.

I can remember that there were fourteen children in the family. The older children were caution about safety as they were allowed to cross the busy highway to get cookies from the late Willie Mae and Morris Roosevelt Evans. All of the children have grown into very fine adults with wonderful personalities.

The NAACP is very proud of the community for the many contributions made by so many and so many great people who have so much as their lives to the cause of human dignity, peace, and freedom. We are dedicated to continuance of the struggle for equality, freedom for all people and making progress in the years ahead for our children. Let us continue to support our NAACP in every way possible. Pauline was one of the gifted children in Brunswick County and she can use it a lifetime.

We recognize and congratulate Mr. Bernest Hewett, who has been President of the NAACP in Brunswick County for over twenty years. He continues to be one of the most qualified leaders in our County and State. He keeps us updated on al the helpful information from the National Convention of the NAACP. We thank all others who have given, and continue to give, so much to so many in the worthy work of our great organization!

We must pause to recognize our life members, among whom are Mrs. Goldia Mae Evans [age 100], Ms. Gloria Bryant, Ms. Ellan Evans, and Mrs. Verniece E. Stanley.

The amount of money collected was over $3000.00. The Brunswick County NAACP would like to thank all who have participated and supported this program.

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.

Youth Entrepreneurship Program focuses on food economy

Young entrepreneurs will learn about sustainability in the food industry at this year's Youth Entrepre-neurship Program (YEP).

The summer program for high school students, scheduled July 9-14, will focus on "Building a Better Food Economy."

"We will explore the industry from multiple perspectives while encouraging the students to create a real or imagined method, process or product to complement the already vast array of concepts in the food industry," said Cheryl Sutton, YEP program director. "One of the goals is to think beyond the four Bs - bags, boxes, buckets and buffets."

Feast Down East, a nonprofit organization working to grow the local food system in southeastern North Carolina, is among the group of experts that will interact with students during the week. Feast Down East began in 2006 as a program in UNCW's Department of Sociology and Criminology. Community engagement and building partnerships to increase community and regional impact are key components of UNCW's Strategic Plan.

The week-long entrepreneurship program is designed to nurture high school students who have the potential to become leaders in business and the community. Students will work with UNCW college counselors, faculty and entrepreneurs. This year, students will take part in a community service project at a local food bank.

"It is our hope that the project will give the students a sense of social responsibility and get them in the habit of engaging in activities that benefit their community," Sutton said.

YEP, sponsored by the Cameron School of Business and BB&T, provides young people the opportunity to explore their talents and to leverage them with team-building and leadership skills. Students also learn basic concepts of entrepreneurship and the economy and will interact with entrepreneurs and industry experts. Students will work in teams to create a product that has the potential to improve a specific industry concern.

YEP is open to rising ninth through 12th graders regardless of career interest. The program is limited to 30 students and cost is $75. The deadline to apply is May 26. For more information, contact YEP at yepinfo@uncw.edu.

Wilmington Early College High School celebrates 10th Anniversary

Wilmington Early College High School will celebrate ten years of educational innovation and student success with a series of events from May 18, 2017, to May 20, 2017. With more than 200 graduates and more than 120 degrees awarded, Wilmington Early College continues to evolve. From the first 10 graduates to more than 50 in Cohort 5, the school continues to move forward.

WECHS Principal, Regina Wooten remarked, "The staff of Wilmington Early College is excited about the opportunity to celebrate ten years. New Hanover County Schools and Cape Fear Community College have provided our students the opportunity to attain an Associate's Degree and to save more than $75,000 towards the cost of a bachelor's degree. The relationship that WECHS has with CFCC has evolved and we feel as though our students are truly a part of the college."

The celebration will begin with a Stakeholder's Reception on Thursday, May 18, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the BB&T Auditorium on the North Campus of Cape Fear Community College at 4500 Blue Clay Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429. The second event will be "Past Meets Present" on Friday, May 19, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the ND Building (WECHS) also on the North Campus of Cape Fear Community College. The third event will be a celebration of all graduates from 2011 through 2017 on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in U-508 of Union Station at the downtown campus of CFCC College at 502 North Front Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Alumni, faculty, staff and special guests are invited. The final event of the celebration will be the Class of 2012's 5-year Reunion.

Started in 2007, Wilmington Early College High School (WECHS) was created out of a strong partnership between New Hanover County Schools and Cape Fear Community College (CFCC). Located on the North Campus, Wilmington Early College supports small class size, innovative ideas, creative teachers, and attention to detail. Students are expected to graduate with a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree that is college transferable. The structure fosters academic rigor, personalization, and relevant connections to workplace knowledge and skills. WECHS is focused on preparing students for lifelong learning and entry into high-skill careers.

Over the years, some students were able to graduate with an Associate's Degree in four years instead of five. Cohort 5 boasted more than 50 graduates. Students at WECHS have the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree in Arts, an Associate's Degree in Science, and Associates in Applied Science or a certification. Students have graduated with certifications in Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, and Chemical Technology. Students at Wilmington Early College have diverse offerings.

Graduates of WECHS have transferred to many of the universities in the University of North Carolina's 17 campuses. Students have also attended and graduated from many of the private schools in North Carolina and a few out-of-state schools. WECHS graduates have secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants and continue to focus on being lifelong learners. Many of them have returned to WECHS to mentor and/or speak to current students. With a focus on volunteerism and community involvement, our graduates continue to give back to their college communities.

For more information, please visit the WECHS website at http://www.nhcs.net/wechs/.

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Mr. Leroy Hicks, Jr.

Leroy Hicks, Jr., was born April 14, 1938, passed away at his home in San Francisco on Friday, April 21, 2017 at the age of 79. Born to the late Alice Goodman Hicks and Leroy Hicks, Sr., he is the last of his siblings. He was preceded in death by his sisters, the late Shirley Hicks and Betsy Hicks Braxton. Born and raised in Wilmington, NC he was a lifelong resident of San Francisco, CA. Leroy attended Williston Senior High School, and then shortly after leaving Wilmington, he joined the United States Navy. He retired from the navy as AOC Leroy Hicks USN Ret.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one niece, Carrie Braxton of Philadelphia, PA; two nephews, Reginald Hicks of Philadelphia, PA and Colonel Braxton of Wilmington, NC; three devoted cousins, Ruth Hillian of Wilmington, NC, James King I of Wilmington, NC and Cedric King of San Francisco, CA and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A service was held on Monday May 1, 2017, at 10:30 AM at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Internment at Coastal State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, North Carolina. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Ms. Patricia Wright Powers

Patricia Powers was born December 11, 1952, in Wilmington, NC to the late Johnny & Josephine McCowan Wright. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Powers as well as her siblings Janie Bell Jonson, Johnny Wright, Lucille Wright Smith, Frank Wright, Japher Wright, Dorothy Ann Wright, and Lonza Wright. She is survived by two sons, Marcus Wright and Dealius Wright; one grandson, Millian Wright, one sister, Ruby E. Warren and a host of nieces and nephews and cousins. She will also be missed by an extended spiritual family of brothers and sisters.

Patricia graduated from Hoggard High School in1972. She later worked as a nurse's assistant for 20 years at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

"Pat" as she was affectionately known by many of her close friends and family, will be remembered as a loving mother & faithful sister who knew no strangers. She had an outstanding sense of humor. It was not uncommon to hear her hearty laugh echoing down the halls of her residence, or from her front porch when she was able. She was a people person and loved to talk, laugh & joke. Although she loved to "cut up" she had a serious side too. This was evident by the way she tried to encourage all those around her with truths from God's word the Bible.

On July 28, 2002, Patricia dedicated her life to Jehovah God as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was a member of the Sunset Park Congregation in Wilmington, NC.

A service was held on Monday May 8, 2017, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness. Internment at Calvary Cemetery in Wilmington. Arrangements by *Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Willie Johnson

Willie Johnson died April 25, 2017 at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, May 5, 2017 at Mt. Holly Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Moore's Cemetery.

Willie was born August 24, 1948 to the late Alice and Harlee Johnson. He grew up in the Wrightsboro Community and attended Williston High School. Willie loved to drive trucks and made a career out of driving for Mayflower for many years until his health failed. He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Marvin and Dennis Johnson; one daughter, Aretha Johnson; four granddaughters, Dakiya, Lakresha, Tierra and Tanisha Johnson; one great-grndson, Mayzon Johnson; one brother, David Johnson (Mae); three sisters, Dorothy Johnson, Betsey Lettley (Charles) and Della Atkins; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Porter

James Porter died April 27, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. James

Earl Porter was born on August 31, 1943 to the proud parents of Jenell Porter and George Porter, Sr. He was the youngest of three children. James was raised and attended school in New Hanover County. He loved traveling up the East Coast but once he got to Philadelphia, he loved it and resided there until 2013, when he moved back home to Wilmington, NC with his brother. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Esther Holden.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving brother, George Porter, Jr. (Mary) of Wilmington, NC; a very special cousin, Thomas Riley who was with him every day until the end; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Eddie Wilson

Eddie Wilson died April 29th at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Myrtle Grove First Born Church. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Edward "Eddie" Croom Wilson was born August 20, 1920 to the late Alfred and Bertha Wilson. He departed this life on April 29, 2017. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lydia Lee Patrick Wilson; his daughter, Lydia Lee; his son, James Lewis Wade, and brother, Fred Richard Wilson, Sr. Edward spent most of his life in Wilmington, North Carolina, in the area African American settlement affectionately known as Seabreeze". He and his brother were taught as youngsters to fish for a living. Eddie later transitioned and began working as a truck driver, but eventually found his passion for building homes and brick masonry. He worked many years with Reagan's Construction Company. Eddie was a man filled with knowledge, who did not hesitate to teach what he knew to anyone who wanted to learn. Eddie was a stern and outspoken man who never thought twice to speak his mind on anything. Anyone who knew Eddie knew that he was a resolute man with a sensitive heart. He was always willing to help all who crossed his path. He was a moral man who was determined to live by the godly principles he believed in. Eddie was always surrounded by family and loved ones. In 1950, Eddie met the love of his life, Lydia L. Patrick at the Mil-Jo Drive-In Diner when she served him after he had taken a break from one of his jobs as a truck driver. GOD richly blessed them through the years, and from this union came 12 beautiful children that both of them loved and adored.

He leaves to cherish his memory 10 children; Charles (Barbara) of Boston, MA, Eddie D. of Wilmington, NC, William "Billy" of Greensboro, NC, Paletha of Wilmington, NC, Larry of Boston, MA, Howard (Vernell) of Wilmington, NC, Alonzo of Los Angeles, CA, Lorenzo of Wilmington, NC, Javon (Jamie) of Leland, NC, and Tamara Ross (Charles) of Leland, NC. He also leaves 28 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of special nieces, nephews, other extended family and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

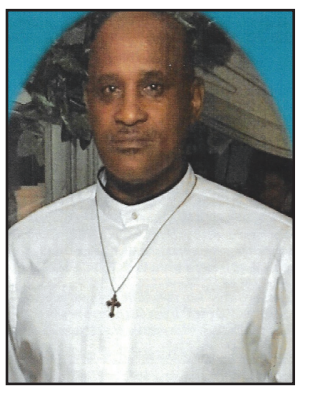
Shirley Dailey

Shirley Dailey died Monday, May1, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 6, 2017th at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Shirley Ann Hobbs-Dailey, daughter of the late James McMillian and Katherine Hobbs was born July 22, 1951 in Leland, North Carolina. Shirley attended the public schools of Brunswick County. At an early age she professed her faith in Jesus Christ and attended Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She was united in holy matrimony to Clarence Dailey who preceded her in death. Mrs. Shirley Dailey always had a open home to anyone in need and didn't mind feeding. In addition to her husband, Shirley was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, William Goodman.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children: Jacqueline Dailey of Raleigh, NC, Mr. Clarence Dailey of Leland, NC and Mr. Frederick Dailey of Greensboro, NC; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Clara Bell Goodman, Sarah Ann Bryant, and Willistine McMillian all of Leland, NC; brothers, Elijah Hobbs, Elijah McMillian, James McMillian (Annie) and George McMillan, all of Leland, NC; sisters-in-law, Clara Galloway of Leland, NC, Carlethe Failey and Annie Washington of Wilmington, NC and Ernestine George of Georgia; many other relatives and friends, including three very special friends, Mrs. Cummie Miller, Carl Hall and DJ. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Major Grady, Jr.



Sunrise: December 16, 1954
Sunset: May 12, 2016

I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
-Timothy 4:7

Love
Mother, Arlene Grady
and family

Mable Evangeline Stevens

Mable Evangeline Stevens died Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Trinity Grove Nursing Home. Funeral services were held

Please see **OBITUARIES/** *Page 8*

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late
DeConja Alexander
(Southport, NC)
thanks each of you for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one.
There was an abundance of flowers, donations, telephone calls, texts, e-mails and foods that it is almost impossible for us to send each of you a personal thank you card.
Please accept this note of gratitude and love from us, the Alexander Family.

Regina, De'Ossy,
DeShondra and Brion

Happy Birthday

Ezmas Marscine Carmichael

Saturday, May 13, 2017 would have been the day to celebrate another birthday. In your memories we share the value of having had you in our lives and making us the better persons that we are today. Once again we pause to say thank you.
The family has continue to grow and your name is on our tongues and your spirit is within our hearts.
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New Hanover County

Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate Mother's Day and Women's Day on Sunday May, 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their NC District Assembly from Monday, May 15th-Friday, May 19th. Monday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. a workshop with Evangelist Renita McNeill and at 7:30 p.m. the guest speaker will be Mother Barbara Anderson. Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. Superintendent Gatlin will be the guest speaker. Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Shawn Maynor will be the guest speaker. Thursday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. Jr. Bishop Donovan Taylor will be the guest speaker and on Friday May 19th Minister Christopher Gerald will be the guest speaker.

Religious Briefs

Mt. Calvary MBC, 812 Harnett Street, will hold their Spring Revival, May 10th-12th, 7:00 p.m. nightly. with Rev. Eric Puryear, Revivalist of Christian Chapel MBC, Hampstead, NC. as guestspeaker. There will be various choirs.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut St., Women's Day will be observed on Sunday May 21st during the 11:00 a.m. morning worship service. The very special guest speaker will be Ms. Jean Q. Lloyd of Council, NC.

The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church the Missionary Department of The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church will have their 1st Annual Missionary Breakfast on Saturday, May 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Mrs. Delma S. Jones, the First Lady of the Wilmington District will be the special guest. Please wear a color in a rainbow or any pastel. For more information, please call Sis. Tonya Sprauve at 910-538-5443 or Pastor Nixon at 910-540-4406.

Union Missionary Baptist Church Women That Matter Women' Conference- "Living in God's Everlasting Love" will be held on May 20th-21st. The speakers include: Elder Devonia Harrison of New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, Leland ,NC Apostle Letonya McLaurin- Harris of Death to Destiny Outreach Ministries, Wilmington, and Dr. Linda Daye of healing wounds ministries, Wilmington.

Brunswick County

JC AMEZ Church, 1882 Lincoln Rd., the women of Johnson Chapel will celebrate Women's Day, "Women Bridging The Gap" on Sunday, May 21st at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Exhorter Vonnie Ballard. All women are invited to wear red and white. For more information please contact Sister Judy McKoy at 910-371-2082.

Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 237 Snowfield Rd., will celebrate their Annual 88th Churh Anniversary on Sunday, May 21st at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Stephen Bradley, choir and congregation of Ekklesia United Holy Church, Wilmington, NC will be the specail guest for the servive. For more information contact Nicole Y. Williams at 910-297-4208.

Pender County

Moores Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 60 Minuteman Rd., Currie, NC, will hold their 9th Pastorial Anniversay for Pastor Gordon Griffen on Sunday, May 7th. The morning service speaker will be Rev. Richard Williams, Jr. of Bristol Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Tabor City, NC and the 3:00 p.m. speaker will be Dr. John Brown of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Leland, NC. For directions or additional information please call Beverly Martin at 910-763-3569.

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OBITUARIES

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Friday, May 5, 2017 at Hanks Chapel AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Mable Evangeline Wade Stevens was born on April 24, 1914 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Evangeline, or Van, as she was known, grew up in the Myrtle Grove "Seabreeeze" Community. She became a proud military wife when she married Raymond Stevens and developed a love for travel; living and traveling to various places such as: Mt. Holly (Fort Dix) New Jersey; Frankfurt, Germany and Ft. Meade, Maryland to name a few. At 103 years of age, Evangeline was adored and loved by her family. Her children attribute her longevity in life to her patience and God's grace. She loved the Lord and she loved her church family at Hanks Chapel AME Church, where she devoted over seventy-five years of service until her health began to fail. Her favorite song was "I Won't Complain" and she loved reading and listening to her favorite Bible scripture, the 23rd Psalm. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Willie Stevens and her son, Donald Lewis Stevens, as well as all nine of her siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a loving daughter, Joyce Lorraine Stevens of the home; son, Raymond Willie Stevens, Jr. of Easton, Pennsylvania; daughter-in-law, Nancy Mitchell Stevens of Wilmington, North Carolina; grandsons, Brian Stevens of Wilmington, North Carolina and Derrick Stevens (Jacqueline) stationed with the US Army; granddaughters, LaDonna Dickey (Keith) and April Smith all of Wilmington, North Carolina; five great-grandchildren; one goddaughter Deirdre McGlone; a faithful visitor during her stay at Trinity Grove, niece, Dorothy Wade McGlone; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Leonard V. Kelly

Leonard V. Kelly died May 6, 2017 at his residence. Memorial services will be held 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Shaw FH. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Daisy Lee Williams

Daisy Lee Williams died May 7, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Grace Brown

Grace Brown died Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in Orangeburg, SC. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Trust Jesus

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was cloudy on the outside, but the Son was on the inside of us. We were happy to have Mrs. Eloise Purdie and Mr. George Hill back after being out with illnesses. Our meeting was called to order by President Eloise Purdie. She thanked everyone for all they did for her while she was out. Mr. George Hill called for the choir. We opened with "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Mr. Cornell Sparrow led us in our opening prayer. Next we sang, "O! How I love Jesus." Minister Doris McQuillan said she would not trade Jesus for anything in the world. He is always so good to us.

Minister Henrietta McGlenn was our speaker for today. She said that we forget what God has done. Satan will put things into our minds that are not of the will of God. She spoke to us about Job's faith. We have to realize that we have power. The presence of God is in us. God made a way when we do not remember. We do not need any pity parties. She closed with, "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus.. Minister McQuillan thanked her for a great message. She was given a round of applause.

We then had expressions, which are always heartwarming. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Purdie. We had no visitors. Our minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby, and they were approved. Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow provided information. We had roll call by Mrs. Cherry Pearson, and we received more information regarding our trip to Washington, D. C. We then had the report of the callers. There was a tie between Mrs. Frances Burney Matthews and Mrs. Janice Gordon. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave the sick report. She told us to keep all the sick in prayer.

Announcements were read. After which, we had "Smiles" were brought by Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow and Mrs. Cherry Pearson. Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us together." We then had prayer and adjourned. There were 49 present today.

SENIOR MOMENTS

"Meet me half way"

My Fellow Americans:

Did you hear about the child who was afraid of the water, but when his dad threw him in, he learned how to swim? Or maybe you heard about the one who was crying because he had no shoes until he met a man who had no feet. There is always someone in a worse situation than you are.

It seems that our political leaders are always fighting to see who comes out on top, instead of seeking common ground. Have they never heard the term, "meet me half way"? The reason we have religious wars is that no one is willing to listen to the other side, and, with the type of weapons we have today, this attitude could take us back to the dark ages.

Ruth Johnson

About the domestic situation we have today. I once lived in a housing project across from a woman who had four children but no husband. When her sixteen year old daughter had a child, she wanted to move to a place of her own. Her mother was willing to help her raise the child, but the girl insisted on getting her own place.

She was able to go to the welfare department and get an apartment plus food and clothing for herself and the child. I thought that was very selfish. Her mother was already on welfare. So I think that girl had some nerve to go after her own check. I don't know what she said, but she got it, and you already know she did not live in Wilmington.

The question is, how do we handle the last of Obamacare? We need to come together and work out a solution before the well runs dry. I always thought combining some of our small churches would help because the empty building could be converted into a shelter for the homeless. The combined churches could supply meals and training. If there is a better way, let's talk about it. What are we waiting for?

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Honor Thy Mother"

"And God spake all these words, saying I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Exodus 20:1 "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12

Mother- One who gives birth to or raises and nurtures a child;
A female parent; A woman who holds a position of authority or responsibility
Honor - Recognition of one's right to great respect

"Men may work from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done!", Old Proverb

Mother's Day is a national holiday observed on the second Sunday in May of each year for the appointment of honoring mothers. Looking at the history of Mother's Day, we find that Mother's Day was first proclaimed in 1870 in the United States. Julia Ward Howe called for it to be observed each year at the national level in 1872. The original idea behind Howe's Mothers Day was a call for Pacifism and disarmament by all the women. Later, Anna Jarvis, followed by her daughter, launched a quest to get wider recognition for Mother's Day. As the custom for Mothers Day celebration spread, its focus shifted from pacifism and reform movement to a general appreciation, and admirations of mothers. Later, on May 14, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

Here we are today, still observing Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. While commercialization has taken over the initial concept of Mother's Day, many sons and daughters look forward to making phone calls, attending church with mothers, writing letters, and even sending gifts, cards, and flowers to their mothers to recognize their right to respect at this time of year.

Sylvia Hooper

While history credits both Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis with initiating the concept of Mothers Day celebrations, we still must refer to the Word of God where we see the original concept of "motherhood" was and still is, God's idea! In Genesis 3:20, scripture shows us that the first woman recorded in history biblically speaking is Mother Eve, because she was the mother of all living . In Genesis 4:1, after Eve conceived and bore her first child, a son named Cain, she said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." Being the first "mother", we must take note of her knowledge, spiritual insight, and understanding, that while Adam, her husband, gave her the seed for that first baby, the Lord God, being the Creator and giver of Life, was the source of her blessing and the fruit of her womb."

When God created Eve, he gave her a womb, and built her with the capacity to conceive, carry to term, and give birth to a child, a living soul. He also embraced her with enough strength, and courage to nurture, nourish, and love her child, as only a mother could do. Motherhood is one of the high callings of God , that comes straight from the heart of God.

When God gave his Law to his servant Moses for the people of God, in Exodus chapter 20, each and every law was given for their own good and posterity. When he referenced to bringing them out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage, today's church can relate to our deliverance out of sin and bondage into the kingdom of His dear Son , Jesus Christ. In Exodus 20:12, God said, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." God's Word is eternal and His promise is true. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good ?" We should all take heed to this commandment, that we may enjoy a long and fulfilled life.

If God has placed a special woman in your life who has birthed, raised, or nurtured you, why not seize the opportunity to honor her in some special way? Life is short and in order to live and die with no regrets, we must seek to hear and obey God's Word to the best of our ability. When your mother is dead and gone, God will remember what he promised and will bless you for your obedience to His Word and faithfulness to Him. If she is still alive, do yourself a favor and love and honor her, because God said to do it! He will make it good! Tell Somebody ..Happy Mother's Day!!!

Prayer_ Father , we pray for all mothers who have birthed, raised, or nurtured biological or spiritual sons and daughters. We pray your blessings upon each and every one of them….For Your Glory! In Jesus's Name.. Amen.

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jackson-ville, 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 Confe-rence, 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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September 16th 12:00 p.m. -1:30
October 14th 12:00 p.m. -1:30
November 18th Thanksgiving Dinner
11:30 p.m. -2:30p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
BEFORE THE CLERK
17 SP 021

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST FROM JONATHAN S. DUBEL and wife, PATTY B. DUBEL, to REBECCA W. SHAIA, Trustee, dated MARCH 29, 2005, and RECORDED APRIL 5, 2005, in BOOK 4745, PAGE 607, NEW HANOVER COUNTY REGISTRY

Pursuant to an order entered April 25, 2017, in the Superior Court for New Hanover County, and the power of sale contained in the captioned Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust"), the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at auction (the "Sale"), to the highest bidder for cash,

NEW HANOVER COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
316 Princess Street,
Wilmington, North Carolina
ON MAY 26, 2017 AT
10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

the real estate and the improvements thereon secured by the Deed of Trust, less and except any of such property released from the lien of the Deed of Trust prior to the date of said sale, lying and being in New Hanover County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows (the "Property"):

BEING ALL of Lot 7, Section 1, Vantage Point at Covil Estates, as the same is shown on map entitled "Section 1, Vantage Point at Covil Estates" as recorded in Map Book 36, Page 38 of the New Hanover County Registry, to which map reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

The record owner of the Property not more than ten (10) days prior to the date hereof is Jonathan S. Dubel.

In the Trustee's sole discretion, the sale may be delayed for up to one (1) hour as provided in Section 45-21.23 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

A five percent cash deposit, or a cash deposit of $750.00, whichever is greater, will be required of the last and highest bidder. The balance of the bid purchase price shall be due in full in cash or certified funds at a closing to take place within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. The undersigned Substitute Trustee shall convey title to the property by non-warranty deed.

This sale will be made subject to all prior liens of record, if any, and to all unpaid (ad valorem) taxes and special assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust. This sale will be further subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described property for a period of 120 days following the date when the final upset bid period has run.

The purchaser of the property described above shall pay the Clerk's Commissions in the amount of $.45 per $100.00 of the purchase price (up to a maximum amount of $500.00), required by Section 7A-308(a)(1) of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the purchaser of the above described property is someone other than the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust, the purchaser shall also pay, to the extent applicable, the land transfer tax in the amount of one percent (1%) of the purchase price.

To the extent this sale involves residential property with less than fifteen (15) rental units, you are hereby notified of the following:

(a)An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to Section 45-21.29 of the North Carolina General Statutes in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold; and

(b)Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' **written** notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This the 25th day of April, 2017.

John W. Fletcher III, Substitute Trustee
North Carolina State Bar No.: 15503
Henderson, Nystrom, Fletcher & Tydings, P.L.L.C.
831 East Morehead Street, Suite 255
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
Telephone: (704) 334-3400
jfletcher@hnftlaw.com

May 11, 18, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Leroy Haynes (16-E-1581),** late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 11, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of May, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA
of the Estate of Leroy Haynes
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Linda Euler, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Linda Euler,** 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 **August 7, 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 4th day of May, 2017.
Elizabeth Kennedy,
Executor of the Estate
of Linda Euler
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 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 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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In Re The Estate of Sallie H.
Powell, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Sallie H. Powell,** Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **08/04/2017** -- or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, May 4, 2017.

Velvet Powell Miles,
Personal Representative
c/o The Rodgers Law Firm, PLLC
by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr.,
Attorney for the Personal Representative
8120 River Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Patricia Ann Lago,** late of 6931 Lipscomb Drive, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned in care of Charles M. Tighe, Esq. at Landfall Executive Suites, 1213 Culbreth Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405, on or before the **26th day of July, 2017,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 18th day of April, 2017.

Kevin Lago, Executor of the
Estate of Patricia Ann Lago
Charles M. Tighe, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Landfall Executive Suites
1213 Culbreth Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Mable Louise Grady,** 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 **27th 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 27th day of April, 2017

Peggy Ann Tindall, Executor
5716 Fulton Avenue
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
COURT FILE NO: 17 CVD
000973

Shelita C. Baldwin, Plaintiff
v.
Clarence E. Baldwin,
Defendant

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 an absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than June 1, 2017 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 27th day of April, 2017

Shelita C. Baldwin
811 Elance Moore Lane Apt 205
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 27, May 4, 11, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Samuel Cecil Drain, Jr.,** deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of August, 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 11th day of May, 2017

Constance Y. Drain Greene, Executrix
416 N. 7th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Mary Malloy (17-E-602),** late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 11, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of May, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of
the Estate of Mary Malloy
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

CITY OF WILMINGTON
NOTICE OF PROPOSED
CONVEYANCE OF REAL
PROPERTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Wilmington City Council is considering the conveyance of 920 Meares Street, Parcel ID R05414-008-020-000, to Cape Fear Community Land Trust, for the sum of $1,250.00. The use of the property will be restricted by deed to ownership and/or occupancy by persons of low to moderate incomes. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-269, an upset bid can be made within ten (10) days after the date of publication of this Notice and the conveyance will not be made until the offer is accepted by City Council.

Persons wishing to upset the offer shall submit a bid with their offer to the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 N 3rd Street, Wilmington, N.C., by 5:00 P.M. May 22, 2017. At that time the City Clerk shall declare the highest qualifying bid as the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer.

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

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

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

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

May 11, 2017

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Charles N. Griffith,** 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 **27th 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 27th day of April, 2017

Gayle Bordeaux, Administrator CTA of
the Estate of Charles N. Griffith
5117 Lord Tennyson Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Everette Elco Newman (17-E-491),** late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 107 Chestnut St., Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before **July 27, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of April, 2017

Jeffrey R. Baker, Personal
Representative of the Estate of Everette
Elco Newman
Jeffrey R. Baker, Attorney At Law
107 Chestnut St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2017

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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Howard Jenkins (17-E-533),** late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **July 26, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 24th day of April, 2017

Paula Jenkins, Executrix of the Estate
of Howard Jenkins
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Johnny Nelson Smith, Jr.,**deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of August, 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 11th day of May, 2017

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