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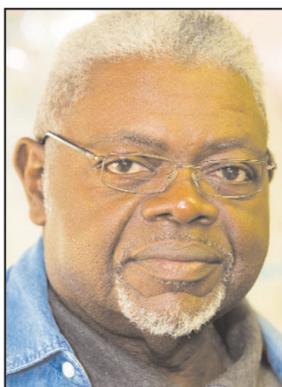
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HATE THRIVES

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As I look at the present race relations, I am concerned that, in the last eight years, the problems have gotten worse. This has been primarily because of the bad leadership of our elected officials and bad bills put into place and bad laws passed. In the last seven years, elected officials seem to have gone beyond reason to make sure there is a constant conflict going all the time among Blacks, White, Hispanics, etc. This is, and has long been, a problem. The end results turn out to be marches, sit-ins, riots, HK&J, unlawful arrests, etc. It is time for people of good intent to come together and stand up for our constitutional rights and make sure that, if the law is broken, somebody pays.

Last week, a hangman's noose

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BARBER SUPPORTERS CELEBRATE HIGH COURT DECISION

BY CASH MICHAELS
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[RALEIGH, NC] There were cheers and shouts of "Forward together, not one step back," at Davie Street Presbyterian Church in Raleigh on Monday morning for those there to hear NC NAACP President, The Reverend Dr. William Barber announce his stepping down.

However, in this instance, the approximately 100 people were reacting to news that the US Supreme Court declined to overrule the 2016 decision by the US Fourth Circuit of Appeals to strike down North Carolina's 2013



UNITED STATE SUPREME COURT

Voter ID law. The NC NAACP sued then Governor Pat McCrory, who signed the Voter ID law, and the NC Republican-led Legislature, which

passed HB 589, accusing them of suppressing the Black vote with unconstitutional voting restrictions.

"We were plaintiffs in the lawsuit," The Reverend John Mendez, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, explained, recalling the weeklong hearings in federal court there in 2014. Mendez was among those quoted in court papers filed in the lawsuit. "So it's a very big day for us. We're excited."

In its July 2016 decision, the US Fourth Circuit agreed that voter sup-

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OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM

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Obama Presidential Center Envisioned as Economic Engine

BY FREDERICK LOWE
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SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWSWIRE

Former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama on last Wednesday showed off a model of the Obama Presidential Center, which will honor the nation's first African-American president as well as help to revitalize neighborhoods on Chicago South Side where the center will call home.

The \$500 million, 200,000 square-foot center is scheduled to open in 2021 in Jackson Park, near Lake Michigan, announced the Obama Foundation,

which is raising money for the presidential center. The Foundation said it will strengthen its neighborhoods' economic climate by bringing hundreds and thousands visitors to Chicago every year and creating new jobs on the South Side.

The foundation also hopes the center will revitalize historic Jackson Park. "We believe the center will restore the promise of Jackson Park as the people's park, building on its history as a recreational destination for gathering on the South Side for families, community members and visitors," the Obama Foundation said in a statement.

During a presentation yesterday at the South

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As the Rev. Barber steps down, NC NAACP prepares for next leader

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

[RALEIGH] According to sources at the NCNAACP, the successor to President, The Reverend Dr. William Barber, who has announced that he is stepping down next month after twelve years, will come from the four vice presidents currently under his wing - First Vice President Carolyn Q. Coleman; Second Vice Pres. Carolyn McDougal; Third Vice President Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman and Fourth Vice Pres. Courtney Patterson.

Ms. Coleman is a veteran civil rights activist, member of the national NAACP Board and the Guilford County Commission Board. Ms. McDougal is a human resource officer with People's Choice Home Care, Inc. in Dunn. Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman is Senior Pastor of St. Phillip AME Zion Church in Greensboro, and president of the NC Council of Churches.

Courtney Patterson is retired and lives in Kinston.

The NCNAACP is "...strong in our legal victories; strong in our organizational structure;

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NEWS ANALYSIS

The Republican health care plan is making me sick

BY DR. WILMER J. LEON, III

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "This is a great plan. I actually think it will get even better. This is a repeal and replace of Obamacare. Make no mistake about it..." - President Trump May 4, 2017

On May 4th, 2017, after voting more than 50 times over the past seven years to either cripple, delay implementa-

tion or repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Republican controlled House voted 217 to 213 to repeal and replace the ACA. The bill now faces an uncertain fate as it goes over to the Senate, which has stated that it is in the process of writing its own bill.

Since its inception, there has been and continues to be problems with the "health care reform" debate. Language is very important. How an issue is

defined and subsequently described can significantly impact the public's ability to intelligently and effectively understand it. The first problem is that neither the ACA nor the Republican responses deal with reforming health care. The ACA deals with insurance companies not health care providers.

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was found in a public park. It was large enough to be easily seen by anyone who happened to pass by. This is a serious matter and clearly reminds us all that racism and hatred are still alive and well, and we all need to be vigilant. Furthermore, such acts of hatred are messages and must be taken as such. Those who hung this noose did so to send a serious message, the message that our society has changed in the last few years but not for the better. There are still those who hate for no reason other than skin color.

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Shore Cultural Center, the Obamas said they are building the presidential center on the South Side to give back to the community, which has given

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pression was exactly what the Republican lawmakers were up to, stating that the GOP targeted the Black vote "with surgical precision."

Republican leaders in the legislature didn't like that ruling, and appealed it to the US Supreme Court. However, Gov. Cooper and new State Attorney General Josh Stein, both Democrats, asked the High Court to withdraw the appeal from the GOP. Republicans objected, and asked Chief Justice John Roberts to stay lower court ruling in January.

Since then, there wasn't even word as to whether Roberts and the rest of the court would even hear the GOP appeal until Monday, when the US Supreme

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This is an important distinction as insurance companies do not provide health care, they pay for it. The ACA was meant to address health insurance reform not health care reform.

The Obama Administration's solution to the problems with the delivery of quality health care and access for all Americans was to increase the number of people that were signed up with health insurance companies. They reformed the requirements stipulated by the insurance companies with regard to who could have access to the health care system. These requirements dictated reimbursement for services rendered, the rules of eligibility for coverage (such as a preexisting condition) and how health care providers are paid. They did not address the quality and types of care that are provided.

With this in mind, providing more Americans access to health insurance is a good thing. As a result of the passage of the ACA, according to PolitiFact-Wisconsin, 20 million Americans gained health insurance. Total health expenditures hit record low rates in the first three years after the ACA was implemented. The ACA lowered the number of

Neither Blacks nor Hispanics have done anything against Whites to deserve this hatred nor the forces that keep it going. So those who don't agree with this hatred, Blacks, Whites, Native Americans, Hispanics, etc., must come together and remind people, when acts of hatred, such as the display of a hangman's noose in public places come about, that it is not funny. It is, rather, sick and the outgrowth is a sick form of hatred.

If a man says he love God and hates his brother, he is a liar, and the truth is not in him!

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

them so much.

The Obama Foundation is working with other institutions in the area, including the DuSable Museum of African-American History, the Museum of Science and Industry, the University of Chicago and the City of

Court ruled that it would not.

A packed sanctuary at Davie Street Presbyterian Church joined The Reverend, Mendez cheering at the news.

The outgoing NC NAACP president, Rev. Barber was thankful, but resolute in his statement that justice had been done again by the courts.

"Today we experienced a victory for justice that is unimaginably important for African Americans, Latinos, all North Carolinians, and the nation" said The Reverend Barber. "The highest court in the land has rejected the N.C. General Assembly's improper efforts to inject cynical politics into the Supreme Court's docket, and, instead, embraced the sound judgment of the Fourth Circuit, which found that this General Assembly

enacted voting laws with discriminatory intent. The Court's critical rejection today of the N.C. General Assembly's leadership's position tells the people of North Carolina and across the country that the right to vote, unencumbered by expansive restrictions or by racist politicians or racist policies, is fundamental and that, under the laws of the land, it will be upheld."

Democratic Governor Roy Cooper asked reporters, "When are [Republican lawmakers] going to learn that you just can't run roughshod over the Constitution?"

The High Court ruling was a top national headline in the New York Times, Washington Post and CBS News as well.

NC Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) joined in

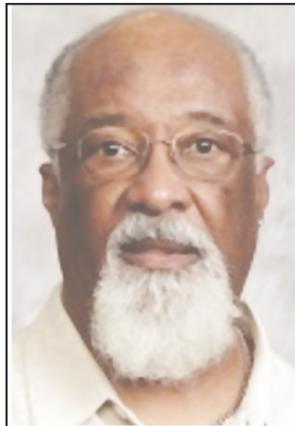
important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term president." While the above can be written off as competition between the 2 major parties, the racist element of their ire is evident in Donald Trump's "birther" movement, former Speaker Gingrich's calling President Obama a Mau Mau in the White House, "What if (Obama) is so outside our comprehension, that only if you understand Kenyan anticolonial behavior can you begin to piece together (his actions)?" Gingrich went on to call President Obama a conman, "This is a person who is fundamentally out of touch with how the world works, who happened to have played a wonderful con, as a result of which he is now president." Finally, Congressman Joe Wilson's infamous "you lie" during Obama's State of the Union address are just a few examples of the injection of racism into the political discord as it pertained to Obama. Wilson nor any other member of Congress would have ever thought to disrespect any other President in this manner from the floor of Congress.

Speaking of lying, why are Republicans resorting to distortions and lies to convince the electorate that the ACA needs to be repealed? For example, health insurance costs are not rising due to the ACA. As stated above the rate of increase has been cut almost in half. According to NPR, insurance premiums are on the rise but not because of the ACA. Obamacare does not

insured Americans from 16% in 2010 to 8.9% in 2016. There are millions of Americans who are no longer at risk of being denied coverage due to pre-existing conditions. These are all very positive results since the implementation of the ACA. Why are so many Republicans opposed to a policy that according to Gallup most Americans support? "Fifty-five percent of Americans now support the Affordable Care Act (ACA), a major turnaround from five months ago when 42% approved and 53% disapproved." Why are Republicans working feverishly to repeal instead of repair the ACA (which they epithetically labeled "Obamacare"), a bill which is eerily similar to the conservative think tank Heritage Foundation's 1993 Health Equity and Access Reform Today (HEART) bill? Simply put, it's the racist "Obama" tag in Obamacare that is causing so many of them so much heartburn.

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on wagging a knowing finger at the Republicans who insisted that despite evidence to the contrary, voter photo ID and the long list of restrictions that went with it, kept the electoral system honest.

"Today, the Supreme Court rightly refused to hear the appeal of a law that I have long said discriminates against African American voters," Rep. Butterfield said in a statement. "I hope this is finally the end to one of the most undemocratic and disgraceful voter ID laws in the country."

But Republicans saw it differently.

"Republicans will continue to fight for common sense and constitutional voter ID measures, similar to what many other states already have," State Republican Party Chairman Robin Hayes said in

Congress aren't exactly getting a warm welcome in their home districts during this week's recess. Angry constituents have confronted legislators at town halls across the country, upset over everything from the GOP's plan to repeal and replace Obamacare, the Trump White House's travel ban, alleged Russian interference in the U.S. elections and more."

In a nutshell, too many Republicans wish Barack Hussein Obama had never been elected. Since they cannot rewrite history and erase him from the history books they are doing everything in their power to eliminate his accomplishments and Michelle's healthy school lunch program as well. Too many of them would rather eat their bigotry and hatred than sit down and enjoy a good meal. According to *The NY Times*, "Their (Republicans) health care plan provides a tax cut for the wealthiest Americans. And it will make it easier for Republicans to pass more tax cuts this year." At the end of the day, their "plan" is a fraud and their marketing is based on lies and distortions... "alternative facts". It's making me sick.

So, as Trump and Republicans scramble to repeal the ACA, more and more people are asking why? According to NPR, "Republican members of

and other gatherings. The presidential center will have interactive displays to attract children and adults.

Tod Williams and Billie Tsien Architects partnered with Interactive Design Architects to design the Obama Presidential Center.

a statement, noting that the High Court didn't rule, but just decided not to hear the GOP appeal. "While Governor Cooper and Attorney General Stein have stymied voter ID for now, they will ultimately lose in their efforts to block North Carolina citizens from having these protections."

Still, Attorney Irv Joyner, Chairman of the NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee, countered, "...[I]t is clear that the factual merits of this case were already decided by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the N.C. General Assembly did not present any evidence in court or anywhere else which contradicts the decision that HB 589 was designed to negatively impact African Americans and other racial minorities," Attorney Joyner stated.

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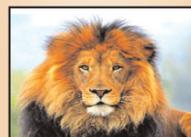
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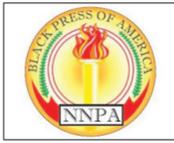
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Our Voice

CASH IN THE APPLE

REV. BARBER

Earlier this week North Carolinian's said goodbye to Rev. Dr. William Barber, who has been president of our NCNAACP since 2005. Though many are sad, all are proud of the fact that the rest of the nation now knows what we've known for the past 12 years - that Rev. Barber is a man, and a leader of high moral integrity and strength. That he is a man blessed by GOD, and a bold leader of action, always challenging the powers that be to serve those who have no voice.



Rev. Barber now leaves us next month to join a national moral revival movement to address the pressing issues of poverty and governmental neglect. We wish him well, and indeed are very proud of his service, and commitment to the cause of justice and equality.

Even though it will be strange to see him frequently in other parts of the country fighting the good fight, something tells me we won't miss him much. That's how strong, how powerful Rev. Barber is.

Cash Michaels

His influence will still be felt wherever he goes.

ARE YOU STILL BUCKLED IN? - Last week my editor urged me to comment in this column about President Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey, and why it was a frightening prospect for what this crazy commander-in-chief is capable of.

But deep down inside I said, "No, we haven't seen anything yet. Better hold off." Well, my hunch was right. Not only did Trump then prove that he couldn't just fire his FBI director and be done with it, but then went on NBC News and bragged to anchor Lester Holt that he's wanted to fire Comey since Day One, and didn't need the phony cover letters both his US attorney general and deputy attorney general composed to make it seem otherwise.

But no, Trump wasn't finished yet. Not pleased with how the mainstream media was literally skewering him unmercifully, and deservedly so, he lashed back on Twitter (his favorite public forum), warning his former FBI director to watch his mouth to the media, or else there may be 'tapes' showing up at some point.

Now, even the president's Republican allies in Congress are demanding that any and all tapes of conversations in the Trump White House be turned over immediately. One wonders if either the House or the Senate Intelligence Committees will be knocking on the door at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue with a subpoena in hand, demanding that any and all recordings be handed over.

A lot of confusion in just one week, isn't it? Oh, did I forget to mention that in the midst of all of that, Trump invited the Russian Foreign Minister and Russian ambassador to the Oval Office, with a Russian government news agency photographer. The American White House press pool was not allowed in that meeting.

Was that dumb? Uh, yeah. One wonders why a president who is being investigated for his campaign's alleged ties to Russia, would then invite officials of the Russian government into the Oval Office with only a Russian photographer to record the event, the day AFTER he's just fired the FBI director who was investigating Trump's alleged ties to Russia?

But still, I knew we hadn't heard the worst yet. No, that didn't come until this week, when it was learned that during that Russian meeting, Trump ran his fat mouth bragging about super-sensitive classified information about ISIS entrusted to the US by an ally. Information that was not supposed to be given to the Russians or anyone else.

And bright and early on Tuesday morning, this clown...I'm sorry...President Clown...gets on Twitter again and not only takes credit for allegedly breaching national security, but says it was his right to do so since he's the president and can do whatever he wants!

NOW, we're into territory where no one should feel safe about that crazy egomaniac in the White House. NOW is the time to worry about the future of this nation. NOW is when we should all feel scared....VERY scared.

Glad I waited!

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Your Voice

FLIP

Trump's arrogance, bullying, ignorance, lies and tweets are distorting our country. Only Congress can impeach him. Paul Ryan will

not, but Nancy Pelosi will. Trump is as nervous as an unrighteous man in the front pew of a southern Baptist church, during a funeral, he wants out. We democrats need to hold our seats and flip 24 republicans to become the

majority in 2018. I will do my part to spread the word and retire my U.S. republican Representative-7th District - David Rouzer. If you do not know your representative, call the board of election in your county to get the name.

If it is a republican, do the work needed to flip him or her!!!

James Hankins
 Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

BLACKONOMICS

Know better, do better, or no better for us

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The National Urban League's (NUL) 2017 "State of Black America" (SOBA) report was released on May 2, 2017; it is titled, "Protect our Progress," and again contains the "Inequality Index. Since 1963 the NUL has used the mantra, "To be Equal," as part of its overall goal. I have questioned that goal for a long time because, while it may be laudable in an economic sense, it is totally unrealistic. Why should we chase something as elusive as "equality" with Whites on any level, especially when they control upwards of 90% of the resources in this nation.



James Clingman

Also, juxtaposing the NUL quixotic venture to "be equal" against the report by the Corporation for Economic Development and the Institute for Policy Studies, that cites, "If current trends persist, it will take 228 years for black families to accumulate the same amount of wealth as whites," the futility of the NUL goal is more than obvious. To rub salt on our wounds, that same report also stated, "For Latino families, it will take 84 years." Put that point into your Equality Index pipe and smoke it.

I say without equivocation that the NUL report is substantive, informative, professionally written, and packed

with statistics from which we all can learn and move forward. It's not just about economic issues; it also covers criminal justice, housing, education, and other critical issues that need our attention.

However, it would be better if it was the first one issued by the NUL, but it has been issued for forty-one years now. Again, it's good information, but Black folks still suffer from the same problems and have been in the same comparative collective status for four decades.

A few more data points from the SOBA and, as the preachers say, "The lesson will be yours." Of course if we fail to heed the lesson, it's all for naught. Our penchant for 140 characters belies the necessity to read much beyond that, but I hope you will get a copy of the NUL report, READ it, draw your own conclusions, and develop your own action plans to address our problems appropriately.

Here is an interesting paragraph in the report: "Over the past 30 years, the average household wealth of white families has grown 85% to \$656,000, while that of blacks has climbed just 27 percent to \$85,000 and Latinos 69 percent to \$98,000.

And another: "The report comes on the heels of a detailed proposal released by Black Lives Matter activists, which outlined specific economic demands including 'restructuring the tax code' to 'raise the estate tax' and 'capital gains tax' and end income caps on payroll taxes that fund Social Security and unemployment." Trump's plan does

away with the estate tax and lowers the capital gains tax. It also eliminates the Alternative Minimum Tax, which in 2005 added over \$31 million to Trump's tax bill. So how are those "demands" working out for Black Lives Matter?

The SOBA states, "The 2017 [NUL] Equality Index provides a veritable 'line in the sand' from which to measure where the country goes from here...As the [NUL] continues to press the case for closing the divide in economic opportunity, education, health, social justice and civic engagement..." The report goes on to point out, "Change often happens slowly. The Equality Index offers solid evidence of just how slowly change happens, making it an important tool for driving policies needed in the ongoing fight against inequality." "Slowly"? I'd say 228 years is a long time.

Finally, the SOBA cites its Main Street Marshall Plan as a "bold, strategic investment in America's urban communities that protects our progress...a sweeping and decisive solution to our nation's persistent social and economic disparities." Dr. Ron Daniels has advocated for a Marshall Plan for America's "dark ghettos" for longer than I can remember.

Dr. Bernard E. Anderson, Professor Emeritus, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and Presidential Economic Advisor, wrote, "The proposed Trump budget would be devastating for the Main Street Marshall Plan...It would do little to accelerate economic

growth, reduce long-term unemployment, expand economic opportunity for minority group workers, or ease the burden on low-income families."

Further, Anderson writes, "The budget proposal threatens to truncate the modest, but steady progress the economy has made over the last eight years, and would make the struggle to erase racial inequality increasingly difficult."

I don't know about the NUL et al, but I'll take reparations and call it square. Chasing nirvana and Camelot, where all is good and everyone is equal, will continue to be a chase without end as well as a poor use of our precious time. It's not our place to initiate dialogues and conversations to change the hearts of racists and eliminate racism; operating from a position of weakness and dependency, we will never meet those ideals. We must take care of ourselves and not be diverted by ancillary and peripheral issues. "To be equal"? Naah, I'll take economic empowerment.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Death by tax cuts: The Republican health care plan

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump hosted a celebration in the White House Rose Garden for House Republicans after they passed their party's health care plan by the thinnest of margins. They were celebrating what Trump called a "win," without any thought about consequences.

None of them had read the bill, which was released only a couple of days before the vote and rushed to the floor. The vote took place before the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office could issue a revised assessment of its costs and effects.

House leaders and Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney dismissed criticisms, saying that Senate Republicans planned to start all over anyway. This bill addresses one-sixth of our national economy, and an industry that has been a leading source of jobs growth. Don't worry, say House Republicans, we just had to get the win; forget about the substance.

Americans shouldn't just be worried; they should be furious. The Republican bill will throw literally millions off health care, put people with pre-existing conditions at risk and raise premiums

particularly for workers aged 50 to 64 - in order to give a massive tax break to the very wealthy.

At the annual shareholders meeting of Berkshire Hathaway, billionaire investor Warren Buffett called it for what it is: "a huge tax cut for guys like me." The richest 400 people in America will get a tax break estimated at about \$7 million a year. To pay for that, millions will lose their coverage, and millions more - the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions in various states - will see premiums soar and insurance become unaffordable.

You can't sugarcoat this. It's not enough to say the Senate will fix it (the 13 white men - no women, no people of color - on the Republican Senate Working Group certainly will not). It's not acceptable to say, "We don't mean it; we just had to pass it."

Why did they have to pass it? This is complicated, but if you follow it, you can understand the backroom plunder that is taking place. As Peter Suderman explained in the New York Times, Republicans have to pass it because the top-end tax cuts in the health care bill are vital for their central goal: to deliver to their corporate and wealthy donors another massive tax cut in the next budget reconciliation vote. They have to do the tax cuts in what's called "reconciliation" because that allows them, under the obscure

rules of the Congress, to pass the bill with only 50 votes - with only Republican votes.

But the reconciliation rules only allow tax cuts if they don't raise deficits after a 10-year window. So to get what Trump calls the mother of all tax cuts, Republicans want to cut the taxes out of Obamacare in the FY2017 reconciliation (that only lasts until next September) and then have a lower baseline for cutting taxes in the FY2018 reconciliation (the budget that begins on October 1). Tax cuts for the wealthy will be paid for by sickness and death by millions of the uninsured.

Republican Sen. John McCain criticizes the House for proceeding without a CBO estimate of the costs, saying, "I want to know how much it costs." Republican senators vow not to act until the CBO reports.

The CBO's estimate will show what we already know from its last estimate: Millions will lose their insurance, and the wealthy will pocket millions in tax cuts.

A former insurance executive, Richard Eskow, did the real math. He took the best estimates of how many avoidable deaths come from not having health insurance with the rollback of Medicaid and taking away protections for pre-existing conditions. He compared that to the tax cuts that would be pocketed by the 400

richest Americans, people who, like Buffett, make on average over \$300 million a year.

Here's his estimate of the real cost: Ten people will die under the Republican bill to give each of the 400 richest people in America a tax break. For every person who dies, they'll pocket about \$787,151. As Eskow noted, those rich beneficiaries aren't likely to know anyone who will lose his or her life as a result of being stripped of health insurance. And while the \$787,000 isn't much for a multimillionaire, it's just the appetizer for the big take they will get out of the Trump tax cut plan that will follow.

Thirteen white, rich men will now create the Republican plan in the Senate. They'll decide how many millions to strip from health insurance to pay for tax cuts many of them will enjoy. They'll decide whether to deprive low-wage women of Planned Parenthood's health care services. They'll decide just how many deaths are needed to cover the tax cuts for the very rich.

Ugly language? No this is a morally indefensible, ugly piece of work.

It is simply obscene to choose consciously to condemn low-wage workers or older workers to unnecessary illness and death in order to afford tax cuts for the already wealthy.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is founder and president PUSH/ Rainbow Coalition.

TO BE EQUAL

"National Urban League presents: State of Black America" to Air May 31

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Civil rights don't take place in a vacuum. They are meaningful only in the real world - the world where people have to survive to work, to raise their families, to instill in their children hope for the future and the skills to function in a society where a broad back and the desire to work are no longer enough. That is why we are concerned with tax cuts, with energy, with a multitude of issues some white people think are not the concern of blacks. That is why we see our present efforts as being the logical outcome of those struggles for basic rights of the 1960s. And that is why we insist there is a vital, moral component to the current struggle." - National Urban League President Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

Marc Morial

Each year, the release of the National Urban League's annual State of Black America® report triggers a national conversation on racial and economic justice. This year, for the first time, we're putting that conversation on television.

In partnership with TV One, "National Urban League Presents: State of Black America" will air at 8 pm Eastern, 7 pm Central, on Wednesday, May 31.

Urban League affiliates, Guild chapters and our Young Professionals will be hosting watch parties in cities all across the country, while participating in the conversation on social media with the hashtag #StateOfBlackAmerica.

The two-hour event, which was taped during the National Urban League's State of Black America Summit in Washington, D.C., earlier this month, features stimulating panel discussions and illuminating reports from our affiliates on education, mentorship, homeownership, employment and entrepreneurship.

Roland S. Martin, managing editor of TV One's NewsOne Now, moderates the panels, which include culture critic Toure; Angela Sailor, former director of the Republican National Committee's Coalitions department; CNN's Symone Sanders; activist/TV host Jeff Johnson; author/professor Michael Eric Dyson, and CNN commentators Parris Dennard and Angela Rye.

Deep disagreements and wide-ranging proposals are to be expected with such a diverse and outspoken group, and the State of Black America panels did not disappoint. Charter schools vs. private schools vs. public schools? Gentrification? Urban infrastructure? Our panel had quite a lot to say.

Additionally, the program highlights Urban League signature programs in affiliates around the country.

•Shari Runner, President and CEO of the Chicago Urban League, discusses Chicago's Project Ready program.

•Judson Robinson of the Houston Area Urban League, shares his affiliate's Project Ready: Mentor program.

•Erika McConduit-Diggs of the Urban League of Louisiana, discusses the Urban Re-Entry Jobs Program.

•T. Willard Fair, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Miami, is featured regarding access to affordable housing.

•Nancy Flake Johnson, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Atlanta, shares some of the success stories from her Entrepreneurship programs.

We encourage every American to join your local Urban League affiliate, Guild or Young Professionals for a watch party - or host your own! - and be a part of this historic event.

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

PROPOSED SENATE BUDGET WOULD CUT FOOD AID TO THE POOR

[RALEIGH] Hidden in the 362-page \$22.9 billion state Senate budget proposal is a rollback of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, otherwise known as SNAP, which would effectively cut food benefits to 133,000 low-income people, many of whom are under 18. Republican senators say they imposed the provision not to save money for the state, because SNAP is a federal program, but to make sure poor families aren't able to qualify for more than one program. Republicans also cut education funding for poor children in Democratic counties, and eliminated funding for fresh produce in convenience stores in food deserts.

The Senate passed its budget. The House is now debating its budget proposal.

FORMER STATE SENATOR SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

[WINSTON-SALEM] A former North Carolina state senator has pled guilty to charges that diverted campaign funds for personal use. Fletcher Hartsell was sentenced Tuesday in federal court to eight months in prison for his crime. Before members of his family and supporters, he apologized to the courtroom.

CHUCK DAVIS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN DANCE ENSEMBLE DIES AT 80

[DURHAM] They called him "baba," an African term of parental affection for the culture and traditions he taught for decades not only throughout North Carolina, but the nation and the world, through dance and stories. But this week, Chuck Davis, founder of the African-American Dance Ensemble, died Sunday at his home in Durham after a long bout with cancer. He was 80. Davis was beloved for sharing the power, beauty and joy of African dance with young and old. He specialized in bringing his dance troupe to young and old, black, white or whomever, teaching peace and brotherhood through African traditions. A wake is scheduled June 2 for Fisher Memorial United Holy Church in Durham, followed by a funeral June 3rd.

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strong financially, and strong in the clarity of agenda..." Rev. Barber told reporters during a teleconference last Thursday.

A meeting to determine who will succeed Rev. Barber is reportedly scheduled for next Monday. Whoever is chosen, is expected to serve out the balance of the president's term until the October State Convention and then run for election.

Among the candidates expected to throw his or her hat back into the ring, sources say, is the former state NAACP leader who lost his post to Rev. Barber in 2005 - Melvin "Skip" Alston of Greensboro.

Alston, who was also a Guilford County Commissioner, had served as NC NAACP president from 1996 until he was ousted by Barber. That campaign was filled with tension and accusations of irregularities.

Alston's tenure was controversial at the time, and just the mere mention of the possibility that he may run again has some rank-and-file members of the State Conference shaking their heads, saying that it was Rev. Barber's strong, principled, and bold leadership that made the North Carolina chapter one of the best in the nation.

It is clear that whoever does succeed The Reverend Dr. Barber already knows that he or she has "a hard act to follow."

There were tears, but they were tears of joy and of pride, as at least one hundred supporters, civic and religious leaders, and NC NAACP members came together Monday at Davie Street Presbyterian Church in Raleigh to say "goodbye" to the man who has led them since 2005, challenging racism, sexism, voter suppression, and more.

The Reverend Dr. Barber listened intently as some whom he has inspired, some he's mentored, and some from whom he has also taken sage counsel over the past 12 years, paid tribute to him before he formally stepped down.

"When you made your announcement that you would be stepping down as the NAACP president, one of the critics of the movement said this, he said, 'I just wish Rev. Barber would have been a negotiator rather than an agitator,'" Rev. Nancy Petty said. "Rev. Barber, we're sending you into the world to be an agitator."

Barber announced late last week that he was broadening the focus of his successful moral leadership campaign to a national scope, joining with other social justice "servant leaders" to address poverty and other social ills that have been too long ignored by government and the political parties.

"Our work is not over here in North Carolina, but as you know, extremism is at work in other states and has gained power in all three branches of our federal government, much as it did here four years ago," Rev. Barber said. "This moment requires us to push into the national consciousness, not from the top down but from the bottom up."

In calling for a "moral revival" for the nation, Rev. Barber, his nonprofit advocacy group "Repairs of the Breach," and other prominent social and religious activists like The Reverend Dr. James Forbes, Pastor Emeritus of Riverside Church in New York, are working toward the fiftieth anniversary of the historic Poor People's Campaign, which The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. started before he was assassinated in 1968.

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Mary McLeod Bethune's life story as part of her commencement speech. How dare she tell us about ourselves in a way to attempt to endear us to her? Betsy DeVoid, you are no Mary McLeod Bethune. You can go to her gravesite, but you can't channel her energy. Don't get it twisted.

The low point of the BCU commencement was the spectacle of President Edison Jackson chiding his students because they had the integrity to protest the presence of Ms. DeVoid. He is their leader, their guru, their mentor. He should not have threatened his students, but instead offered them, and Ms. DeVoid, a series of palliative statements designed to honor the protest spirit of Dr. Bethune, and the awkwardness of the moment. Had I been a scolded student, I would have felt slimed. Had I been understood, I might have felt differently.

MALVEAUX

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Thoughts of what could be

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As a President of a national women's organization, my continuing challenge is to identify and address/confront issues which broadly impact our membership and those non-members, female and male, who are similarly situated. Although I am eager to direct this column's focus on a topic other than the Trump Administration, I am literally locked into responding to the never-ending confusion and drama which emanate from Trump-world. The reason: Under the Trump Administration, all "ordinary" citizens, especially women, occupy a tenuous and contentious place in society. Without vigilance and resistance, we are all subject to an unpleasant future.

Daily we are inundated with lies and misrepresentations from either Trump or his administration lackeys. MSNBC's Morning Joe Show offered that Trump averaged

five lies daily. These lies often fly so fast and furiously as to confuse millions. Sadly, these lies erode confidence in the institutions that form the foundation of our organized society and distort the expectations of those who are involved/engaged with them.

For example, we see a proposal to remove the promise of healthcare from the reach of 24 million Americans. Supplemental healthcare funding is turned upside-down; reducing amounts received by the most vulnerable while increasing amounts received by the most able. Recognized as essential for saving life, insurance for pre-existing conditions is poised to be priced out of the reach of those so afflicted. These outcomes are structured under a deceptive plan touted to be better, cheaper and more available than our current plan.

These lies display a new national profile to our international allies and adversaries. Throughout my life, the US occupied the pinnacle of international relations. Although not always deserved, we were the world-wide exemplar for democratic principles. We were reliable partners with our allies and feared by our adversaries.

The uncertainty of dealing with a government whose leadership is indulgent in lies has diminished us in the eyes of our allies and emboldened our adversaries. As recently as last week, Angela Merkel and Germany were characterized as the new exemplars of democracy in the world.

Trump proponents have given praise and unwavering loyalty to his executive management. His explanations of events, or distortions thereof, please and mollify his base.

Alternatively, critics view each utterance as another in a sequence of lies. Discounting his persuasiveness to large numbers of voters, we critique his statements as being ridiculous and impossible to believe. Yet, with the support of the Republican Congress, he holds the potential to shape the future of our nation in his own image.

Instead of discounting his possible damage, I urge all to consider his "long game." I urge you to extrapolate his intent from the signals he sends and look at each of his initiatives not as a singular experience, but as a part of an ultimate plan to accumulate, secure and maintain power for the oligarchy.

Contrary to facts, Trump

maintains his election as an overwhelming victory by a majority of Americans. To prove that, he has established a commission to counter the problem of "millions of illegal voters." From this, I see an assault on voters who don't embrace Trump-world doctrine. Blame for irregularities in his administration is never his own, but shifted to the leadership of President Obama.

Trump's admiration for autocrats and dedication to unchallenged leadership are on prominent display. Surrogate, Steve Bannon, has already professed their desire to disrupt/destroy the institutional foundations upon which our nation stands. Whether successful achieving campaign promises or not, Trump continues to convince his acolytes that he is the only one who can solve their problems.

This snapshot of bleakness isn't inevitable, but if we fail to support those principles that have made us strong, little-by-little we'll relinquish our right to the freedoms we now enjoy.

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

dren." This earns her an honorary degree? Really?

I reached out to President Edison Jackson and several members of his team to discuss this. I've been to Bethune Cookman University twice under President Jackson's leadership and know, all too well, what kinds of pressures that HBCU Presidents face as they juggle constituencies - faculty, students, alumni, community, trustees and many others. He might have found himself stuck between a rock and a hard place when he invited DeVoid. Or he may have welcomed the opportunity.

We in HBCU Land (my special term for our space) play ourselves cheap. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Columbia, Georgetown, and Stanford aren't rushing to give Betsy DeVoid honorary degrees. They don't think she deserves them. The woman with a simple undergraduate degree from the unremarkable Calvin College (yes, my elitism is showing), whose only contribution to the education arena is her rabid embrace of school choice, should not get an honorary degree from anywhere. Unfortunately, Bethune Cookman University was first in line to debase itself by offering a degree to DeVoid.

DeVoid insulted the BCU community by recounting Dr.

savior. Maybe there are a bunch of Black Republicans on the BCU Board standing in the wings and hoping for goodies from 45. Truly, this is all speculation, but most of the time commencement speakers are secured months before graduation. This speaker was thrust on students and their families just ten days before the ceremony.

For most students, speakers are the sideshow, not the main deal in commencement, unless the speaker is someone like President Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Denzel Washington, or Viola Davis. White folks might prefer Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Wolf Blitzer or Sheryl Sandberg. Commencement speakers are expected to spout uplifting platitudes, offer sage advice, maybe share a private challenge, and wish the graduates well and do it in less than 20 minutes. Students are sitting at the edge of their seats not because they are waiting for the punch line, but because they want their degrees.

What was Bethune Cookman University President Edison Jackson thinking? In his printed statement on May 1, he said "The legacy of Dr. Bethune is that she was not constrained by political ideology, but worked across all parties to support B-CU. Moreover, students are directly impacted by funding dollars that are dispersed through the Department of Education. BCU receives \$4 million annually through Title III, which supports teaching, research

and infrastructure. Additionally, Title IV impacts the ability of B-CU students to receive federal financial aid, overall influencing the ascension of Bethune-Cookman University students."

Maybe President Jackson thought he was making friends by inviting DeVoid to speak at BCU's graduation. Actually, he made a spectacle of the graduation by inviting a woman who had already disparaged HBCUs with her ignorance. And he did it in the same week when her boss, 45, said (and then quickly reversed himself) that he was not sure that some federal provisions for HBCUs, such as the HBCU Capital Finance Program, are constitutional.

It is odious that DeVoid has received an honorary degree from BCU. What has she done to earn it? According to President Jackson, "Through Secretary DeVos' life work, her contributions extend far beyond her home state of Michigan. Secretary DeVos has supported educational opportunities for students in over 25 states and supported Central Florida through several philanthropic efforts: 100 Black Men of Central Florida; Jones High School, and the Parramore neighborhood located in Orlando to name a few. Secretary DeVos is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. She is the wife of community activist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Dick DeVos, where they have four adult children and six grandchild-



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

commencement speaker, graduating seniors chose to turn their back on a woman who described HBCUs as "pioneers of school choice". Their repudiation of her very right to be present was well coordinated. It reflects student ability to be sophisticated, not reactive when confronted with a speaker that epitomizes the very refutation of their HBCU education. It is my hope and dream that these students can continue to operate in formation as they oppose oppression.

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Devoid at Bethune Cookman University: We must be the resistance

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I could not be more proud of the students at Bethune Cookman University than if I had raised them myself.

Responding to the University's very late selection of Betsy DeVos (hereafter referred to as DeVoid, as she is devoid of good sense, history, literacy, and even courtesy) for the spring

commencement speaker, graduating seniors chose to turn their back on a woman who described HBCUs as "pioneers of school choice". Their repudiation of her very right to be present was well coordinated. It reflects student ability to be sophisticated, not reactive when confronted with a speaker that epitomizes the very refutation of their HBCU education. It is my hope and dream that these students can continue to operate in formation as they oppose oppression.

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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 nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

The rainy season

Rain is water condensed from atmospheric vapor falling to earth in drops of water. We have a plenty of it recently and are likely to see much more this summer. Recently,



Verniece Stanley

who heeded it.

We feel raindrops falling from the clouds but cannot contain the drops as they fall from the sky. This water is necessary for the survival of

humans, animals and plants. We must have rain and have it more abundantly. We look outside our surrounding and seen ditches full of water and water puddles on highways. It is not safe to drive through large puddles during day or night driving. It is my hope that most drivers will take great care in selecting the safest places in which to drive at all times.

Often severe storms are accompanied by very strong winds and heavy rains, both of which can cause damage, not only to farmers' crops, but to other properties and human lives. This also affects family incomes. Therefore, it is wise to have food for our families stored away in safe places. Sometimes, in such weather the electricity goes off. Sometimes, we are awakened

how inconvenient its timing, did not stop the golfers. They enjoyed the scenery and the activity in spite of the rain.

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.

The recent rains in our local area did not stop Wilmington from being considered a great place for achieving golfing championships made in the recent golf tournament. The expression on their faces of those who enjoy golfing and who had the privilege of participating would let us know it was an experience to remember for a lifetime.

They used the drainage system for the wet grass, and, when the sun came out in the afternoon, the course was a beautiful place on which to play golf. The rain, no matter

Sunset Park Elementary School awarded grant for new playground and equipment

SUBMITTED BY NHCS PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation (HWCF), in partnership with Discovery Education, has selected Sunset Park Elementary School as a grand winner of the 2017 Healthy Playground Makeover Sweepstakes. As the grand prize, Sunset Park

Elementary will receive a new Playcubes Playground and a \$30,000 grant for additional sporting goods equipment. The award was presented to the school on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

"As an urban school located near downtown Wilmington, qualifying for a 100% free breakfast and lunch program, many of our families struggle to initiate and/or maintain a

healthy lifestyle. This prize will allow us to focus some of our energy and resources into assisting our students and families to learn how a healthy lifestyle will help them achieve their goals. As you know, a healthy body and mind are keys to success," said Diego Lehocky, Principal of Sunset Park Elementary School.

This program is designed

to encourage students to lead healthy, active lifestyles and to increase the impact of health and wellness programs both in and out of the classrooms. Nearly 620,000 entries were received nationwide. Sunset Park Elementary was selected as a school that qualifies for Title I funding due to the number of students receiving free or reduced price lunch.



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Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place receives top Community-Based Program Honor amongst 34 Counties

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Recently, (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place received 2016-2017 Top "Community Based-Program Award" from the Food bank of Central and Eastern NC. The award presentation took place in Goldsboro NC on April 28, 2017 during the 2017 NC Food bank' Kids Café Program "Standards of Excellence" Banquet.

The Kids Cafe is an after-school program that offers tutoring, nutrition education, mentoring, and nutritious meals to children at risk of hunger. Kids Cafe provides a safe and positive environment for children ages 15 and under to gather after school. The NC Food Bank' Kids Cafe program began in 1999 with 5 Kids Cafe sites.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
WRAAP PARTICIPANTS WITH PROGRAM AWARD

The program currently supports 26 Kids Cafe programs at 32 sites in 34 counties and serves approximately 1,700 children.

Each Kids Cafe program site is operated in partnership with a respected community agency to provide the attention and accountability needed to ensure quality programs for children. Although the details and schedules vary by site, all sites are geared towards academic enrichment, mentoring, nutrition education, nutri-

tious meals, physical activities and parental empowerment.

A financial gift of \$1,000.00 was made to (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place to help support day to day program operations. The WRAAP' after school enrichment academy program operates out of Freedom's Way Ministries located at 1952 Dawson St. Community involvement is a key element to the programs impact and success to providing after-

school services that are designed to benefit children and families. Dedicated staff members and a network of community partners and volunteers play a vital role in the program operation and service delivery. WRAAP's mission is to bridge the educational and social gaps that exist amongst youth, families, and communities. For more information on WRAAP please visit www.nc-wraap.com or call Daryl Dockery, Executive Director, 910-392-6007.

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Wilbur Adolphe Greene "Crip"

On April 7, 2017, Wilbur Adolphe Greene "Crip" was called home at Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Adolphe was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, September 7, 1938. He was the only child of his late parents, Jerry H. Greene (deceased 1996), and Mildred Foyles Greene (deceased 1977).

He attended public schools in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was a proud 1956 Williston High School varsity basketball player and member of the band.

Adolphe was raised in the church, and was a member of Gregory United Church of Christ. He had fond memories of St. Luke and the Boy Scouts with Mr. Best. He and his 7th Street gang, as he called them had a little quartet and they would sing at the churches. They attended all the Vacation Bible Schools so they could participate in the end rewards of a trip to the beach.

Upon his return from Oklahoma, he joined Union Missionary Baptist Church. His final membership is at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, under the care and support of Reverend Terry L. Henry and congregation.

Crip attended Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma on a basketball scholarship. The senior, Crip Greene met Cookie (Violet Powell), a freshman from Beggs, Oklahoma. After both graduated college, they married in 1963. They were blessed with two sons, Kevin W. Greene, Sr. (LaVon) and Kevin W. Greene, Jr. of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Keith Eric Greene (deceased May 2015) and his son, Cameron Keith Greene of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Crip and Cookie divorced in 1994 and remarried 2002. They retired to Wilmington, North Carolina. They relocated back to Oklahoma City November 2016 for family support due to Wilbur's declining health.

He has one surviving aunt, Ruth Sinclair (Albert) of Onanrock, Virginia, a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Helen M. Simpson

Helen Moody Simpson entered peacefully into eternal rest on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

A funeral service was held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Helen was born to the late John and Hennie Moody, on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1920 in Burgaw, NC. She was the fourth of six children, each of whom preceded her in death.

Helen began her education in the Pender County school system, attending

C.F. Pope High school where she played basketball on the first girls team, and graduated with honors. At an early age, she gained a passion for music, teaching herself to read notes and continuing to learn as much as she could throughout her years in school. Helen went on to attend college at Fayetteville State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Always an advocate for learning, Helen chose to continue her studies and went on to complete her Masters of Education at NC A&T University. Upon graduation, Helen served as principal of Maple Hill Elementary school for 2 years before deciding to work as a teacher and music instructor instead.

Helen met and married a brick mason named Lendward Simpson, Sr. They moved to Wilmington, NC and started a family where she continued her teaching career for over 40 years.

She became an active member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and proudly represented her sisters throughout her entire life. In addition, Helen joined Chestnut St. Presbyterian Church where she served as deaconess, joined the choir, and became a beloved staple in the church for many years though she also regularly attended Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

Helen lived an active life until her last days. She was known for her love for Jesus, her family and teaching. She choreographed dances for her church and community some which were televised. Helen was a regular participant in "high" impact aerobics and fitness classes well into her 90s. Well known for her flamboyance and stylishness, these attributes landed her several parts as an extra in various movies.

Helen's memory will be cherished. She will be missed dearly by her son, Lendward "Lenny" Simpson, Jr (JoAnn) of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Helenda Simpson Rowell (Wilbert) of Charlotte, NC; five grandchildren, Celeste Slay (Tamar) of Waxhaw, NC, Jennifer Simpson of Knoxville, TN, Marcus Rowell (Zoe) of Lansdale, PA, Lenny Rowell (Brandi) of Stafford, VA and Marlene Rowell of Charlotte, NC; eight great grandchildren, Caitlyn, Bryce, Brayden, Zion,

Landry, Braysen, Isaac and Isaiah. In addition, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends in the community.

Helen truly lived a wonderful life of adventure and love, and will surely be missed by her family and friends. Her love for the Lord and endearing faith in Him, gave her peace as she entered into her new eternal life, surrounding by loved ones. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Joseph E. Sweet

Joseph E. Sweet, "Sweet Boy" born May 20, 1925 to the late Sarah and James Sweet, departed this life for eternity on May 9, 2017. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wives, Rudy Yates and Daisy L. Sweet, siblings; Willie Sweet, James Sweet, Pearl Scipio, and Elizabeth Sweet, children; Sarah Sweet, Angela Sweet, Janice Sweet, Cynthia Sweet, Richard Sweet, Nathaniel Sweet, Ronald Sweet and Reginald Sweet. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Robinson Family Cemetery.

As a youth, Joseph was very mischievous, he loved to laugh, have fun and play jokes on his family and friends. He attended Mayo High School in Darlington, SC. He was employed with numerous companies using his talent of auto body work such as the Chrysler Dealership in New York, Chris Mobile Home in Wilmington, NC and Lynburg Marshall & Sons in Laurinburg, NC. He was a man who worked well with his hands. He was a family man, one who loved his children and grands dearly, his face would light up when his granddaughter Zemani would call constantly to check on him and to be sure he'd stop smoking as promised.

He is survived by his wife, Melvira Walker Sweet, his children; Rosa Mack, Joseph E. Sweet Jr., Thomas Sweet (Annie), Emanuel Sweet (Virginia), Ronnie Shaw (Teresa), Christine Ballard (Herman), Verlene Singleton (Leroy - special son in law), Regina Sweet, Gary Sweet, Melinda Sweet, Darrell Sweet (Tabitha), Bernadette Johnson (Joseph), Felicia Sweet, and Shaniqua Sweet, four generations of grandchildren, one sister, Bernethea Sweet Copeland, one uncle, Jim Fields, God children, Nelson Bailey and Veronica Mosley, Mother-in-law, Earlene Walker, sisters-in-law, Tara Walker and Erica Walker, special friends, Minnie Knight, Cynthia Green, Lynburg Marshall Jr, Benny Marshall and Virginia Tarry, and a host of nieces, nephews,

other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Johnny N. Smith, Jr.

Johnny N. Smith, Jr. (affectionately called John Smith or Sweet John), was born on October 5, 1938 to the late Johnnie Nelson Smith, Sr. and Mrs. Gladys Mae Ghosar.

Johnny left Texas at an early age and moved to Los Angeles, California. He fell in love with California and loved to call it home. After graduating, Johnny enlisted in the United States Marines, which allowed him to travel all over the world, including serving in Vietnam. After serving his country honorably as a gunnery sergeant, he retired due to health reasons. Johnny was always a leader and would give you the shirt off his back.

Johnny came to love and depend on God and gave his life to Christ.

Johnny was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

He leaves to morn his legacy, a devoted wife and friend of 43 years, Priscilla Covington Smith; three sons, Johnnie Laval Smith, Pierre Vernon Smith and Cory Nelson Smith; two step-children, James L. Evans III and Andrea S. Clinkscales; four grandchildren, Manisha, Chelsea, Sidney and Crystal; four great grandchildren, Destiny, Carter, Major and Mattie; a sister, Faye Marie Mills and a host of nieces, nephews and family in Houston, TX and many friends in Wilmington, NC. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at*

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Leonard V. Kelly

Leonard V. Kelly died May 6, 2017 at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 11, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Leonard V. Kelly, age 79, was born September 5, 1937 to the late Robert and Mary Kelly, in Paducah, Kentucky. In addition to his parents, one step-daughter, Brenda Ellis preceded him in death. Kelly attended school at Rosary Chapel in Paducah, Kentucky. He later joined the Marine Corp. After leaving the Marine Corp, he relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina and was employed by different companies.....too many to mention. Kelly was a "jack of all trades". In his retirement years, he enjoyed his favorite hobby, "repairing lawnmowers". Kelly was married to the former Edna Smith. He never met a stranger and always had a smile. Kelly will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife and caretaker, Edna Smith Kelly of the home; step-children, James Dreher, Faye Walker (Ivory) and Ida R. Smith; sisters, Carolyn Terry of Fort Worth, Texas and Almata Hunt of Paducah, Kentucky; brothers, Harlan Kelly (Marylene) of Paducah, Kentucky and Robert Kelly, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan; sister-in-law, Lena Smith; brother-in-law, David Smith (Alice); grand-children, Mario Grady, Shawna Wilson, Warren W. Wilson, Jr., Eddie J. Smith (Lacinda), Gwendelta Dreher, Lakeem Ellis, James Dreher, III and Latonya Jordan; a host of other relatives and friends. *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 services were held Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Williams Love Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Daisy, daughter of Marie McCray Goodwin and Marvin Goodwin, was born October 21, 1945, in Baltimore, Maryland.

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In Loving Memory Of



Cherry Nelson
Sunrise: June 9, 1943
Sunset: May 21, 2016

It has been one year, since you were taken from us. It seems like only yesterday but it seems like an eternity without you.

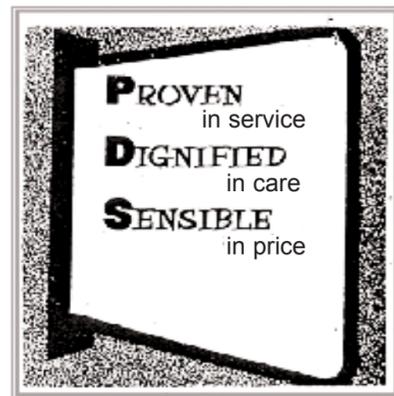
We only know you slipped away with a last good-bye, it broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

We love and miss you "Cherry" With all of our broken hearts and always will. "Gone But Never Forgotten"

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Jennifer & Javoke Terrell

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 will be held 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.



New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., will celebrate their Youth and Adult Usher's Anniversary on Sunday, May 28th at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Thomas Bass of Union Chapel MBC, Burgaw, NC.

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.

Religious Briefs

Union Missionary Baptist Church Women That Matter Women's 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.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church clothes closet will be open Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The food pantry, "From His Table to Yours" opens the same day 10 a.m. - noon. Personal identifications and transportation are required. No fee is involved in either ministry. The Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church will hold their Church Servants Workshop, "Coming Together in Service and Love" on Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 a.m.

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 Church 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 special guest for the service. For more information contact Nicole Y. Williams at 910-297-4208. Also on Sunday, May 28th at 3:30 p.m. the church will celebrate their annual Usher's Anniversary. Elder Kenneth Parker, choir and congregation of Holy Trinity United Holy Church of Wilmington, NC will be the guests. For further information on this service call Martha A. Young at 910-297-4208.

Columbus County

Lee's Chapel AME Zion Church, 42 Blacksmith Rd., will hold their Family and Friend's Day on Sunday, May 28th at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Roosevelt Baxter and his church choir and congregation of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC.

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She grew up in Hampstead, NC. She grew to love the Lord and joined Williams Love Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. David Miller. She married the love of her heart, Arthur James Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband and friend, Arthur; sons, Gary and Donald of Brooklyn, NY; daughter, Serina; grandchildren, Ernest Williams, Anae' C. Goodwin, Tina Williams, Perry Johnson and Deon; sister, Shirley Champ; brother, Marvin (Mose) both of Baltimore, MD; niece, Alice Munn; sisters-in-law, Eunice N. Hurst (Dennis) of Garner, NC, Lind Mitchell (Rufus) and Dorothy Nixon of Raleigh, NC; brothers-in-law, Joseph Williams (Betty) of Staten Island, NY and Johnny Williams of Brooklyn, NY; step-mother-in-law, Celia N. Williams of Hampstead, NC; step-brothers-in-law, Joseph Nixon and Burnett Nixon of Hampstead, NC; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Grace Brown

Grace Brown died Tuesday, May 9, 2017 Orangeburg Regional Medical Center, Orangeburg, South Carolina. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Masonboro Sound.

Grace Elizabeth Brown, daughter of the late Mr. Willie and Ethel Brown, was born on May 16, 1951. Grace began her education in the public schools of New Hanover County. After graduating high school in 1969, she moved to Baltimore, Maryland until 1987. In 1987, she relocated back home to Wilmington, North Carolina and remained there until moving to Orangeburg, South Carolina in 2017. She was employed with the school district as a secretary for seventeen years. She was also employed with the Department of Social Services and WalMart. Grace served sixteen years in the US Army Reserve. Grace was a

faithful member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, where she served on the Pastor's Aid Committee, sang on the choir and was a member of the Usher Board. She loved the Lord and didn't mind letting people know. Grace believed that the work that you do will speak for you. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, George Murphy and Willie Brown both of Wilmington, North Carolina and one sister, Sarah Louise Carpenter of Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Loved ones who will always cherish many memories are: her loving and devoted son, Torrey W.A. Brown of the home; one loving and beautiful granddaughter, Alexandria Deyana Brown of Orangeburg, SC; three sisters, Evelyn (Larry) Lee of Wilmington, NC, LaTanya (Hayes) Gainey of Orangeburg, SC and LaHonda (Richard) Johnson of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and several special friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Joyce Grady

Joyce Grady died May, 12, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. 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.

James Alexander

James Alexander died May 12, 2017 at Duke University Hospital, Durham, NC. Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 18, 2017, at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Otis Shepard

Otis Shepard died May 13, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Sea Lawn Memorial Park, Hampstead, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Fun Day!!

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Fun Day! Fun Day! Who wouldn't like a fun day? Even seniors need fun days. Our meeting was called to order by Mr. George Hill. We sang, "This Is The Day That the Lord

Has Made." Prayer was given by Sharon Pollock. Thanks for such an inspiring prayer: God is so good. Praise His holy name.

Fun Day started with a Bible game by Francis B. Matthew. Thanks for that very informative Bible interest. Now we are more aware.

Musical Chairs was done next. Oh, what fun that was! Thanks to all the participants. The winner was Dorothy Hyman. The next game was Right and Left. This game gave everyone exercise, a sense of listening and following directions. Hoorah! Now Bingo was indeed fun!!

It was then time for the most important part of the day, eating! Grace was sung. Thank you to the Fun Day Committee and members of the Senior Citizens' Fellowship for our delicious dinner. This was truly a delightful and happy Fun Day! All enjoyed!

SENIOR MOMENTS

Is there anything the Christian community can do? Let's talk about it

My Fellow Americans:

When I first started high school, sixty-five years ago, I was on "cloud nine." Before that, I had to walk a country mile in all kinds of weather to a one room schoolhouse with seven grades and one teacher.



Ruth Johnson

However, when I was promoted to the eighth grade, I took a bus to high school. All of the kids in my class were about the

same age. We used the same books and laughed at the same jokes. It was a great experience. However, there is no way I could have stayed in that class forever.

Now I'm beginning to feel the same way about Bible study. I have gone to church all my life; to Sunday School, Bible Study, and to worship service, but now I'm beginning to feel like there is too much repetition. I already know what it means to be a Christian, and I don't do much driving anymore. Therefore, my attendance is dropping off. I just hope my church family will understand.

Besides slowing down, I

have some questions about the Bible that I never asked before, and I never will, not in church anyway. However, I have always wondered how do we know all of it is God's word? Maybe, some of those writers made their own decisions and then gave God the credit.

I know the Golden Rule came from God because it is known all over the world in many different languages, and those people do not read our Bible. So the words are not the same, but the meaning is clear.

I have often said I wish some of our churches would combine. I know that is not going to happen, but it would

still be good if we could come together and have combined services once in a while, like on the fifth Sunday. That would be a good way to bring the community together. People could testify, and we would get to know them.

At my church, we greet one another with a handshake, but there is no time for conversation. We would never discuss contradiction in the Bible, but we might want to ask how we should handle the loss of Obamacare. Is there anything the Christian community can do? Let's talk about it.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Ministering to the Lord"

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Faint -Exhausted, lacking strength; to lose spirit or courage

So many of the Servants of the Lord are truly going through tests, trials, and tribulations in the course of executing their jobs as Servants of the Most High God. There are many battles to fight and many victories to win,



Sylvia Hooper

but somewhere between the battles and the victories, there are mountains, hills, and valleys. Fainting is not a topic of discussion we like to have, but we all admittedly have gotten weary sometimes.... in the course of standing strong and doing what is right in the sight of the Lord.

Being a Servant of the Lord entitles us to know him in the power of his resurrection and also in the fellowship of his suffering. Yes, the joy of the Lord is our strength, but we are not exempt from the experience gained through suffering in the will of God, as the power of God rests upon us! II Timothy

3:12 says, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

There are times that the Servant of the Lord may dutifully encourage others, while asking Lord, "who will encourage me?" Many times, we have to do like David did, and encourage ourselves in order to not faint during our fiery trials. Proverbs 24:10 says, "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." For this reason, Jesus told his disciples in Luke 18:1 that, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

The bible says that we have an adversary and he goes to and fro seeking whom he may devour. He loves to devour those who are Called Christians. He loves to kill, steal, and destroy the anointed and the appointed. He tries to wear out the Saints to render us helpless and ineffective in the work of the ministry. We are not ignorant of his devices and we know that the devil has a plot, but GOD has a plan!!! "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." When we wait upon the Lord. When we serve the Lord. When we worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. When we get in His presence, He will renew our strength.

We are human and we all

need to be renewed, refreshed, or revived from time to time! Yes, we are called to minister to others, and there will be times that we need to be ministered to. That spiritual replenishment will happen, when we get in his presence and minister to him.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Yes, sometimes the Servant of the Lord may be facing doubt, dismay, and discouragement. The good news is....there is a way out!!! Sometimes our faith is tried in the fire, or it may be we are chosen in the furnace of affliction, yes....there is a way out!

David, a man characterized as being "after God's own heart" had to go through his own troubles and trials. He had foes and a host of enemies encamped around him. He said, "My heart shall not fear." David almost fainted, but these are the words of his testimony. "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall

strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord."

There are many who grew impatient, and didn't wait on the Lord. Now they are reaping the consequences of their decision to go before the Lord instead of waiting. Please don't let that be your story. "I wish I had waited". Servant of the Lord, as you minister to the Lord, he will minister to you. Be healed. Be set free. Be delivered in Jesus' Name. Then, Tell Somebody!

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

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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.

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This the 25th day of April, 2017.

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May 11, 18, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA 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

Priscilla Covington Smith, Executrix
7509 Duval Ct.
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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 **Ruby Mae Watkins**, 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 **18th 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 18th day of May, 2017

Melvin Lee Watkins, Jr., Executor
8955 Black Chestnut Drive
Leland, NC 28451
The Atlantic Coast Law Firm
313 Walnut Street, Suite 109
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the estate **William H. Ballard**, 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 **18th 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 18th day of May, 2017

Deborah Buchanan, Ancillary Executor
6232 Allison Drive
Hiassee, VA 24347

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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.
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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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
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May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Leon Vadoros**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **August 20, 2017** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 18th day of May, 2017.

George Vadoros, Executor of the Estate of Leon Vadoros
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM
720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401
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May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017

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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
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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

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
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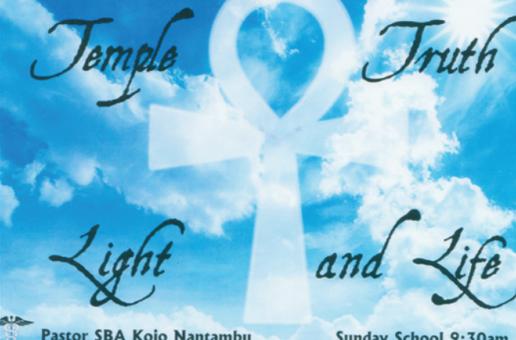
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