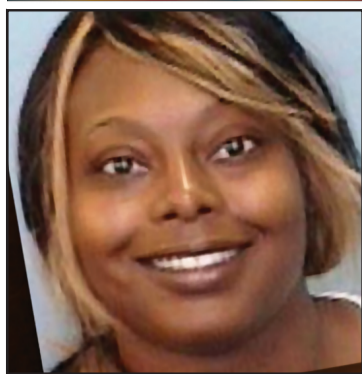


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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BERNEST HEWETT

Pre-Juneteenth Banquet

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I ask all citizens to come out and support the Pre-Juneteenth Banquet, which will be held at St. James Community Center on June 3, 2017 at 5:00 p. m. The Center is located at 4136 Southport-Supply Road, St. James, N. C. This affair is sponsored by the Brunswick County Black Leadership Caucus annually. This is the way that the Black Leadership Caucus shows that Brunswick County still has good people. We citizens of Brunswick County need to come together and show the Brunswick County Black Leadership Caucus that we give them credit for their service to humanity. This is a path by which we may bring people together for a better Brunswick County and the world. The

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Rev. Spearman announces bid for NC NAACP president

BY CASH MICHAELS
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The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, Third Vice President of the North Carolina Conference of NAACP Branches, has formally announced that he is a candidate to become the civil rights organization's next permanent NCNAACP president, now that The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber, II is stepping away from the post he's

held for 12 years. Meanwhile, Melvin "Skip" Alston, who previously served as NCNAACP president from 1996 - 2005, has dismissed rumors that he is interested in running for his old job again, but did say that he will support NCNAACP First Vice President Carolyn Coleman if she decides to run for president. Ms. Coleman says she has not decided yet.

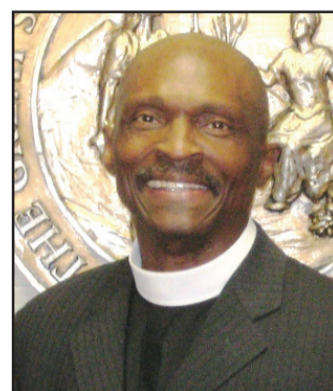
The news comes as The Reverend Dr. Barber prepares to join the national "Poor

People's Campaign" to draw attention to issues of poverty, as America prepares to commemorate the 50th anniversary of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s original Poor People's Campaign next year.

In a May 20, 2017, letter emailed to "members of the NC NAACP" The Reverend Spearman, who also serves as President of the NC Council of Churches, announced that he has "...filed as a candidate for [NCNAACP president] in our

next election."

"Every vote is important, and I am asking for your support to become the next NCNAACP president," The Reverend Spearman continued, "Continue the fight with me. Nothing is too hard for God. I invite you to contact me with your questions, concerns, and ideas. Hear the cry on the battle field - Forward together and not one step back!"



REV. DR. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN

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Brooks saddened but not bitter after board's refusal to renew his contract



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NAACP PRESIDENT CORNELL WILLIAM BROOKS

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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NAACP President Cornell William Brooks says he is saddened and disappointed by the board's decision to not renew his contract at the end of June, but he refuses to be bitter because he believes he gave his all to the civil rights organization that he loves.

"I am saddened by the decision, disappointed by the decision, but I will never be bitter about the decision because I am totally, totally confident in the record of our folks over the past three years," he said in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire this week. "I think I gave my heart and soul."

The organization announced in a press release on May 19 that it would not renew Brook's contract when it expires June 30.

"Keeping with its longstanding history, and legacy, the NAACP Board announced today a transformational, system-wide refresh and strategic re-envisioning. The objective is to best position the respected national organization to confront the realities of today's volatile political, media and social climates," the statement said. "Board Chairman Leon W. Russell and Vice Chair Derrick Johnson, who were elected to their current positions in February 2017, will manage the organization on an interim basis until a new leader is named. Current CEO and President Cornell Brooks, will remain at the organization until June 30th, the end of his current term."

Brooks had received an advance letter informing him that the board may not renew his contract prior to a board meeting held in

Miami May 19. But the second letter with their final decision and then the public announcement still came as a shock to Brooks, who had become known for bringing 1960s style protests, such as sit-ins, into the 21st century with the participation of millennials.

The NAACP release made no direct reference to Brooks' performance. Only that the 108-year-old organization now faces "additional barriers" that "have been placed in our way in the forms of voter suppression: increased police brutality, over criminalization of black bodies, income inequality and inadequate health care as well as anti-immigrant sentiments."

The organization announced that it will engage in a "listening tour" of its members for the first time in its history before it hires a new president.

"In the coming months, the NAACP will embark upon a historic national listening tour to ensure that we harness the energy and voices of our grassroots members, to help us achieve transformational change, and create an internal culture designed to push the needle forward on civil rights and social justice," said Derrick Johnson, vice-chairman of the NAACP board of directors, in the statement.

"These changing times require us to be vigilant and agile, but we have never been more committed or ready for the challenges ahead. We know that our hundreds of thousands of members and supporters expect a strong and resilient NAACP moving forward, as our organization has been in the past, and it remains our mission to ensure the advancement of communities of color in this country,"

said Russell, the chair.

Brooks, a Yale Law School graduate and AME preacher, says he has no idea where he will go from here. He easily listed his NAACP accomplishments of which he is proud. They include:

- A membership that has grown annually over the past three years and is currently up 95 percent over last year.
- Online donations up 820 percent.
- Direct mail up 20 percent.
- Social media followers growing 25-30 percent a year.
- A new partnership with Yale Law School to address sentencing and reapportionment issues.
- 10 victories against voter suppression within a year, including unjust North Carolina and Texas laws.

He says his radical strategies served to energize civil rights activists and advocates. Brooks was arrested twice amidst civil disobedience strategies, namely sits in the office of then ultra conservative Sen. Jeff Sessions. He walked 800 miles in a "journey for justice" two years ago.

"When you walk 800 miles, you sleep in a sleeping bag, talk to millennials and pre-millennials, churches and synagogues. When you have students boo you off the stage in Ferguson ... because everybody on stage was old ... and then you turn around and march with those same students, you have learned a lot. You learn about the importance of not just saying you're supporting young people, but showing up. What I've tried to do over these past three years was show up," Brooks says.

Recently, the NAACP has advocated against conservative nominations by Trump, remained outspoken against police misconduct, involved in the Flint water crisis, and voting rights among other issues. "We're in the black, we're visible, we're vocal," Brooks said.

Brooks and his wife have two sons, one an undergraduate in college and one a high school senior. Though he is not certain what he will do next, he hinted that he plans to remain in civil rights, like this work. I don't have an affection for this work. I love this work. And I'm going to do that. Not sure where," he said. Despite having to leave the NAACP, he says he will not become bitter.

"If you really love an institution, you want the best for it. I want the best for the NAACP. My love for the people of the NAACP exceeds the disappointment of not being able to continue serving," he said. "This is a painful moment, but my wife and I have prayed about it. It says in the book of Jeremiah, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you a future and a hope."

Reactions to high court's congressional district ruling

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Now that the US Supreme Court has ruled that North Carolina's 2011 congressional redistricting maps for the First and Twelfth Districts were unconstitutional because more Black voters from surrounding districts were added unnecessarily, does this hint that an upcoming High Court ruling on the State's 2011 legislative maps is most likely to be seen the same way?

"Since 2010, North Carolina has been governed by an illegally constituted General Assembly," says Irving Joyner, Chair of the NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee, and law professor at North Carolina Central University's School of Law.

"In its decision, the Supreme Court recognized that this "right-wing" and power-driven legislature had manipulated political districts in order to erode the impact that African American voters could have on the use of political power in this State," Joyner continued. "In these redistricting plans, race was used to "stack and pack" African Americans into a few political districts and to reduce the ability of racial minorities to impact elections in majority White populated districts."

In short, the race-based formula used to illegally configure the First and Twelfth Congressional Districts, was used to draw the 2011 legislative districts as well, Joyner says.

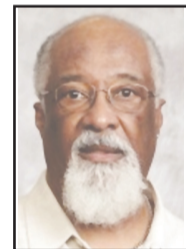
And when will the 2011 congressional maps be redrawn by the Republican-led NC General Assembly? Democrats and civil rights activists are certainly hopeful that it will be in time for the 2018 elections.

The Supreme Court's May 15 decision not to overturn a lower court's July 2016 decision, striking down North Carolina's controversial 2013 Voter ID Law, certainly put smiles on the faces of the NCNAACP and others who challenged the measure because it targeted the African-American vote "with surgical precision."

With last Monday's congressional redistricting victory still echoing in their circles, supporters are eagerly anticipating a favorable legislative redistricting decision next week. However, for now, this week's High Court congressional redistricting triumph was both satisfying and inspiring.

"This should serve as a wake-up call to the Republican-led General Assembly, whose voter suppression tactics have been struck down twice in federal court, in as many weeks," said Black Democrat Rep. Alma Adams, whose 12th Congressional District was ruled unconstitutional because GOP State lawmakers made it a minority-majority for electoral advantage.

"As elected officials, we should be working



JOYNER



ADAMS

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together to make access to the ballot box easier and more fair. In Congress, we must take swift action to restore the Voting Rights Act. In North Carolina, it is time to appoint an independent redistricting commission to return our democracy to the will of the people," Rep. Adams concluded.

Congressman G. K. Butterfield, the other North Carolina Black Democrat, whose First Congressional

District the US Supreme Court also ruled was racially gerrymandered, applauded the decision as well, saying that the GOP redistricting "was an extreme case of racial gerrymandering."



BUTTERFIELD

"Once again, with this victory, the courts have said the NC General Assembly through

apartheid type redistricting engaged in systemic racism and cheated to win elections," said The Reverend William Barber, outgoing president of the NC NAACP. "Over and over again, our unconstitutional General Assembly is being proven to be the antithesis of justice,



BARBER

true democracy, and the fundamental principles of equality." Robin Hayes, Chairman of the NC Republican Party, disagreed with the Supreme Court decision, saying in part, "Our position continues to be the same as the Obama Justice Department on this issue, which pre-cleared these



HAYES

districts as fair and legal. I don't know how any legislature can perform this task when the rules change constantly from case to case, often after the fact." But there are those who are clear that the Republicans will keep trying to suppress voting rights. "Despite this decision, we can expect the legislative leaders to concoct some other race-based districting design instead of sitting down to draw political districts which are fair and non-political," Professor Joyner added.

SPEARMAN

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Earlier in his missive, The Reverend Spearman recounted how, under The Reverend Barber's leadership, the NC NAACP "founded a movement," shifting from "Banquets to Battle." He denoted "...the explosive growth of the Historic Thousands on Jones Street People's Assembly Coalition (HK on J)... over the years," further growing from sixteen coalition partners to "...over 200 diverse social justice organizations" today.

Spearman also recounted the NCNAACP's 2012 "Truth and Poverty Tour" through some of the North Carolina's most impoverished communities.

"God's Word compels us to fight this battle, defending the poor, disenfranchised, and needy people. We are obligated to create effective strategies to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all people. We must defeat the forces of race-based discrimination and religion-based bigotry.

Pursuing on these battlefields should be the order of each day," Spearman concluded.

He has been third vice president of the NC NAACP for six years, in addition to being chair of the Religious Affairs Committee, and president of the Hickory NAACP Branch for two years.

Rev. Dr. Spearman is presently senior pastor of St. Phillip AME Zion Church in Greensboro.

Though no one else at press time has made it known that he or she has also officially filed for the NCNAACP presidency, Rev. Spearman has already attracted the support of Attorney Alan McSurely, one of Rev. Barber's closest lieutenants.

In an open letter to the NCNAACP membership,

issued May 21, McSurely writes that Rev Spearman "...is prepared to carry on Dr. Barber's vision and spirit and intellectual brilliance as Barber moves to another lane to pick up Dr. King's torch of justice..."

"The call came only after the Lord situated and educated Dr. Spearman for this challenge," McSurely continued. "See if you agree with me that Rev. Dr. Spearman is the man to run the second lap of the long relay race toward the NAACP's finish line: the elimination of racism and race hatred in the U.S."

Though former NCNAACP President Melvin "Skip" Alston denied that he has any inten-

tion of entering his name into the race this October, he made clear during a telephone interview Sunday that he is willing to support First Vice President Carolyn Coleman of Greensboro if she runs.

"I told her I'm not interested. I'm not going to run and that, if she runs, I will support her," Alston said by phone. "But I'm not interested in running for State Conference President anymore."

"Whoever the next president is going to be, I wish them the best, but 'Skip' Alston will not be running for State Conference President. You can put that out there and let every-

body know that you did get it from "the horse's mouth."

Ms. Coleman is a highly respected civil rights veteran and first vice president of the State Conference. She is also a member of the national NAACP Board.

Recently, Ms. Coleman, who also serves on the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, supported Alston to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of another commission member who had recently left the board. Alston is a former chair of the Guilford County Commission.

In a telephone call to Ms. Coleman Monday morning, she

said that, according to the NAACP Constitution, she, as first vice president, would automatically fill out the rest of Rev. Barber's term in office once he leaves in June. However, she has not decided whether she will do that.

Coleman also said that neither has she decided to run for the State presidency in October. She indicated that, upon returning from a meeting out of town over the weekend, she had just been informed of Rev. Spearman's candidacy.

Ms. Coleman did say that more candidates are expected to enter between now and June 15.

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Orange County. Demonstrators told school board members that students don't feel safe when they see the flag on tee-shirts, book bags, or other items other students may bring to school. Orange County school officials say they're still trying to determine a policy that also respects free speech rights.

STATE JOBLESS RATE DROPS TEN-YEAR LOW

[RALEIGH] Observers

are hailing April's unemployment rate of 4.7, the lowest it's been in the state since 2007. However, North Carolina still lost 7,000 jobs last month. According to the NC Dept. of Commerce, the jobless rate across the state was as high as 5.3 percent last January, before falling .6 percent. Economists warn that while 4.7 percent is good, they'd be more pleased to see a pattern before expressing confidence in the state's economy.

WAKE FOREST TEACHER PUNISHED FOR ALLOWING RACIAL HARASSMENT

[WAKE FOREST] A Wake Forest High School teacher was docked a week's pay for allowing the racial harassment of a

black student in his class. That student later assaulted the white classmate in the hallway, throwing his harasser down to the ground before another teacher interceded. The teacher, William Sullivan, was suspended for five days without pay in

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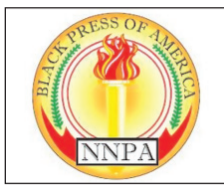


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Weapon of mass deception: Shut down Trump's sham voting fraud commission

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"After more than 250 years of debate, five constitutional amendments, decades of protest, and a handful of monumental Supreme Court decisions, the basic right of American citizens to vote in our elections is still not a settled matter. While minority voters no longer face literacy tests or have to guess how many marbles are in a jar when they register to vote, there are new strategies for disenfranchising Black and brown communities." - Rep. Terri Sewell, "Voting Rights: Old Battles Become New Again," State of Black America, May 2, 2017

Throughout his campaign, President Trump trumpeted the baseless claim that our nation's elections are riddled with voter fraud. He has repeatedly blamed his gaping three million plus-popular vote deficit on a phantom horde of illegal voters. He complained, without evidence and unfairly maligned wide swaths of communities. Finally, two days after unceremoniously firing FBI Director James Comey—a move that has swallowed the 116-day old Trump administration into the jaws of fresh political scandal complete with growing calls for impeachment—Trump doubled down on unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud and signed an executive order creating the Presidential Commission on Election Integrity.

The bipartisan-in-name-only commission led by Vice President Pence and Kris Kobach, a well-known advocate on voting restrictions and immigration, to study our nation's election protocols.

Hot on the heels of the Supreme Court's 2013 decision to strike down the preclearance provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965—no longer requiring the Department of Justice to review and approve any changes in election laws for states with long histories of racial and voting discrimination—North Carolina was the first state to sign sweeping, drastic voter ID measures into law. The provisions, which included measures to eliminate same-day voter registration, cut down on early voting and presenting select government-issued photo identification at the polls, was described by its critics as the strictest in the nation and characterized by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals that ultimately struck down the appalling array of voting restrictions—as targeting African Americans "with an almost surgical precision," and imposing "cures for problems that did not exist."

This week, the Supreme Court allowed the circuit court's ruling to stand, denying Republican efforts to revive the law. And while those who advocate for the removal of superficial, politically and racially motivated barriers to the polls have won a critical battle; the war is far from over. Chief Justice John Roberts cautioned in a two-page statement that the court's decision to reject the case was based on procedure and should not be interpreted as a decision on the merits of North Carolina's voter ID law, or as an endorsement of the lower court's ruling.

Before I go any further, I want to quickly remind you that study, after study, after study has found the same thing: voter fraud, particularly the type that claims to be solved by strict voter ID laws, is rare. Kobach, who is Kansas' secretary of state, is also the only secretary of state in the nation with prosecutorial power. In his unrelenting quest to unmask massive voter fraud in Kansas, he has prosecuted less than 10 cases of voter fraud since taking office in 2011. In a court filing opposing Green Party candidate Jill Stein's request for a vote recount, Trump's own attorneys asked the court to deny Stein's request based on the fact that, "All available evidence suggests that the 2016 general election was not tainted by fraud or mistake."

If any fraud is being perpetrated, it is being perpetrated on the American people and our democracy. The flimsy "evidence" and falsehoods that undergird this so-called voter fraud commission are egregious, but even more egregious is the transparent, political-motivated effort to put the thumb on the scale of political gain by keeping communities of color and traditionally Democratic leaning voters away from the polls.

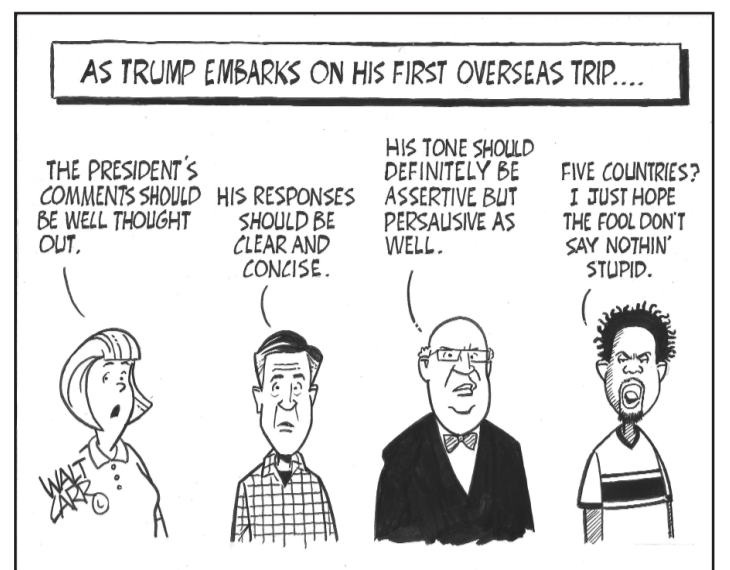
When we toy with a pillar of our democracy as if it were a political football, we cast doubt on the integrity of our electoral process and our elected leaders. Trump's so-called voter fraud commission is a sham, a serious attack on voting rights, a cover to squander taxpayer dollars and a solution in search of a problem countless studies and experts have repeatedly concluded does not exist.

The National Urban League is a civil rights organization dedicated to economic empowerment in order to elevate the standard of living in historically underserved urban communities. Founded in 1910 and headquartered in New York City, the National Urban League spearheads the efforts of its local affiliates through the development of programs, public policy research and advocacy. Today, the National Urban League has 93 affiliates serving 300 communities, in 35 states and the District of Columbia, providing direct services that impact and improve the lives of more than 2 million people nationwide. To learn more about the National Urban League, visit www.nul.org and follow us on Twitter @NatUrbanLeague.

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



Marc Morial



Matters of Opinion

CASH IN THE APPLE

NO TIME TO PLAY

A few years ago, my wife took our youngest daughter, KaLa, to see teen singer Ariana Grande perform in Raleigh. Based on a video my daughter made of the experience, it was a great show. In fact, there has been an Ariana Grande poster outside of KaLa's door ever since. Thousands of miles away, clear "across the pond" as they say, 21,000 people in Manchester, England, most of them young teen and pre-teen girls, did what KaLa did several years ago, and attended an Ariana Grande concert. I suspect that they, too, had a good time watching their singing



Cash Michaels

idol. But unlike Raleigh, the concert in Manchester ended with tragedy. A terrorist, reportedly wearing a suicide bomb, blew themselves up at the concert, killing 22 people, and injuring at least 59.

As a parent, you could only watch the video in horror as you see other parents, waiting outside the concert hall for their child to exit safely, only to discover that an explosion had taken place, people are running for their lives, and their child is nowhere to be seen or found. What agony that must have been to not know whether your child is dead or alive mere yards from where you are standing. We certainly pray for the families there in Manchester, England who have been negatively impacted by this cowardly terrorist attack, and

we're 100% behind the British government as it pursues those who were part of the deadly plot to needlessly take lives.

It just makes you wonder how close are we, here in the United States, to another terrorist attack ANYWHERE at ANYTIME!

To add insult to injury, if something were to happen, how much faith do we have in our new commander-in-chief that he can handle it. You do know that part of the reason why he was elected (though I proudly did not vote for him) was to "defeat ISIS once and for all."

I don't know about you, but shooting a few missiles to an empty air field in Syria after you've warned them to get out of the way does not impress me, and certainly doesn't assure me that you know what you're doing.

Indeed, our new president may have good military people around him, but don't tell me they can't see that he has a screw or two loose and don't trust his judgment.

So right now, the future is looking darker and darker. We've got four years to survive this basket case. Heck, he might not even make it through his term, given how much dirt the press is digging up on his 2016 campaign, and the even more dirt the new special counsel is bound to discover about his business dealings.

This is scary time indeed for all of us, and our children.

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Good news for some in the class of 2017

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The college class of 2017 is in a better employment position than any college class in a decade. With the unemployment rate, at 4.4 percent, lower than we've seen it since 2007, and with wages ticking up (although too slowly), today's college graduates are far better off than their colleagues who graduated in 2008, when the Great Recession caused employers to rescind job offers that had already been made in writing. Now, the human resource management company Korn, Ferry, Hay, says that the average graduate will earn \$49,785, up three percent from last year. Accounting for inflation, 2017 grads will earn 14 percent more than graduates ten years ago.

The biggest winners are those in the STEM areas. Software developers and engineers, earn more than \$63,000 a year, while actuaries, science researchers, and environmental professionals earn at least \$58,000. In contrast, those who work in call centers as claims examiners, or customer service reps have earnings at the bottom



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

of the distribution. In any case, most of those who graduate this month have jobs already lined up!

Of course, African American college graduates will have a more difficult time than their White counterparts, both because African-Americans experience higher unemployment rates and because African American students are less likely to concentrate in the STEM areas than their counterparts. It will be interesting, however, to see how those African American graduates, especially HBCU graduates, fare in this labor market. Universities like Morgan State and Howard, and colleges like Spelman and Hampton, have high concentrations of STEM graduates, but unfortunately too many companies don't even bother to recruit at these colleges. If companies want to do more than diversity lip services, they need to change their regular recruiting patterns. That's why the Howard University/Google partnership is so exciting, and why the partnership between Apple Computers and the Thurgood Marshall Fund makes so much sense.

While a welcoming job market is a foundation for career success, my recent interview with Julie Silard Kantor, the founder of Twomentor, suggest that good job market news isn't enough. Julie's company helps corporations develop

and foster a mentoring culture so that experienced employees can help new workers learn the ropes, and learn the corporate culture. Much of corporate culture is unwritten, but even new employees are penalized when they don't appear "in sync" in prevailing culture. Too often this works against African American employees when "collegiality" translates into promotions. Mentors can often smooth the way for those who aspire to move up in the workplace.

In our interview, Julie talked about the difference between mentors and sponsors. Sponsors are the folks who call your name whenever there is an opportunity, suggesting that you may be just the person for the special assignment or promotion. Businesswoman Carla Harris talks about this distinction, too, in her book "Expect to Win". Her book, chock full of advice about moving up the workplace ladder, would make a great graduation gift!

While there is good news for new college graduates, the current climate of virulent racism suggests that there are pitfalls, as well. A recent study in Fairfax County, Virginia, reported rampant discrimination against Black teachers. Black applicants were less likely to be hired than white applicants, even though they had more advanced degrees and classroom experience. When hired, Black teachers were more likely to be sent to

schools with high levels of poverty and large populations of minority students. Of course, Fairfax County Public Schools say this study is based on 2012 data and they have changed since then. But 2012 wasn't that long ago, and institutional change is frequently gradual. Racial bias in the workplace is alive and well. Sometimes it is subtle, and sometimes it's extremely obvious. Bottom line - it affects the employment and earnings, especially, of African Americans.

What is the new graduate to do besides keeping her phone on "record" and a lawyer on speed-dial? The best thing this Class of 2017 can do is to be prepared, professional, and productive. She should find a mentor and a sponsor as soon as she can. And, most importantly, she should take a little time to bask in her graduation accomplishment. Congrats, graduates, and good luck!

By the way, I'm referencing "she" because two-thirds of African American college graduates are women. But that's the topic for another column.

You can hear my conversation with Julie Silard Kantor on my podcast, "It's Personal with Dr. J."

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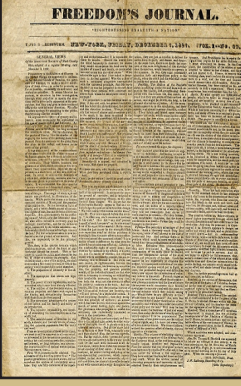
"We wish to plead our own cause.

Too long have others spoken for us."---1827,

Front page of Freedom's Journal,

the first African-American owned and operated

newspaper published in the United States



Trump's apology tour

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As truth begins to come to the attention of those who don't want to hear it, The Donald travels out of the country in an effort to leave unpleasant facts behind. He has to apologize to Saudi Arabia for all the mean things he said about Islam and apologize to Israel for his inability to follow rules on visiting Masada. (I've been to Masada, and I had to follow the rules. Of course, I didn't have a helicopter to try to land there!) With all of this apologizing, he's never apologized to the women of America, to people of color or to any of us who've been the subject of his rantings.

Before The Donald left, he showed us many times what it's like to be jealous of his predecessor. It's easy to tell

when someone is really good at what they do because an incompetent, mean spirited, jealous person who cannot live up to the standards set before him will constantly nag and complain about what the person before him did or didn't do, while #45 does nothing right. That's the situation we're facing today as The Donald escapes from the country for which he pledged to do so much all by himself.

President Barack Obama set such high standards that The Donald can't touch that and it's eating him up. All he can do is complain and blame President Obama for whatever it is he cannot match. The Donald will never be able to live up to what President Obama accomplished with his hands virtually tied behind his back. Racism was alive and well during his term, and it has heated up in an effort to undo what he accomplished.

The Donald has everything in his favor to help him succeed (even Russia), but he can't seem to put it all together to accomplish his campaign promises. Having lived

as a privileged white male, he cannot begin to understand how a Black man could be so much smarter and so much more accomplished than he is.

We could tell during the campaign that The Donald thought that he was the greatest of everything because he ended almost every sentence by telling us how great he is (Have you noticed his spelling and wrong choice of words in his tweets? I suppose he skipped English to grab young women in unauthorized places as they went to class!). There's a problem when you have to tell someone how great you are. It usually means we have someone who's so insecure that he thinks if he says he's the greatest often enough, ultimately someone will believe him. The Donald destroys that theory several times a day because what he does is often worse than what he says! Since his arrival in the White House, there's more breaking (bad) news than most of us have ever seen. Each day as we think things

can't get worse, they do!

Some could hardly wait to have The Donald in charge. They thought he'd wave a magic wand and make everything okay. Now many are frustrated because he's taught them that color, culture nor gender is a measure of superiority! We don't hear much from his supporters because he has not been able to deliver to them confirmation of their presumed superiority. Actually, he's shown the world what ignorance really looks like and it has nothing to do with schools or degrees! He claims to have been educated at Wharton. Apparently, even the best schools didn't teach him good manners, good behavior or good sense! Let's pray that his trip abroad doesn't further tarnish our standing in the world. I've run into people who're honest enough to wish we could have President Obama back in the White House!

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

RAINBOW COALITION

The lie about voter fraud is the real fraud

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

After President Donald Trump fired FBI Director James Comey because of, as Trump admitted, the "Russian thing," he struck a new blow to American democracy: He created a commission on "election integrity," stemming from his fantastical claims of voter fraud in the 2016 election.

In reality, fraudulent voting is virtually nonexistent. The claims of widespread voter fraud are a fraud. Voter suppression, on the other hand, is a real, present and increasing threat to our democracy. And all signs are that Trump's commission will add to that threat.

Trump named Vice President Mike Pence as chair, with Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a leading advocate of ballot-restricting legislation, as vice chair. Kobach has made a national spectacle of himself as a crazed pursuer of mythical

voter fraud. In Kansas, Kobach has led Republican efforts to suppress the vote.

As Ari Berman of the Nation reports, Kobach claimed that "the illegal registration of alien voters has become pervasive," although he could point to only five alleged cases of noncitizens voting in Kansas during the previous 13 years.

Kobach helped push through a law that required documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote, such as a birth certificate, a passport or naturalization papers. That requirement disproportionately impacts the elderly, the poor and the young, who often don't have access to such papers. Since the law went into effect in 2013, Berman reports, "one in seven Kansans who attempted to register have had their registrations held 'in suspense' by the state."

To solve the non-problem of voter fraud, in 2015 Kansas gave Kobach the power to prosecute such cases. So far, he's convicted nine people. Only last month did he convict his first and only noncitizen for voting fraud. The Kansas City Star has noted the paltry results Kobach has to show for his unique prose-

cutorial powers, mocking him as the "Javert of voter fraud," a reference to the obsessed police inspector of "Les Miserables."

Now Kobach will be the driving force leading Trump's commission. Its purpose, no doubt, will be to cry wolf about voter fraud and push more states to pass harsh legislation to suppress the vote.

Unlike voter fraud - which every independent study shows is essentially a myth - voter suppression is real and growing. The most significant outside factor in the 2016 campaign was not the scattered cases of voter fraud, or Putin's hacking, or even former FBI Director Comey's interventions. The most significant factor was the suppression of the vote - particularly the black vote - in North Carolina, Philadelphia, Detroit and Milwaukee. As Berman has argued, federal court records show that "300,000 registered voters, 9 percent of the electorate, lacked strict forms of voter ID in Wisconsin." A recent study by Priorities USA, a Democratic PAC, estimated that Wisconsin's harsh voter ID laws "reduced turnout by about 200,000 votes" - disproportionately black votes.

Trump won the state by 22,748 votes.

The 2016 election was the first in 50 years without the full protections of the Voting Rights Act. Fourteen states had new voting restrictions in effect for the first time. Now Berman reports, 87 bills to restrict access to the ballot have been introduced in 29 states this year Arkansas and Iowa have already passed strict voter-ID laws.

Republicans claim these laws are needed to stop voter fraud, but the claims of voter fraud is the fraud. These bills are being pushed because they make it harder for certain communities to vote - and Republicans benefit when they vote in smaller numbers.

When politicians can pick their voters - by voter suppression laws, by gerrymandering, by big money campaigns - rather than voters picking their leaders, democracy is mocked. Political leaders in both parties should be pushing to make it easier, not harder, to vote. Instead, voter suppression has become a partisan weapon. Our very democracy is under assault.

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

REALITY CHECK

Another April 4 has quietly come and gone

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Another April 4th has rather quietly come and gone. It's way past time for those who considered themselves as supporters of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to cease demeaning his tremendous legacy by basically reducing him to "I Have A Dream."

Anyone who reads Dr. King's last book "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?," published less than a year before he was assassinated knows that Dr. King was much, much more than a dreamer.

No one knew this better than J. Edgar Hoover and his partners in the FBI. Their position is graphically illustrated in a memo written by then FBI Assistant Director, William E. Sullivan who was a close colleague of J. Edgar for some 30 years.

Dated January 8, 1964, the memo, originally published in The Nation magazine, June 17, 1975, went as follows:

"We know that Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King (deletion, deletion) represents a very real security problem in this country. In addition to (deletion), Dr. King, as we know, for some

time now has been (deletion). Apart from the security factor, he is a disgrace to the Negro people of this country because of his (deletion) while at the same time purporting to be a minister of the gospel. Obviously he has the capacity to deceive people very successfully. This was made evident most recently by his being selected by Time magazine as the Man of the Year.

Further we know that he has been able to cleverly deceive both very important Protestant and Catholic organizations, securing thereby support from them which gives him added stature. It should be very clear to all of us that Martin Luther King must, at some propitious point in the future, be revealed to the people of this country and to his Negro followers as being what he actually is - a fraud, demagogue and moral scoundrel. When the true facts concerning his activities are presented, such should be enough, if handled properly, to take him off his pedestal and to reduce him completely in influence so that he will no longer be a security problem and no longer will be deceiving and misleading the Negro people.

When this is done and it can be and will be done, obviously much confusion will reign, particularly among the Negro people. There will be embarrassment, frustration, confusion, and resent-

ment. Because of this and the emotional reaction that will set in, it is not unlikely that movements like the Nation of Islam could benefit greatly. Further, other ridiculous developments similar to the Old Father Divine and Daddy Grace organizations may appear. The Negroes will be left without a national leader of sufficiently compelling personality to steer them in the proper direction. This is what could happen, but need not happen if this right kind of national Negro leader could at this time be gradually developed so as to overshadow Dr. King and be in the position to assume the role of leadership of the Negro people when King has been completely discredited.

For some months I have been thinking about this matter. One day I had an opportunity to explore this from a philosophical and sociological standpoint with (deletion) whom I have known for some years. As I previously reported, (deletion) is a very able fellow, (deletion) and one on whom I can rely. I asked (deletion) to give the matter some attention and if he knew any Negro of outstanding intelligence and ability to let me know and we would have a discussion. (Deletion) has submitted to me the name of the above captain person.

Enclosed with this memorandum is an outline of (deletion) biography which

is truly remarkable for a man so young, having been born (deletion) 1932. On scanning this biography, it will be seen that (deletion) does have all the qualifications of national leadership. I won't go into all his accomplishments and qualifications in this memorandum for it will only take a minute or two to scan the enclosed biography.

On first blush I know it can be said it is not the concern of the Bureau what happens to the Negroes when Martin Luther King has been discredited. This can be said, but I think it is a very short-sighted view. It is our concern if large numbers of them go into the Nation of Islam and other extremist groups with which we are concerned as an investigative agency. It is our concern if the Communist Party would be able to capitalize on this confusion. Further, from a positive and constructive standpoint it would be of a great advantage to have leading the Negro people a truly brilliant, honorable, and loyal Negro who...could steer the 20 million Negroes away from communism. I think in a very sound sense this necessarily must be of great interest to us. It would be most helpful to have a man like (deletion) leading the Negroes to whom we could

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BLACKONOMICS

The Three U's - Umoja, Ujamaa, Ujima: Unity, Economics, Collective Work and Responsibility

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

A few weeks ago I received a call from a brother in northern California; his name is Terrance Amen. He wanted to share his economic empowerment plan with me and get my opinion. Subsequently, he sent an e-mail link to his website and videos that explained his vision and concept. Of course, after decades of hearing and seeing plan after plan on how we can move ourselves out of the economic ditch, I couldn't help but be a little skeptical and lukewarm as I delved into his information.

After checking it out, I called him to ask a few questions and offer any advice I could to the brother. He was open to my feedback, and he was humble enough to accept the fact that he did not have all the answers and that, as a relatively new kid on the block, he had to first establish himself, build relationships with the right folks, and then gain the support needed to bring his concept to full fruition. I liked and appreciated that in him.

Everything is built on good relationships, and Terrance had reached out to me and others to do just that. My first piece of advice was for him to contact other folks who have similar projects; I gave him several names and websites to which he could reach out. I questioned him about the practicality of his project as well as a couple of issues that will surely be raised by "our" people. Been there done that, if you know what I mean.

Brother Terrance explained everything to me in a well thought-out and well prepared manner. His primary rationale for his project is a commonality among all Black consumers: Purchasing products and services, not only from Black people but from everyone else.

He shared with me, "There are companies and organizations that are focused on solving the problems in the Black community, but we don't work together for the common good of the community. So why don't we work together? Is it ego, selfishness, distrust, or could it be all the above? In order to solve the major problems in our community, we must form alliances to help each other accomplish our goals. There are many different ways to solve the problems in our community. But if we continue to do things on an individual basis, we divide our power, which makes it harder to solve our problems."

Terrance suggested we form alliances and focus collectively on economics. He promoted working together, collaborating and pooling our resources, and voting as a solid bloc to leverage political power. Now he had my attention. I told him about THE One Million and our plans for economic and political empowerment, and he and I were off and running. He reflected, "If there are different companies and organizations out there with the same goals, for example, focusing on Black economics, but aren't working together, we dilute our money, time, effort, and resources. But if we collaborate and work together to achieve the same goals, we would be able to maximize our full potential." Hmmm. Where have I heard that before?

Amen continued, "Unfortunately, we're still dealing with the same problems we had 50-60 years ago. Imagine if we supported and promoted the different companies and organizations that were focused on solving the major problems in our community, but in different ways. As individuals, we wouldn't have to invest a lot of time, money, or effort because we'd be doing this on a national level."

Terrance's company is www.3UFirst.com, created specifically to solve major problems in our community, by bringing some of the trillion dollars we spend every year, outside our community, back to our community. Additionally, the money we spend on the 3UFirst site will create jobs, business and investment opportunities, provide sponsorships, build wealth, and fund non-profits.

The three U's represent Umoja (Unity), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), and Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility). Those principles kind of say it all, don't they? Question is: Do we merely celebrate them or do we practice them?

What impressed me most about Terrance Amen was his appreciation for reciprocity, one of the principles of Ma'at. He did not approach me with an, "I have THE answer" egotistical attitude. He did his research on me as well; he bought and read my books and, as a result, he joined www.iamoneofthemillion.com. Before he asked for my support he supported what we in THE One Million are doing and is now planning to attend our next Training and Orientation gathering in Los Angeles in July 2017.

Go to Brother Amen's website and listen to what he has to say. If you agree then contact him to see where you can work collaboratively on a goal that all of us agree is well worth our time and resources: Economic Empowerment.

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He can be reached through his website, blackonomics.com. He is the author of Black Dollars Matter: Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense, which is available through his website; professionalpublishinghouse.com and Amazon Kindle eBooks.

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go, if necessary, and rely upon in sensitive matters over which this bureau has jurisdiction.

I want to make it clear at once that I don't propose that the FBI in any way become involved openly as the sponsor of a Negro leader to overshadow Martin Luther King. As far as I am concerned, this is not an issue at all. But I do propose that I be given permission to explore further this entire matter with (deletion) and any other person known to both (deletion) and myself who could be helpful. If this thing can be set up properly without the Bureau in any way becoming directly involved, I think it would be not only a great help to the FBI but would be a fine thing for the country at large. While I am not specifying at the moment, there are various ways in which

the FBI could give this entire matter the proper direction and development. There are highly placed contacts of the FBI who might be very helpful to further such a step. These can be discussed in detail later when I have probed more fully into the possibilities."

J. Edgar responded to the memo by accepting Sullivan's proposal and added, "I am glad that light has finally, though dimly delayed, come to the domestic Int. Dir. I struggled for months to get over the fact that Communists were taking over the racial movement but our experts here couldn't or wouldn't see it."

This document should be read every year on April 4th to remind everyone of why Dr. King was assassinated.

A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.

New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP's monthly meeting is Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information and updates on community and state issues will be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

Community Briefs

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

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June 13, 2017

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& Family

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY**Make today a good day**

The sun rises early in the morning, and many people, near and far, are getting ready for work and other activities of the day. There are so many things to think about after having a good breakfast. One important thing of which we must be certain is that we have such necessities and essentials as enough gas to get us wherever we need to go.



Verniece Stanley

We need to remember to be cordial to those we meet along the way. For example, don't forget to say, "Good morning" to coworkers and to others with whom we come into contact. This might be the beginning of making it a good day.

We must count our blessings and think of those less fortunate. For example, think of people unemployed and looking for jobs, some for part-time summer work and some

for full-time permanent jobs. Some have been out of work for longer than others. Some have nowhere to sleep and will be sleeping somewhere outside, taking advantage of the warm weather. Many people will find it necessary to seek help from organizations that will help the homeless people find odd jobs. There will be yards to mow, and mowing lawn has long been a popular summer job, particularly for youngsters. Usually they are given sound safety rules to follow in order to avoid accidents.

There are many important things happening in our neighborhoods. Some appear in our newspapers, and some do not. Many times, the word is passed by news media and by word of mouth from friends and associates, many good things which help us to have a good day. Let's share good news with each, lift each other up, and help make today a good day for ourselves and for others in our company.

A meeting of the Brunswick County Retired School Personnel was held on

May 15, 2017, at the Brunswick Electric Building in Supply. This will be the last meeting until September. The membership will receive meeting dates and other pertinent information by mail.

In the conference room, there was a social hour. At this time, raffle tickets were sold. President Tom Simmons called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. This was the beginning of an inspirational moment. Members with birthdays in May, June, July and August were recognized. This was a time at which happy smiling faces were seen, and memories of past experiences were expressed. A scholarship was given to a student, Lauren Spivey, following a reception and shower. Her parents were proud and thankful for such a gift to be used in helping her achieve her college education.

In old and new business, there was discussion pertaining to our need for the would inclusion of more leadership

training and newly elected officers. Now is the time for memberships. There is something very special about being a newly retired teacher, and, perhaps, there will be such retirees at the meeting in September. We are concerned about the budget cuts in education, leading to the probability of far fewer supplies in the classrooms.

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.

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Joyce Grady

Joyce Grady died May 12, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Friday, May 19, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Shoulders Branch Cemetery.

Joyce, the daughter of Gladys Grady and the late Willie Jacobs was born on June 13, 1956 and educated in the City of New York. She was a people's person and gave of herself to many unconditionally. Joyce could make you laugh and cry. But, most of all, she shared a piece of her heart with all she encountered. Joyce was employed for over twenty years with the Department of Corrections, Rikers Island Correctional Institution, in New York. Later she worked as a healthcare provider for over fifteen years. Through her laughter and tears, Joyce continuously displayed her strength. Her motto was, "With God I can do all things. My God is not a liar and He will see me through to the end." God did! Joyce was a fighter and a survivor, even in her death. We will see her again. In addition to her father, Joyce was preceded in death by her brother, Robert S. Grady.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: one son, Jonell J. Bennett of Prince George County, MD; three grandsons, Jonell J. Bennett, Jr., Malik J. Bennett and Isaac M. Bennett; her beloved mother, Gladys Grady of Wilmington, NC; one sister, Barbara Williams of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Charlie Grady of Pender County; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Alexander, III

James Alexander, III died May 12, 2017 at Duke University Hospital, Durham, NC. Memorial services were held Thursday, May 18, 2017, at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

James Alexander, III was born April 7, 1960 to James Alexander, Jr. and Willie Mathis in Brooklyn, New York. He attended school in New York until the age of 10. His family moved to Magnolia, North Carolina and he attended the Duplin County Schools. James graduated from James Kenan High School in the Class of 1978. Later he attended A&T University. In 1986, James, after meeting his wife Pamela, decided to go to work at New Hanover Regional Medical Center and in 2001 he was placed on disability. James had a heart of gold.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father, aunt, Myrtle Lawhorne, and cousins, Bernard Lowman and Chippy. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Alexander; daughter, LaSondra Alexander; sister, Cassandra Giegher; brother,

Andrew Alexander; a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends, including special friends, Anthony Williams and Steve Moon and special daughter, Danielle Pearce (Marque and Daniella Sherman). *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Otis Andrew Shepard

Otis Andrew Shepard died May 13, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Sea Lawn Memorial Park, Hampstead, NC. Otis was born in Hampstead, NC on May 27, 1944.

He served in the US Army during his early years and worked in the trucking industry before going on to build bridges. He later had a life-long career at General Electric, working in Aircraft from which he retired after more than 35 years of employment, in June 2002.

Surviving to cherish his memories: his wife of 26 years, Mary Carolyn Shepard of the home; his children, Kareem Shepard, Paulette (Fred) Lynch and Paul Freeman, all of Wilmington, NC; step-children, Deborah Malloy of Charlotte, NC, Karen Dent of Wilmington, NC and Angel Johnson of Indianapolis IN; ten grandchildren, Zaebiah, Mason, Fred, Jr., Tari LaShawn, Latoya Nicole, Kristen Dent, Samaria Dent, Adrienne Thompson, Whitney Thompson and Bruce Wierzechowski; six great-grandchildren, Alex Thompson, Kyrii Thompson, Isiah Thompson, Kendra Barnhill, Amir Bennett and Christian Dent; sisters, Bernice Sidberry, Pauline (Alfred) Lewi and Barbara Fuller all of Hampstead, NC, Luella (Joe) Jacobs, Joyce Fuller and Linda Houston all of New Haven, CT; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

William Willie Johnson

William Willie Johnson died Sunday, May 14th at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, May 19, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Willie was born on August 24, 1948 to the late Alice and Harlee Johnson. He grew up in the Wrightsboro Community and attended Williston High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. Willie loved to drive trucks and made a career out of driving for Mayflower. He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Marvin Johnson and Dennis Johnson; one daughter, Aretha Johnson; granddaughters, Dakiya, Lakresha, Tierra

and Tanisha Johnson; one great-grandson, Mayzon Johnson; one brother David Johnson (Mae); three sisters, Dorothy Johnson, Betsey Lettley (Charles) and Della Atkins; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Kelly Williams, Jr.

Kelly Williams, Jr., died May 16th at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jerry Michael Evans "Shoe"

Jerry Michael Evans "Shoe" died Wednesday at NHRMC. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 2017 at St. Luke AMEZ Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Edward Rogers, Jr.

Edward Rogers, Jr., died May 19th at New Hanover House. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Joann Stukes

Joann Stukes died May 19th at her residence. Funeral services will be 12 Noon Friday, May 26, 2017 at Union MB Church. Burial in Calvary Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Nettie Cobbs

Nettie Cobbs died May 21, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Wanda Johnson Moore

Wanda Johnson Moore died Monday, May 22, 2017 at UNC Hospital. Funeral services will be 12 Noon Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Eula L. London

Eula Lee London passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, she was 91 years of age. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Bowens Chapel AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Eula was born in New Hanover County on August 23, 1925 and was the oldest child of Pearl McDonald.

She joined Bowens Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church at an early age and was a faithful member all of her life. She sang in the choir and was also a Deaconess in the church. She married George G. London Sr. on December 6, 1946. They grew their family to consist of 6 children, 5 boys and 1 girl, family was Eula's pride and joy. Eula was a quiet soft-spoken person that was a pillar of strength. She always encouraged her children to do everything to the very best of their ability, and was supportive in every way. When others were in need, she gave graciously and unconditionally. Eula was an "Awesome" professional seamstress with an uncanny ability to the trade. There was nothing she could not do when it came to sewing.

Eula was preceded in death by her youngest son Larry Andre, her mother Pearl and her husband George.

Eula is survived by her children: George Jr. (Lenette), Frederick (Denise), Barbara (Leonard), Harvey (Sherrie), Norris (Shea), Mary, Arthur (Ruby) and Lindell (Sally), 15 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, her sister Ethel, a special nephew James, a special niece Diane, 2 special cousins Estelle and Carrie and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

James M. Lange

James M. Lange, age 56, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2017. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at Port City Community Church. *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.*

Elizabeth S. Newkirk

Elizabeth S. Newkirk, age 84, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2017.

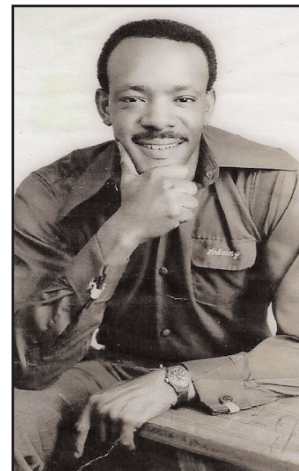
A memorial service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

James Hall

Jerry Hall of Gastonia (formerly of Delco) passed away Monday, May 22, 2017. Service information will be announced by Davis Funeral Home.

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.

Card Of Thanks



The family of **Johnny N. Smith, Jr.**, would like to thank all friends and personnel for their support and love during their time of grief. It is with a very grateful heart that your support and love was very much appreciated. Thank you! Thank you! One by one. May God Bless All!

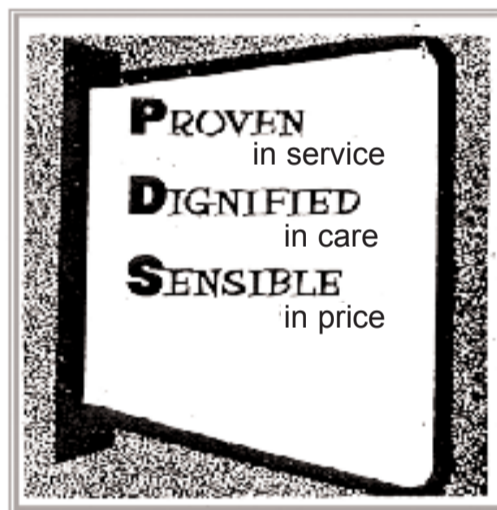
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Jennifer & Javoke Terrell

New Hanover County

Chords Across America, will hold an evening service at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 28th. Services will be hosted by Elder Townsell McKisick of Lighthouse Shining Ministries. For additional information call 910-623-4192.



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.

St. John AME Church, Wrightsboro Community, 2400 Acorn Branch Rd., will hold "Let Us Pack-The-Pews" Program on Sunday, June 4th at 3:00 p.m. Reverend Gordon L. Griffen- Senior Pastor of Moore's Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Currie N.C. Music rendered by The Burgaw Community Choir.

Religious Briefs

The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church, located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community will celebrate their Annual Women's Day & 100 Men & Women in Red & White on Sunday, May 28th at 3:30 p.m. Apostle Joyce Jones of Life Changing Ministries will be the guest speaker along with her choir and congregation. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. There will be singing featuring the Jinwright Singers, the M & R Singers, The J. D. David Choir, The Burgaw Male Choir, The James Gospel Family Singers and Soloist, Rev. Jimmy Willis. For more information, please call the Chair of the Committee Sis. Catherine Cooper at 910-540-4477, Sister Dentrall Boykin at 910-200-4953 or Sister Ashley M. Hall at 910-540-4250

Bladen County

Bryant Swamp Missionary Baptist Church of Bladenboro will celebrate their pastor's 21st Pastoral Anniversary. Dr. and Mrs. Thurman B. Everett, May 31st- June 4th. Service will begin nightly at 7:00 p.m. with choir and congregation. May 31st- Wednesday night, Rev. Victor Singletary of Round Branch Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC. June 1st- Thursday night, Rev. Jerry McKoy of Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church, Lumberton, NC. June 2nd- Friday night, Rev. Rex Anderson of First Baptist Church, Fairmount, NC. June 4th- Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Paul Graves, choir and congregation of Clearway Missionary Baptist Church, Newark, NJ.

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 transportations 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.

Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 237 Snowfield Rd. - 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.

Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating their pastor Rev. Richard A. Joyner's 27th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, June 4, 2017 - morning service begins at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Deon Davis of Raleigh, NC in charge of service. Rev. Dr. Carozell Henry and Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church will be in charge of the afternoon service at 3:00 p.m.

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.

Life Ministries & Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries will hold a summer clothing giveaway on Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 4912 Main St., Shallotte, NC across from Jerome's Steak House. For more information call 910-294-0656.

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Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

SENIOR MOMENTS

Live simply, laugh often and love deeply

My Fellow Seniors:

In my last article to the Journal, I suggested we form a committee to plan a book about the people we love. One lady said, "It's a great idea, but I am not a writer." So I said, "If you had to write an obituary, you would do it, and if you needed help you would get it."



Ruth Johnson

Yet, it would be so much better to have a pleasant story in a colorful hard cover book that could be passed on for generations. Tell us about your school days, your best friend, or your favorite teacher. In the article, I said the book could be called "Wilmington's Finest." However, it would be up to you to decide who should be honored in that book. I expect many people will want to share stories about their parents and grandparents, their children, or the workplace. It's about life.

Many seniors are inspired

to tell stories about the past. Some are about hard times, but most are about survival. Do you remember the fireside chats of the older days? When people came to visit, they would have a wagonload of children. They would gather around the fireplace and talk about the good old days.

Of course, not all of them were happy stories. They were mostly about survival. Some you have probably heard before, others you do not want to know, but a colorful book about the people you love would be good to pass

along to the next generation. Many of us are able to talk about segregation and integration, what it meant, and how we came through. These life stories should be passed on to the next generation, not as told in the history books, but from your own point of view. So, if there are any words of wisdom or praise, now is the time to get it together. In my golden years, I have made a vow to live simply, laugh often, and to love deeply. What about you?

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Let love find a way

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Senior Citizens' Fellowship was getting showers of blessings today. This didn't stop the joyful hearts we always have. To God be the glory! Our meeting was called to order by our President Eloise Purdie. Mr. George Hill, our choir director, along with the choir, opened today's session with "Blessed Assurance." Our morning prayer was offered by Minister Sharon Pollock. Our next song was "I'll Fly Away." Mr. George Hill was our

speaker for today. He told of a friend's whose son was hit by a drunk driver. The father was angered over it and wanted justice done. In our message for today, Mr. Hill reminded us that God is merciful. He proclaimed that Jesus wants us to put away hatred and anger and turn our problems over to Him. He rains on the just and the unjust. Mr. Hill cautioned us against trying to be judge and jury. He indicated that we must understand that Jesus came to show us how we should live. The message he left with us was that we need to let love find a way. That's why Jesus came to help us to

put hatred away. The Bible says, "In all thy ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths." We have to let the Holy Spirit take over our lives, and we have to pray. Prayer will help us to direct our lives. Mr. Hill was thanked for a great message and given a hand.

We then had expressions, which are always meaningful and helpful. We had one visitor, Mrs. Sadie Bunting. Mrs. Purdie spoke on our fun day and welcomed our visitor. Mrs. Cherry Pearson thanked everyone for his or her participation last week. There were 86 people present for "Fun

Day."

Mrs. Mary Green read the minutes from last week. We then had roll call. Our sick report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. We had announcements.

Mrs. Frances B. Matthews was the winner for "Callers." She had 11 present. "Smiles" were given by Mrs. Mary Martin, and laughter filled the room.

Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together." Prayer was offered by Minister Doris McQuillan, and the meeting was adjourned.

There were 42 present today.

TELL SOMEBODY

"The Lord's Memorial"

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

Traditionally, on or around May 30th, there is a nationwide holiday observance of Memorial Day, in honor of the war dead, many of whom are family, friends and loved ones. Our nation pauses in remembrance of those brave souls who paid the ultimate cost for the freedom that we enjoy today. This is the least we can do to "keep alive" the memory of those no longer with us.

We, as Christian Believers have a constant memorial to observe in remembrance of the sacrifice that Jesus Christ paid for the sins of the whole world. We should "keep alive" the memory of what our Lord and Savior did for each and every one of us! We should



Sylvia Hooper

"remember" (recall to mind, to think again) and we should also teach our children to remember! We do not want to forget how good God is, and how great is his mercy toward us.

Therefore, we do not take holy communion lightly! I Corinthians 11:24-31 states, "And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so

let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

We often serve Holy Communion in remembrance of The Lord's Supper. The reason to observe The Lord's Memorial as often as we can is to acknowledge, Lest we forget, the fact that he paid a debt he did not owe and we owed a debt we could not pay. Freedom is never free, because someone, somewhere is paying the cost! He whom the Son sets free is free indeed. Jesus did it just for you and I. We must never forget what he did, and why he did it!

Isaiah 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement

of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Lest we forget, The Lord's Memorial!

Tell Somebody!!

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

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

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isaiah 35:2 (KJV)
It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

REMEMBER TO DRESS IN "YELLOW"

Shane Becton, Family Pastor at Northside Church presents donation to Hope Abounds, Inc.



NORTHSIDE KIDS BAKE SALE

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BY ELIZABETH BARNES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Shane Becton, Family Pastor at Northside Church presented Hope Abounds, Inc. with a check that resulted from a bake sale given by a group of 4th and 5th grade girls also known as the Northside Kids. These children were challenged by their leader to

do a project outside of their regular class time to show Jesus' love to others and not expect anything in return. As their group brainstormed ideas, they decided to organize a Bake Sale to raise money and give it to children battling cancer. The girls took over and organized the sale, when it was, where it would be and what they would

bake. They chose to donate their proceeds to A Kids Hope, a program of Hope Abounds that help children currently going through cancer treatment.

The Bake Sale was held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Life Center at Northside Church during basketball games that were played that day. The girls baked all the good-

ies themselves and ran the sale from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. One of the girls also raised a large portion of the money on her own in her neighborhood and added it to the Bake Sale funds. All together the girls raised \$501.54. It was a wonderful experience for these 4th and 5th graders to put their faith and love of God into practice in their community.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Samuel Cecil Drain, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of August, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of May, 2017

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

May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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
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The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the estate of **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
Hiwassee, VA 24347

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Gertrude Moore (17-E-886)**, 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 25, 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 22nd day of May, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Gertrude Moore
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Johnny Nelson Smith, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of August, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of May, 2017

Priscilla Covington Smith, Executrix
7509 Duval Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28411

May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Naomi Ruth Whitley Martin**, 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 **25th 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 25th day of May, 2017

Suzanne Martin Bircher,
Administrator
1393 Phillips Rd.
Dunn, NC 28334

May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room of the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area
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May 25, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

A special meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held immediately following the Board's regular meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2017 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room of the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to discuss ongoing legal matters.

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

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area
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May 25, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00358 & DA00359 in Pasquotank County bidding on 6/17/17. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Tuesday 5/30/17 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

May 25, 2017

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 16 JT 80**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
C.A.N. (dob: July 6, 2015)**

TO: APRIL NOLAND, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; JOHN BROWNING, IV PUTATIVE FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **May 25, 2017**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Attorney Christopher Oring has been appointed to represent April Noland and he can be contacted at (910) 763-9925 or at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. colawyer@hotmail.com.

Attorney Yuliya Loshinsky has been appointed to represent John Browning, IV, and she can be reached at 910-939-1125 or at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 YloLawNC@gmail.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, July 17, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M.**, or as soon thereafter as it can be heard, at the Division of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of May, 2017

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May 25, June 1, 8, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

**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
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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
8120 River Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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This the 5th day of May, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Mary Malloy
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**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.

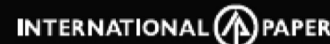
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