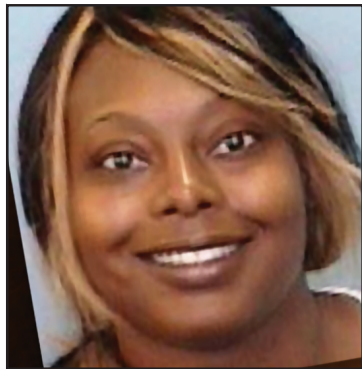


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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts.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

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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

Take notice!  
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BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Everyday, here in Brunswick County, I see the grip of racism coming back to my people and other minorities, poor people, Whites, etc. The hate is still alive and well and growing every day. People have hate in their hearts for no other reason except that they want to hate. It is very important that we, as a people, begin to study our elected officials. We need to know those people who are running for office. We must understand the private or community committees that come in our communities. We need to take note of those elements that are all around us, affecting our lives and our children's lives. We live in a society filled with race hatred, and it is slowly working on especially the

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**NC high court told to review redistricting maps third time**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

For a third time since 2011, the North Carolina Supreme Court will have to review North Carolina's legislative and congressional redistricting maps, and this time, North

Carolina justices will have to heed the US High Court's finding that the State's redistricting process is unconstitutionally flawed because of racial gerrymandering.

The US Supreme Court Tuesday sent a 2011 redistricting lawsuit, Dickson v. Rucho,

back to the North Carolina justices again after the federal High Court ruled last week that the State's Republican-led General Assembly "stacked-and-packed" Black Democrats into the First and Twelfth Congressional Districts so that they would have less influ-

ence in other congressional districts.

In 2015, the GOP-led NC Supreme Court ignored federal direction that the 2011 maps were racially skewed, ruling instead that the overuse of race in the voting maps was entirely proper.

That ruling is not likely to return now that the NC Supreme Court is 5-4 Democratic majority.

"The N.C. Supreme Court is

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WHITE HOUSE PHOTOS

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL**  
A place where new FBI agents were required to visit under Director Comey. Here, the Obama family visited the monument in 2011.

**Under Director Comey, FBI special agents were required to visit Dr. King's Memorial**  
*FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover called King a communist because of his fight for civil rights*

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE OF NORTHSTARNEWSTODAY.COM

SPECIAL TO THE TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM  
Former FBI Director James Comey, who was hired by President Barack Obama and fired by President Donald Trump, ordered the FBI's new special agents to visit the Washington D.C. memorial honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for a discussion concerning unchecked government power.

As FBI director, Comey kept a memo on his desk written by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The memo described Dr. King as a Communist, and it requested a technical surveillance on the civil rights leader. The 1963 memo was signed by Robert Kennedy, the U.S. Attorney General, Comey said during an interview on "60 Minutes" the newsmagazine broadcast Sunday nights on CBS Television.

Scott Pelley, a 60 Minutes reporter, who interviewed Comey, said, "there is no court order. It was a signature of the FBI director and the signature of the attorney general."

"Yep," Comey said. "And then open-ended. No time limit. No space restriction. No review. No oversight."

A 60 Minutes narrator said: "Some of the worst of the FBI's history is its investigation of Dr. King. So, on Comey's orders, FBI Academy instructors now bring new agents here [Dr. King's statue] to talk about values lost in the pursuit of the man who became a monument."

The camera then focuses on the face of an



PRESIDENT OBAMA AND DIRECTOR COMEY

unnamed black woman who said: "Character, courage, collaboration, competence. We have to be able to call on those tools in our toolbox to be able to make sure that we are correcting some of the things that happened in the past."

"What's the lesson?" Pelley asks Comey. "The lesson is the importance of never becoming untethered to oversight and accountability. I want all of my new special agents and intelligence analysts to understand that portion of the FBI's history the FBI's interaction with Dr. King and draw from it an understanding of the dangers of falling in love with our own rectitude. And the importance of being immersed in that design of the founders with oversight by the courts and Congress so we don't fall in love with our own view of things," Comey said.

President Trump fired Comey on May 9th. President Obama appointed him in 2013.



REV. WILLIAM BARBER

**Rev. Barber says he will soon announce his choice for next NCNAACP head**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Thus far, several NCNAACP officials have announced whom they are supporting to become the conference leader, but the current president says he'll wait until he's actually set to step down.

The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber, II, outgoing President of the NCNAACP, says, even though he's already announced his intentions to step down after 12 years to join a national movement surrounding the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1968 Poor People's Campaign, he hasn't done so yet. In a phone interview last week, The Reverend Barber said that, when he does decide what his last day on the job will be, he will also announce whom he'd like to see become the next conference president during State conference elections in October.

Barber's announcement is expected to occur by the middle of June. First Vice President Carolyn Coleman said last week that candidates for State president are expected to formally file by June 15.

Thus far, only The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, NCNAACP Third Vice President for the past six years, and President of the NC Council of Churches, has been the only one to formally file to run for the post.

"My 53 years of membership in the NAACP and twelve years of leadership experience in the NCNAACP prepare me to become the next president of this great civil rights organization," The Reverend Spearman, who also pastors a church in Greensboro, said in a statement sent to NCNAACP membership last weekend.

Ms. Coleman has said she hasn't decided yet, and former NCNAACP president, Melvin "Skip" Alston has indicated that he's definitely not a candidate but will support Ms. Coleman if she runs.

The Reverend Spearman, however, seems to be attracting a good deal of support thus far.

The Reverend Cardes Brown, President of Greensboro Branch of the NAACP, and State chapter Religious Affairs Committee Chairman, has formally endorsed Spearman, as has Bishop

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George Battle, Presiding Prelate of the Piedmont Episcopal District.

"Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman is prepared to carry on Dr. Barber's vision, spirit, and intellectual brilliance as

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given another opportunity to correct its ill-analyzed decision, which it entered in *Dickson v. Rucho*, "said Attorney Irving Joyner, Chair of the NCNAACP Redress Committee, and Law Professor, North Carolina Central University School of Law. "The [2015] N.C. Supreme Court opinion was vacated by the [US Supreme] Court, which mandates that it was wrongly decided. This is yet another victory for democracy and the litigation advocacy of the NCNAACP."

Eric Ellison, Chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party, agreed. "Same old story - the NC Republican-led legislature has drawn race-based district lines, which, once again, have been found to be unconstitutional," Ellison, who is also an attorney, said.

"The people of Forsyth County are confident that the current North Carolina Supreme Court will finally put this issue to rest and declare that the currently drawn lines are unconstitutional and violate our 14th Amendment. Better yet, the North Carolina Legislature should "see the writing on the wall" and immediately redraw the lines in a non-racial, non-partisan fashion and declare new elections this year so that the people of North Carolina can have immediate relief from illegal and unconstitutional representation.

Most observers note that that is not likely to happen, especially with the 2018 midterm elections right around the corner.

"What I find most significant is that the Legislature made the same legal mistake and used race the same way in drawing the State's House and Senate districts," Anita Earls, Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, said after last week's US High Court's ruling striking down the 2011 congressional districts. "This opinion...must mean that those districts are

Barber moves to another lane...," wrote Attorney Al McSurely, Chair of the NCNAACP Communications Committee.

Leslie Malachi, National Director of the 2,200 member African-American Ministers' Leadership Council, agrees, writing that, if Rev. Spearman is elected the next NCNAACP

also unconstitutional."

The US Supreme Court is expected to rule directly on the 2011 State House and Senate legislative districts shortly. Meanwhile, supporters of the Supreme Court decisions thus far feel that, despite rumblings from the Republican leadership about trying again with both redistricting and voter ID, which was also struck down, the legal handwriting is on the wall.

"With [Tuesday's] Supreme Court ruling, we can agree that gerrymandered district lines are a settled issue," said Forsyth County Democratic Party Chairman Eric Ellison. "The faster the North Carolina Legislature can comply with our highest court's decisions, the better it will be for all North Carolinians."

president, "This is the assignment for one who will not only speak truth to power but speak truth with power."

Meanwhile, which one of the four current NCNAACP vice presidents will serve out the rest of The Reverend Dr. Barber's term after he formally steps down? According to the NAACP Constitution, the first

vice president automatically assumes that role when the current president leaves before his or her term is up, unless the first vice president decides not to take it.

In this case, First Vice President Carolyn Coleman has said that she hadn't made up her mind on succeeding The Reverend Dr. Barber, and he

would not confirm whether what she decided during a meeting last Monday. There was speculation that both Ms. Coleman and Second Vice President Carolyn McDougal would step aside, allowing Third Vice President Spearman to assume the post, but, as of press time, there was no confirmation of that.

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**NC NAACP'S BARBER, OTHERS ARRESTED AT LEGISLATIVE PROTEST**

[RALEIGH] For the first time this year, protesters associated with the Moral Monday movement allowed themselves to be arrested by state Capitol police after loudly demonstrating in the



Legislative Building, pressuring state lawmakers to expand Medicaid for hundreds of thousands of poor North Carolinians. Outgoing NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber, led protesters through the halls of the NC General Assembly, and in front of House Speaker Tim Moore's office. By midday, 32 demonstrators, including Barber, had been arrested and taken away.

**PROPOSED ELECTION CHANGES AFTER HURRICANE MATTHEW, GUBERNATORAL CHALLENGE**

[RALEIGH] The state Board of Elections is proposing important emergency changes to election procedures in the aftermath of last fall's Hurricane Matthew devastation, and the problems caused after then Gov. Pat McCrory challenged Democratic opponent Roy

Cooper when he lost reelection. Election officials want the emergency power to change election schedules in the aftermath of a disaster, natural or military. Officials will also require those protesting an election result to certify under threat of perjury that their facts are "true and accurate," or be punished if not. Comments about the propose changes are being accepted by the NCBOE now through July

31stby emailing rules@ncsbe.gov or mailing them to N.C. State Board of Elections, Attn: Katelyn Love, Deputy General Counsel, 441 N. Harrington Street, Raleigh, NC 27603.

**GOV. COOPER SUES LAWMAKERS OVER APPOINTMENT POWERS AGAIN**

[RALEIGH] Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper isn't taking any encroachment of his appointment powers by

the state legislature lying down. Last Friday, Cooper filed a third lawsuit against Republican leaders, accusing them of unconstitutionally reducing the size of the NC Court of Appeals. Lawmakers reduced the size of court from 15 to 12, suggesting that the workload had gone down. Cooper vetoed the law, but Republicans overrode his veto.

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# Ben Jealous confirms run for Maryland governorship

*Former NAACP president believes his civil rights record will inspire voters*

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY OF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Former NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous, also former Black press executive, is launching a political career.

Perhaps recently best known as a surrogate for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, Jealous confirmed this week that he is running for governor of Maryland. He cited his long record of civil rights and the diversity of the state of Maryland as being to his favor.

"When I was president of the NAACP I learned just how quickly my neighbors here were prepared to move forward on civil rights. In one year, we abolished the death penalty, we passed marriage equality, we passed the Dream Act. I'm running for governor because I believe we're prepared to move just as quickly in moving forward on our education, on employment, on the environment while continuing to protect civil rights," Jealous said this week in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. "I'm running for governor because I believe we can do much better by our kids right now."

Jealous is entering a crowded field of seven other candidates for the Democratic primary to be held June 26, 2018. He believes disaffection for the scandal-laden Trump administration may cause voters to lean back toward Democratic leadership after electing Republican Gov. Larry Hogan in November 2014. Hogan is eligible to run for re-election.

"Larry Hogan is governor of Maryland because in 2014, we had a high tide of Republican turnout and an ebb tide of Democratic turnout," Jealous said. He pointed out that Hogan won by 60,000 votes after 125,000 Democrats who had voted in 2010 didn't show up to vote in 2014.

"In this era of President Trump, they can only remember having a president that is competent to serve. And now they see the impact of having a president that is quite the opposite," Jealous said. "So long as we turn out Democratic voters who are used to voting in gubernatorial elections, there's almost no way that he can win."

The election will be held Nov. 6, 2018. But first Jealous must distinguish himself among the crowded Democratic field. In that regard, he may just have a not-so-secret weapon. If he

can win an endorsement from Sen. Bernie Sanders, it may bolster his chances significantly.

"Let's just see," was Jealous' only response when asked whether he expects to receive Sanders' endorsement.

Sanders won 36 percent of the vote in Maryland's Democratic presidential primary. If Jealous can win a majority of those voters; plus a significant portion of Maryland's 45 percent Black vote, he is a strong contender to win the Democratic nomination.

But the key will be to excite the Democratic base to the polls. Jealous believes he has the record to do just that. Maryland has a 45 percent White constituency and 10 percent that encompasses other races. Jealous believes his background and civil rights record could attract a following similar to the "Rainbow Coalition" that was amassed during the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign, for which Jealous also worked in 1988.

Jealous was born in Pacific Grove, Calif. But his parents, a mixed-race couple, had met in Baltimore. His father, Fred Jealous, who was White, helped integrate lunch counters in the South. His mother, Ann Jealous, worked with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s. As a teenager, Jealous became steeped in civil and voting rights work and spent summers in Baltimore with his maternal grandparents.

"The combination of an activist rooted in the tradition of the NAACP and the civil rights movement and an activist rooted in the Bernie camp, gives us a broad base that looks like Maryland similar to what you saw of Doug Wilder in Virginia after the Jesse Jackson campaign," Jealous said.

Jealous' career has been woven with civil rights and politics. Between 2000-2004 he served as executive director of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). Earlier in his career, he'd worked as an editor for the historic Jackson Advocate newspaper in Mississippi.

After NNPA, he became founding director of Amnesty International's U. S. Human Rights Program. In 2008, he became the historically youngest NAACP president at the age of 35, an office he held until 2012. He later became a venture capitalist with the Oakland, Calif.-based Kapor Center for Social Impact. He also played integral rolls in the presidential races of



BENJAMIN JEALOUS

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President Barack Obama.

"I'm blessed to have lived my life as a progressive in the Black community who is committed to fighting for a better life for everyone in our community...It's that life, that path that starts with Jesse Jackson '88 and goes all the way through Bernie Sanders' 2016 campaign," he recounts. "It's that life that started with my parents and my grandparents rooted in the NAACP; ultimately leads into the labor movement and the environmentalist movement and the LGBT movement and the women's rights movement. That's me, that's where I'm rooted and where this campaign is rooted."

If he wins, Jealous would become the nation's fourth Black governor in modern history. The others were Virginia's Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, elected in 1989; Massachusetts' Gov. Deval Patrick, elected in 2006 and re-elected in 2010; and New York's Gov. David Paterson who served two years after the resignation of Gov. Eliot Spitzer in 2008.

Jealous, 44, has two young children to whom he often refers when expressing concerns about the future of Maryland. Reflecting on the economic deprivation that became a national spotlight during the Freddie Gray case, he accuses Hogan of having ignored Baltimore during his tenure.

"This is a governor who

has shifted millions of dollars away from public education and into voucher programs and who has toured the state with [Trump-appointed Education Secretary] Betsy DeVos and has embraced Attorney General Sessions' foolishness of trying to revive the failed war on drugs by also investing millions of dollars in building up law enforcement to go after heroin addicts as law breakers rather than as people who

need to be sent to rehabilitation," he says. "The only way to create a better future for Baltimore and its residents is to have a governor who is always for all of its residents; including Baltimore. Right now it feels too often that we have a governor who is always for all of Maryland except for Baltimore...You simply cannot starve a city that's supposed to be the economic epicenter of the state and have the state prosper." Ultimately, the voters of

Maryland must be inspired enough to believe the election even matters.

"It's going to take us deciding that our children's future, that our family's economic future is important enough for us to turn out," Jealous says. "And so, at the end of the day, we will do what it takes to turn out voters. Donald Trump will make that easier and Larry Hogan will make that easier still."

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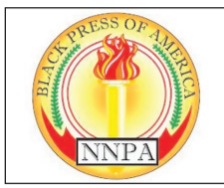
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### PROHIBITIONS AND BANS: Serious unintended consequences

Rapidly shifting U.S. demographics are fueling the urgency of civil rights leaders, social scientists, policy makers, and public health professionals to focus their attention on policies designed to close the gap in racial and ethnic health disparities and ensure justice and equity in communities of color. In the interest of social justice, the good intent of policies developed and endorsed by dedicated public servants requires, however, a thorough and thoughtful consideration of the impact of unintended consequences of those policies in communities of color across the nation.



Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

While many Black Americans have made significant advances in professional and educational achievement, heightened political and social status, far too many are still burdened with poverty, few employment and educational opportunities and poor health. Compounding this situation is the tense relationship between police and the Black community because of use of excessive force, profiling, over incarceration, and selective prosecution. It has also been well documented that Black people are sicker, experience bias and discrimination in the healthcare system and die sooner than other groups in American society.



Rev. Al Sharpton

It stands to reason why conscientious policymakers and public health professionals are zealous in their efforts to do whatever it takes to improve the safety, quality of life and health in Black communities-even if it means making selected harmful products unavailable by imposing bans and prohibitions.

Prohibitions and bans are official public proclamations and legislative orders forbidding, limiting, restricting and making illegal a behavior or forbidding, limiting, restricting and making illegal the use, manufacture or selling of a product. In 1920, Congress ratified the 18th Amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, transportation and sale of liquor.

The good intentions of those who aggressively supported the prohibition on alcohol were to reduce access to alcohol as a way of reducing drunkenness, the crime and accidents caused by drunkenness and to reduce the death, illness and disease associated with the use and abuse of alcohol.

The national prohibition of alcohol (1920-1933) was extremely difficult to enforce. While the consumption of alcohol dropped at the beginning of Prohibition, it subsequently increased. Banning alcohol did not stop its use. Unregulated, illegally produced alcohol was more dangerous to drink, crime increased and became "organized," courts and prisons were stretched to the breaking point. When the production and sale of alcohol went underground, black markets developed controlled by the Mafia and gangs in communities. By 1933, public sentiment had turned against prohibition and Congress repealed the prohibition by constitutional amendment. The unintended consequences of alcohol prohibition were real and far outweighed the good intent of the prohibition and led to the failure of this noble experiment.

The lessons learned from the failed policy of alcohol prohibition are important for us today when a ban on menthol cigarettes has been proposed to reduce smoking among African Americans. Since over 80 percent of African Americans who choose to smoke, smoke menthol cigarettes, prohibitions, restrictions and bans would affect Black communities more than other communities in America.

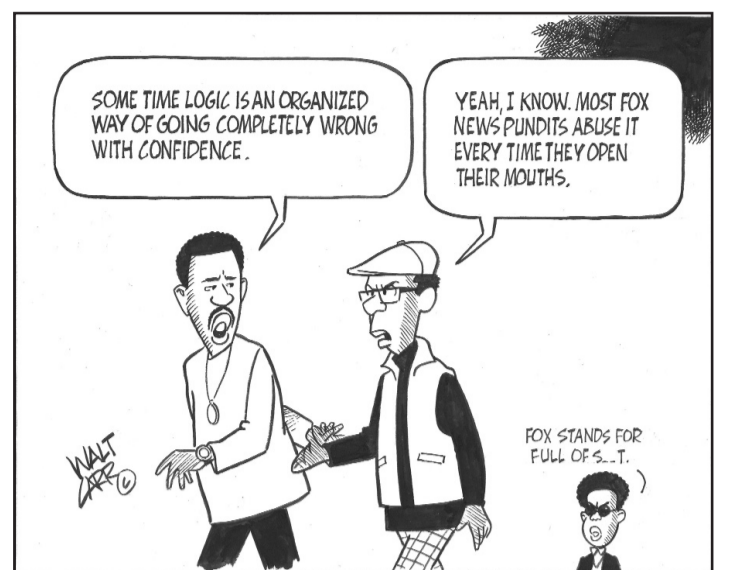
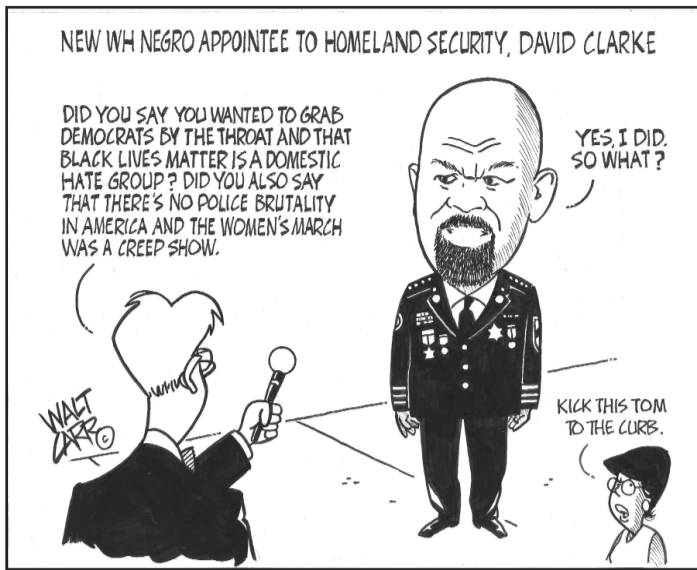
When police have to spend time enforcing prohibitions and bans, they have less time to focus on solving violent crime and ensuring public safety. Tensions between police and the Black community have focused national attention on the pervasive inequities in the U.S. criminal justice system. In 2014, the National Research Council issued a comprehensive report on America's overgrown criminal justice system. The rate of imprisonment in the United States has more than quadrupled during the last forty years. The U.S. prison population is largely drawn from men under age 40 and mostly men of color. The Council found that high incarceration rates came about not because of an increase in crime, but because of policy choices. A menthol ban could make a bad situation in the criminal justice system worse for Blacks.

We do stand united with policymakers, public health professionals and tobacco control advocates - Smoking is bad and not good for public health. We support the regulation of the manufacture and sale of tobacco products, especially restricting the sale of tobacco products to youth. We strongly encourage Black people to stop smoking and educate our youth about the dangers of smoking. The National Action Network and the National Newspaper Publishers Association do not promote smoking nor endorse or advertise smoking products. Our concerns about the impact of a menthol ban are based on our experience and understanding of how law enforcement works when bans and prohibitions are imposed.

On June 22, 2009, when President Barack Obama signed into law the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, the new law gave the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

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### TRUE BELIEVERS?

Here it is, five-and-a-half months into the Trump presidency, and believe it or not, at least 40% of the country still believes he's the cat's meow. As a recent segment on CNN



Cash Michaels

proves, despite all of the incredibly outrageous BS that Trump has pulled thus far, there are folks out there, apparently some of the same supporters who put him in office in the first place, who are proud of the blinders they wear which keeps them from realizing that the man is a total disaster.

When questioned, many of them say they wanted someone "real" in the office. Well, they are getting their wish, because there is no question that Trump is "real" alright....real CROOKED! Trump supporters hate government so much, they have no problem supporting someone who pays no attention to protocol, or the law. They just want what they want....some-

one who will look out for THEIR interests first, because after all, if they're happy, then the country's happy.

And if the rest of the country is unhappy, then that's too bad, because Trump supporters will still be happy.

But wait a minute...even though they're still "happy," that doesn't mean they're pleased with everything that they're seeing and hearing from the blonde blowhard!

For one, they're tired of his tweets. Trump supporters see them as evidence of a lack of control, a lack of discipline. There's a powerful line in "The Godfather" where Don Vito Corleone tells his oldest son Santino, "Don't ever tell anyone outside of the family what you're thinking."

Traditionally, the president of the United States only tells what the world what he's thinking only after he and his advisors have figured it out, because what he says and does represents the government, not just himself.

So when Trump lies and accuses his predecessor Pres. Obama of "tapping" Trump's phone, or reporters of "fake news" about his campaign/administration's

honeymoon with the Russian government, even many of his supporters have hard time swallowing it.

And yet they still trust him.

Better to do that, than to admit that they are wrong, and that they basically support a fool who will easily get us all in trouble.

But these folks, who I will readily admit are both selfish and ignorant, seriously believe that they are in the driver's seat now, and things are going to be done their way.

Never mind that many of the major promises they believed made by Trump to them are NOT going to happen.

They are NOT going to get quality, lower-cost health care from Trump.

Trump supporters are going to get screwed!

They are NOT going to get a wall, paid for by Mexico, at the US border to stop illegal immigrants.

They are going to get screwed!

They are already not getting their Muslim travel ban because federal court after federal court sees it for what it is - ethnic and religious dis-

crimination.

Trump supporters are already screwed!

Unquestioned loyalty is a laudable American trait. But unbridled stupidity is not. Trump supporters elected someone totally unprepared to govern. They assumed that governing is a simple matter of making deals and running your mouth. Only now are they realizing why American government is so messy - because there is no real central authority.

And that's why it can't be run like a business. The ultimate purpose of government is to make money.

Pres. Trump doesn't believe in service. He believes in money.

And that's why he's screwing all of his supporters....and all of us!

Gee, thanks Trump supporters.

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### OUR VOICE

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(FDA) comprehensive authority to regulate the manufacturing, marketing, and sale of tobacco products. The good intent of the law is to reduce smoking that is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

We are very concerned that while the FDA is considering a national menthol ban, state and local governmental agencies are implementing ordinances that will prohibit, restrict and ban menthol cigarettes, the preferred tobacco product of African Americans. A ban on men-

thol cigarettes would give police another way to interact negatively in Black communities on the retail level or with individual citizens for a low-level, non-violent offense. A ban, prohibition or restriction on menthol cigarettes would mean punitive consequences, if the prohibition or ban is violated.

History has proven that prohibitions and bans don't work.

Education and treatment work. Young people are less likely to smoke if they get open, honest health information and tools to deal with peer pressure. Adults who struggle with smoking addiction are more likely to make healthier decisions when

they have access to counseling, treatment, smoking cessation aids and are helped to develop stress management skills.

We welcome the opportunity for positive, realistic, solutions-oriented dialogue with supporters of a menthol ban, public health professionals, law enforcement officials, community leaders, and civil rights activists to reduce smoking in the Black community.

At the same time, we hold our public health professionals and policymakers accountable to address the social determinants of health that include a broad range of factors that are reasons for health disparities

and poor health outcomes in the Black community.

We urge tobacco control advocates, public health professionals and policymakers not to defer to the criminal justice system by imposing prohibitions, bans and the threat of punishment to solve an urgent public health crisis.

In the words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."

Reverend Al Sharpton is the founder and president of the National Action Network. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., is the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.



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## Trump again!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I'm among those who really would like to move on to something bigger and better than what we hear daily on the news-but, as a lawyer, I know that there's a legal principle that says "Silence gives consent," so I just can't allow myself the luxury of ignoring current events without comment. While "The Donald," his family and best friends fly around the world at our expense, I must speak out once more on Trump.

First, can you believe the naivety of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross when stating that he was amazed that "The Donald's" visit to Saudi Arabia was so successful? He based success on the fact that the visit did not draw a single protestor or oppositional placard. Ross' comment speaks to the level of knowledge and experience among Trump's inner-circle. Ross obviously failed to learn

that protesting is illegal and banned in the kingdom. I'm sure somebody wanted to protest, but was not eager to face up to 15 years in a Saudi prison for doing so.

If that statement isn't bad enough, Ross appeared fascinated and enamored with a kingdom that is so repressive/regressive it doesn't even allow women to drive. As one Saudi cleric put it, "Driving could harm women's ovaries!" To their credit, some women are not frightened and are challenging that, and other archaic laws.

But, I digress. Let's move to the main culprit, "The Donald." His bluster regarding Radical Islamic Terrorists and keeping Muslims out of "AWVUH" (think he means OUR) country is familiar to all. However, when given the opportunity to express himself in the midst of Muslim identity, not once did he mention the phrase he condemned President Obama for not using. One can only ask if that's mere hypocrisy or whether reading the carefully worded document in front of him precluded any "freestylin." He's now substi-

tuted "Loser(s)" in his personal lexicon for the phrase Radical Islamic Terrorists.

Meanwhile, every day in the "Homeland," we have been flooded with breaking (bad) news about Russians interfering in our 2016 Presidential election to secure a victory for "The Donald." Before he could clear US airspace, we were shocked with the news of an Oval Office meeting with two of his Russian buddies wherein he disclosed high-level military intelligence and berated former FBI Director, James Comey, as a "crazy nut case."

Since "The Donald" and his entourage have been flying to other faraway places, we have learned that his attempt to obstruct the investigation of possible collusion between his campaign and Russia for the purpose of manipulating the 2016 election outcome is more expansive than originally thought. Not only did he (self-admittedly) fire Comey for that purpose, Trump solicited two other intelligence executives for the purpose of using their influence to quash continuing inquiry into the matter.

Trump has previously demonstrated his disdain for recognizing the intelligence of the American voter, but I hope he is not so deluded as to think that while he is away The Russia Thing will disappear. It will be here when he returns and he will also have to deal with the broken campaign promises outlined in his proposed budget. I trust that someone is informing him that there will be some explaining he'll have to do about his proposed budget.

I will address this budget in greater detail in an upcoming column, but needless to say, it is an attack on most of us-persons with disabilities, seniors, children, and others. I wonder how many of Trump's supporters see themselves on the chopping block that is his budget.

Despite its flaws, I've always thought America to be a Great Place. I just thank God that "Making America Great Again" in Trump's image is proving more difficult than first thought.

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

## BLACKONOMICS

### NAACP in transition

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The national office of the NAACP has made a couple of significant changes lately; they dismissed the Chairwoman, Roslyn Brock, and the President, Cornell Brooks. Although I served in various capacities within the Cincinnati branch for 9 years (2005-14), through which we did excellent work for our community, I have not been a fan of the national office since Myrlie Evers took over back around 1994 or so. My experiences in our local branch left a bitter taste in my mouth as I watched the national office use its national representative, the "Luca Brazi" of the NAACP, Gill Ford, to intimidate members and even suspend them for life because they refused to capitulate to his will.

**James Clingman**

Many branches across the country have suffered from Ford's arrogance, collusion, and disruption of local branch elections and other branch activities. He had his own agenda for certain branches and exercised it summarily and arbitrarily without sanction or even a response from his national bosses. Despite branches calling, writing, suing, and filing complaints against this guy, he continued to ride roughshod over the local proletariat, the volunteers, who do much of the work and pay a great deal in dues and assessment fees to the national office.

Ford's actions, supported or ignored by his superiors in Baltimore, showed me it was all about control and money, and never about support of local branches, that is, unless those branches bent to the dictatorial will of Gill Ford. But, I am proud to say that during my tenure we stood up to the bully and did our work in spite of him doing everything he could to control us. Although I have not seen an announcement of his dismissal, I really hope he is gone as well and, if not, that the new administration will reel him in and monitor what he does a lot more than his former bosses did. Much of the negativity and chaos within branches has been caused by Ford, and overlooked by Brock, Brooks, and Ben Jealous.

Leon Russell, Board Chair, and Derrick Johnson, Vice-Chair, sent a letter out announcing the termination of Brooks along with their intentions for the future of the NAACP. Following is an excerpt from that letter: "... in the coming months, our leadership will embark on a 'listening tour for the first time in our history'. It is clear that Americans of all genders and ages, from all of the corners of all 50 states,

have been aching to be understood, to be seen - and now, they are demanding to be heard. We want to meet those demands, and in doing so, ensure that we are harnessing the energy and voice of our grassroots membership as we pursue transformational change. As we reimagine ourselves, we want to be formed in the likeness of the people whom we serve - and to do so, we must first see, meet and listen to them...As we embark on this journey, everyone will have a place at the table"

The most striking statement to me is that in 107 years, the NAACP has never gone on a "listening tour" to hear from its branches; but I will let you draw our own conclusions from that excerpt, and I encourage you to read the entire letter; read it and critically analyze it to see if it meets your approval, especially if you are a member.

The once vaunted and heralded NAACP has finally gotten the message it seems, and is ready to hear from the grassroots. I trust they are truthful in that regard and will follow through on their statements. If they do not and merely put a new face on the same old problems, my advice is for members to walk away and leave them to their own devices. If they are sincere, I urge you to support this new vision and get involved to help bring it to fruition.

A Black organization with over a half million members can do so much to move us toward economic empowerment. It will not happen if corruption and distrust exist at the top. Nor will it happen if those on the local level participate in that corruption and/or turn a blind eye, a deaf ear, and a mute voice to election tampering and mistreatment of branches that refuse to go along with the nonsense from the national office.

I wish Brothers Russell and Johnson well in their quest to recapture the glory of the NAACP, but they should know there is a great deal of discontentment out there, which must be heard and respected. When that is acknowledged and dealt with, fairly and immediately, the organization can move forward; but it will not until that happens. Suggestion: A great place to start the listening tour is Ohio; it has been at the center of the storm for years.

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## TO BE EQUAL

### Trump administration charts a course to criminal injustice

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"At a time when people across the aisle have finally found some of the modest, yet promising, agreement that we need to fix our broken system,



**Marc Morial**

the Trump administration and Attorney General Sessions have thus far indicated that they want to double down on the failed policies of the past. Sessions seems intent on turning back the clock-threatening to increase the use of mandatory minimum sentences, criticizing consent decrees that improve police-community relations, and expanding federal use of private prisons. For the sake of our safety, our economic health, and the values we profess, we can't afford to go back. We must press forward with reforms." - Sen. Cory A. Booker

"We Refuse to Turn Back The Clock: Advancing Criminal Justice Reform in The Face of Retreat," State of Black America, May 2, 2017

Dear Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the 20th century failed. It wants its failed, heavy-handed criminal jus-

tice policies back.

In a throwback to the George W. Bush administration, Sessions is widely expected to formally order all federal prosecutors to impose the harshest sentences for all drug offenses and offenders, including the return of the widely unpopular and discredited mandatory minimums.

This "dumb on crime," bygone-era approach to criminal justice will catapult our nation back to the days of racially-infected mass incarceration, warehousing Black and brown bodies at a rate wildly disproportionate to their overall rate of population as a result of overzealously disproportionate law enforcement. It will perpetually ensnare nonviolent offenders, who have small chance of being rehabilitated while in prison, leaving them to face near-insurmountable obstacles and odds to fully reenter society, while robbing already vulnerable communities of an ex-offender's future potential as an employed and civically engaged citizen. It comes with a heavy price tag for taxpayers-both in terms of safety and cost-with study after study revealing a cynically slim return on investment, if any.

Sessions' reversal of Obama-era policies that sought to correct the egregious wrongs of our nation's broken criminal justice system-such as reserving the

harshest sentencing and enforcement resources for serious, violent, high-level offenders-flies in the face of promising consensus that has been steadily building among civil rights and social justice organizations, states led by Conservative governors, and across the partisan divide in Congress. It seems everyone, except the Department of Justice, understands that flooding our prisons-and keeping private prisons in business to warehouse the anticipated overflow from federal prisons-is not a solution that has, or will, make us safer.

According to data from The Sentencing Project, Louisiana has the highest state imprisonment rate, yet its governor recently announced a deal to reduce the state's prison population by 10 percent-an initiative that will save Louisiana taxpayers an estimated \$78 million annually. Right now, four of the 10 top states with the highest incarceration rates are pursuing "smart on crime" criminal justice reforms that safely reduce our bloated prison population by focusing on alternatives to punishment and improved reentry programs that increase the chances of ex-offenders never returning to prison.

And we should go a step further: How about working to keep as many people as we can out of the clutches of our broken, racially and socio-economically unjust criminal justice system in the first

place? As a nation, we must agree to prioritize prevention and address crime before it happens. That means looking at-and effectively treating-the root causes of crimes. It means, among other things, housing the homeless, removing the heavy price tag and stigma around mental health and mental health services, feeding the hungry, ensuring a quality education in every zip code, and providing work tied to living and gender equitable wages.

The Department of Justice is moving in the wrong direction and a course correction is critical. The resistance, in all its forms and arenas, remains firm, especially among the states, which bear the fiscal brunt of policies that call for the indiscriminate filling of jails cells at a heavy cost to their budgets and the safety of their citizens. A growing number of states are reluctant to follow the Department of Justice's lead, and we hope more states come to the realization that crime can be reduced through a variety of methods that don't involve throwing the book at people who can be rehabilitated, while keeping the public safe.

We must resist the rollback. We must retreat from the failed policies of the past, not return to them.

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

## Leadership silence on domestic terrorism

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Twenty-two people died and more than 50 were injured when a terrorist jihadist released a bomb at the Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England on May 22. The heinous act of terrorism was cond e m n e d worldwide, as it should have been.

Our 45th president was full of condemnation, although his very limited vocabulary only allowed him to call the perpetrators of the deadly attack "losers" (the same thing he called Rosie O'Donnell and Senator Chuck Schumer). House Speaker Paul Ryan also condemned the bombing in harsh terms and asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the "young and innocent" victims of terrorism.

Just a few miles away from Capitol Hill, though, an outstanding young Black

man was massacred by an intoxicated and crazed racist. Second Lt. Richard Collins III would have graduated from Bowie State University on May 23, 2017. A distinguished part of the ROTC, he had received a commission as second lieutenant in the United States Army and planned to work in Army intelligence. I'm not comparing deaths, but I am suggesting that Collins was the victim of domestic terrorism. Terrorism, after all, is defined as "the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims." The man who, unprovoked, stabbed Collins in the chest is little more than a domestic terrorist. My vocabulary is a little more advanced than 45's, so I won't call the devil (I refuse to call his name) that stabbed Collins a loser. He is a monster; a disgusting, depraved and soulless piece of human excrement. The death penalty is too good for him. I digress.

The news in Washington, DC, has explored many aspects of the massacre of Richard Collins III. It is

impossible that House Speaker Ryan is unaware of the massacre. Yet Ryan has, to date, been silent about this terroristic massacre. So has the 45th President. So, for that matter, have so many. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Mr. Law and Order, has not deigned to offer condolences to Richard Collins' family or to make any of the broad generalizations that he likes to make when Black and Brown men are involved in crime. Why has there been no moment of silence on the Congressional floor for Second Lt. Richard Collins III? Why have the Republicans who support the military so strongly that they are prepared to slash social service spending to put billions in military spending not spoken up for this young Black man?

I am sure some member of Congress will say that they've not spoken up because this is not a national story, because the killing of one man, no matter how exceptional, may not merit a moment of silence for the whole Congress. I disagree! When some Republicans are all-too-eager to embrace

racist stereotypes, lifting up a young man who did all the right things, and condemning his killing could be meaningful. In order to do that, though, Congress would have to implicitly (if not explicitly) acknowledge the toll that domestic terrorism has taken on African American communities. I suppose they would rather be silent.

The evil, horrible University of Maryland student who killed Richard Collins III was part of an alt-right Facebook group. Why does Facebook facilitate the gathering of these racists? The FBI is supposedly "investigating" whether the Collins killing is a hate crime. They know it was! All they have to do is check the Facebook group and the mess they posted, or follow the repugnantly encouraging posts that the vicious killer has received from his high school classmates through social media.

For example, Welby Burgone, who went to high school with the killer devil,

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## MALVEAUX

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now works for the Anne Arundel County (which is in suburban Maryland) police department as a communications specialist. "You mess with crabo, you get a stabo", Burgonet posted in response to an even more odious post that cheered the stabber on, writing, "That's what happens when a n-try (sic) to get frosty with an OG. Talk s... get stabbed. lol." And the FBI has to "investigate?." Really.

Even the Anne Arundel police have to be questions for their soft peddling of this matter. Yes, they suspended Burgone. But they also described his statement as "extremely insensitive". It's a lot more than that. It is brutal, it is repugnant, and someone with those views has no business working in law enforcement in any capacity!

Second Lt. Richard

Collins III was massacred on Saturday, May 20. At this writing, on May 26, there has been no congressional moment of silence, no outreach from the 45th President, no statement of repugnance about this domestic terrorism from anyone other than the Presidents of both Bowie State University, where Collins was to graduate, and the University of Maryland at College Park, where the killer matriculated. Why are white leaders so silent on matters of domestic terrorism and, in particular, the massacre of Richard Collins III? Shame on them and shame on those of us they represent for not demanding more!

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## New Hanover County

**Port City Track Club** is having a yard sale on June 10th from 7:30 to 1:00 p.m. at 1789 Cedar Hill Road Leland NC. All proceeds will be used to assist our athletes who qualified for the for the 51st USATF Hershey National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships will be held at Rock Chalk Park, the home of Kansas Track and Field, in Lawrence, Kansas July 24th to 30th.



## 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.

## Pender County

**The Pender County NAACP** will host its annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, June 3rd at 5:00 p.m., at the Middle District Association Building in Burgaw (down the road from Dunn Funeral Home). They will be honoring Dr. Rachel Stephens, former president of the Pender NAACP and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is also a member of the Wilmington Chapter of the Links, Incorporated.

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## What happens next?

**W**e do not have the answers to all problems in our community. We know that living right and offering guidance to others can help them become successful in life. We ought to develop a good working relationship with others in our community, seeking to help our young people gain the skills by which they might receive the best educational background possible. This will, no doubt, help them acquire better job opportunities. We ought always to encourage our young people as they go through their various levels of education. If we can help to guide them through high school and encourage them to graduate from high schools, the chances are



Verniece Stanley

much better that they will choose, and be accepted into the colleges of their choice. They must be willing to work hard as necessary to achieve their dreams. They must understand that, whatever their chosen careers, they must pursue them diligently and faithfully. We ought to be the kind of leaders who live and walk before family members and friends that they might follow in our footsteps.

We must keep a watchful eye on our schools so that the same things in our schools which have failed our youngsters in the past will not continue to occur over and over again. We ought to join, and work with, strong leadership organizations, such as the NAACP. Such organizations believe that strong future leaders must be developed today. We must engage our young people and help them develop their leadership skills while in our schools and colleges. The NAACP is

only one such organization, but it has one of the largest organized groups of young people in the country. It is incumbent upon those of us who truly care about where we are headed as a people to continue to commit to helping our people be the great people we were intended to be. We must no longer be held behind in progress for no other reason than the color of our skin. With quality education and commitment to strong positive leadership, we can demand nothing less than our first class citizenship rights.

In the deep South, it is my understanding that there are still farm workers who labor under oppression similar to that which used to be experienced by the slaves. Extreme poverty is still a serious problem, particularly among our people. We must stand very strong together and make our voices heard. It is imperative that we strive mightily

toward equal educational opportunities. We must fight hard for every equal employment and economic opportunity. We must pursue every civil liberty and physical security which every human being deserves.

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## Brunswick County 4-H youth succeed in district project record book event

Bolivia, NC - Project Record Books are completed each year by 4-H members across the state to show the growth in their specific project area. There are ten project areas for youth to choose from and they are able to share what they learned and the skills they gained throughout the year. They also set goals, show their experience in leadership, citizenship, and community service and share their 4-H Story. This year, eight 4-H mem-

bers submitted nine books in Brunswick County and they all moved on to the district event. Volunteers and staff judge project records in April. Brunswick County 4-H is proud to announce that Autumn Apple, placed Gold in the Environmental Science 13-15 age category; Lena Devlin placed Silver in the Science & Technology 16-18 age category; and Amelia Apple placed Silver in Science & Technology and Bronze in

Healthy Lifestyles age 13-15 categories.

Other youth that moved on to the District Level: Ella Kirby Animal Science age 9-10 category; Rachel Gibby Animal Science age 16-18, category; Rebekah Taylor Animal Science, age 16-18 category; Caitlin Sherman Animal Science age 13-15 category; and Matthew Robles Science & Technology age 13-15 category.

All 4-H members are

encouraged to complete project record books and the Brunswick County 4-H Office offers training for members and volunteers to help! Contact us at (910) 253-2610 to learn more about this, and other, great opportunities for youth! Visit our website <https://brunswick.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/>, or like us Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/brunswickcounty4h>.

## Laney High School's AFJROTC awarded 2016-2017 Distinguished Unit Award



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## LANEY HIGH SCHOOL AFJROTC

Leaders at the Department of the Air Force, Headquarters of the AFJROTC, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, announced that Laney High School's AFJROTC was awarded the Distinguished Unit Award (DUA) for 2016-2017. Typically, less than a third of units

worldwide were awarded this top level award.

In order to receive the DUA, unit NC-802 (Laney's AFJROTC unit) was required to meet all headquarters tasking suspenses (deadlines), and average a minimum of 12 hours of community service per cadet. There were 125 cadets enrolled during the fall and spring, and they completed over 1,525 hours of service. The DUA recognizes the personal growth and accomplishments of the cadets, con-

tributions of their instructors as mentors, and the support of school leaders and staff members, as well as many within the local community. Laney's AFJROTC instructors are Col. (Ret.) T. Harrison Smith, Jr. and MSgt. (Ret.) Bruce D. See. Numerous AFJROTC units are doing great things, and those recognized as distinguished units truly represent the best of the 897 AFJROTC units worldwide.

The purpose of the Air Force JROTC is to instill in

students the value of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, character, and a sense of accomplishment. It is also to make the greatest positive impact in the lives of cadets as possible. The AFJROTC's purpose is perfectly encapsulated in their motto: "Building Better Citizens for America." For more information on the AFJROTC, visit their website at <http://www.air.university.af.mil/Holm-Center/AFJROTC/>.

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**Charles E. Willie**

Charles E. Willie ended his earthly journey peacefully with family at his side, and went home to God on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, in Hampton. He was a devoted husband to Elnora Willie, who preceded him to heaven on September 28, 1998. He was born and raised in Wilmington, NC, where he was educated at Williston High School and was a long-time member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

He achieved the highest enlisted rank in the United States Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant, before retiring after 30 years of active duty service. He was assigned to numerous Air Force bases throughout the United States, serving in Florida, Delaware, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota; he also served overseas in Korea, Vietnam, and Germany. He and Elnora enjoyed their final duty station at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, before retiring at Langley Air Force Base, VA.

Chief Willie had a passion for education and was a life-long student, completing numerous military courses during his career and receiving degrees from Hampton University and St. Leo's College.

After retirement from his beloved Air Force, he worked in Real Estate and received his Virginia Real Estate Brokers License in 1982. He and Elnora moved to Philadelphia, PA, where he worked for seven years as a logistical specialist with the Defense Service Supply Center.

He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and The Retired Enlisted Association. For many years he was a member of Wesley Grove United Church of Christ in Newport News, VA, where he was ordained as a Deacon and served as a leader on the Board of Deacons. Most recently, he has been an active member and Deacon of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newport News, VA.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, two sons, Lt. Col. Clarence E. Willie, US Marine Corps, Retired (Wilma) and COL James F. Willie, US Army, Retired (Nancy); one grandson, Daryl C. Willie of Orlando, FL; one granddaughter, MAJ Traci A. Willie, US Army; one great-grandson, Franklin A. Willie; a niece, Mildred Galloway, of New York, New York, daughter of his older sister (deceased); a cousin, Peter Willie, of New York, many nieces and nephews, and a host of extended family and friends, including two devoted caregivers, Susie McMillan and Sandra Scott-Swan.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1:00 pm on June 2, 2017, at Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, 55 Ivy Farms Road, Newport News, VA. It

will be preceded by visitation at 12:00 pm and followed by interment at Hampton Veterans Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, 11825 Rock Landing Drive, Newport News, VA 23606, or Virginia Peninsula Food Bank, 2401 Aluminum Avenue, Hampton, VA 23661.

**Jerry Michael Evans "Shoe"**

Jerry Michael Evans "Shoe" died Wednesday at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 25, 2017 at St. Luke AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Mike was born on November 23, 1950 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Carrie Margaret Evans and was preceded in death by two sisters, Eleanor and Alberta Evans and one brother, Carlton Mitchell. Mike attended New Hanover County Public Schools where he was a stand-out running back for New Hanover High School until he suffered an injury that ended his football career. He then transferred to John T. Hoggard High School where he was involved in various activities and graduated as a member of the monumental, integrated Class of 1970. A man of humility and scholarship, he held a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; a Bachelors of Arts from North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC and Associates of Arts and Science Degrees from Cape Fear Technical College, Wilmington, North Carolina and Pitt Community College in Greenville, North Carolina. Mike was modest in stature yet his commanding, confident influence made him a giant to many. He was a recognized consultant and subject matter expert in many professional vocations; particularly, judicial law, taxation, and health and wellness. He represented many family members and friends in legal matters and was awarded very favorable rulings. The Quote "a jack of all trades is a master of none" is not applicable when referring to Mike's knowledge and abilities. His employment track began at an early age as the Texaco gas station attendant at Sixth and Dawson; Certified Nursing Assistant at New Hanover Memorial Hospital and Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina; a paralegal for noted Wilmington attorneys; a collegiate instructor at Cape Fear Community College; and an intake counselor at the Oaks of Wilmington. His legendary pseudo doctor status precedes him. Mike was well-liked amongst the medical faculty

and staff physicians. They would often allow Mike to accompany them on medical rounds, thus coining his nickname of "Dr. Shoe". Mike was a lover of fine arts and music. He was a saxophonist and jazz was his genre of choice. He had a very fond love of fishing, dabbled in photography and was a surrogate father to his nieces and nephews.

He leaves to cherish his memories: three sisters, Gloria McClammy (Jimmy), Donna Marie Boney (Aaron) all of the city and Eleanor P. Jacobs of Snellville, GA; two uncles, Harlee Evans, Jr. of the city and John L. Evans of Washington, DC; one aunt, Ann E. Ballard of the city; four nephews, Darnell Evans (Treba) and Gregory Evans of Atlanta, GA, Terrance (Elizabeth) of Bothell, WA and Edmond Evans of the city; four nieces, Bridget Webb (Daniel) of Seattle, WA, LaTasha Evans Coley of Upper Marlboro, MD, Teresa Lewis (Olin) of Whigham, GA and Regina Mitchell of the city; a host of relatives and friends, including the brotherhood of William (Marie) Boykin, Oliver Boykin and Windell Butler (Felbie) all of the city and Eugene Wright (Kathy) of Fayetteville, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Edward Rogers, Jr.**

Edward Rogers, Jr. died May 19, 2017 at New Hanover House. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Edward Leroy Rogers was born in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Edward and Josie Rogers on March 21, 1931. He matriculated at Williston High School, Class of 1949, before departing Wilmington, North Carolina to join the United States Navy where he served our country with honor. After having a career in heating and air conditioning and living a full life in Virginia, New York and Maryland, he returned home to be with his loving family. Edward was always the comedian; his laugh was infectious to all those around him. He loved life and lived life on his terms. Edward had a big heart and would give you the shirt off his back. He loved spending time with his family and even in the end, he wanted to bring his family comfort. When asked how he was doing he would always reply, "I'm alright." In addition to his parents, Edward was preceded in death by his oldest brother, Willie L. Shaw, Jr. and younger brother, Horace Rogers.

Edward is survived by two sons, Roy (Brenda) and Ronald (Shirley) all of Hampton, VA; four sisters, Gwendolyn (Hugh) of Wilmington, NC, Marsha Jean of Baltimore, MD, Helyn (James) of Wilmington, NC,

and Sandra (James) of Navassa, NC; one sister-in-law, Marie B. Shaw of Wilmington, NC; a loving aunt, Barbara Hayes of Baltimore, MD; grandchildren and host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including a lifelong friend, Samuel Mack and special friend of the family, Dorothy Shaw. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Joann Stukes**

Joann Stukes died May 19, 2017 at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, May 26, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

JoAnn Stukes was born on July 21, 1953 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Ester Mea Stukes and grandparents, the late Carrie and Haywood Sellars. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Leon Davis; son, Frankie "D" Stukes and sister, Angela "Angie" Stukes. JoAnn was educated in the New Hanover county School System graduating from John T. Hoggard in the Class of 1973. JoAnn, known to her family as "Big Jo" was a devoted mother to her three children as well as other children she came in contact with. Her adopted children called her "Momma Jo". Surviving to cherish her precious memories: daughter, Inga Janell Stukes; son, Joey Lavar Stukes; grandchildren, Brianna Stukes, Qua'Shawn Stukes, keaunna Stukes, Unique Thomas and Mi'Siah Stukes; niece, April Stukes; nephews, Darrell Stukes and Stevie Stukes; special aunt/sister, VeAnn Sellars; adopted children, Mendy Hansley, Steve Givens, Edward "Demo" Huckabee; loving persons dear to her heart and considered her best friends, Gwendolyn "Cookie" best-Allen and Linda

Strawder; a host of aunts, uncles; great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and friends. 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 were held 3 PM on Friday, May 26, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Nettie, daughter of the late Ivory Ella and Willie Brown was born on September 4, 1930, in Florence, South Carolina. She was married to Joseph Cobbs, Sr. who preceded her in death. Nettie worked various jobs and spent her later years helping care for her grandchild-

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**Sadie Bell Pearson**  
June 2009

**As I Sit In Heaven**

As I sit in heaven  
And watch you everyday  
I try to let you know with  
signs I never went away  
I hear you when you're  
laughing  
And watch you as you sleep  
I even place my arms around  
you  
To calm you as you weep  
I see you wish the days away  
Begging to have me home  
So I try to send you signs  
So you know you are not  
alone  
Don't feel guilty that you  
have  
Life that was denied to me  
Heaven is truly beautiful  
Just you wait and see  
So live your life, laugh again  
Enjoy yourself, be free  
Then I know with every  
breath you take  
You'll be taking one for me...

Submitted by your,  
Children, grandchildren,  
great grands and  
great-great grands

**In Loving Memory Of**



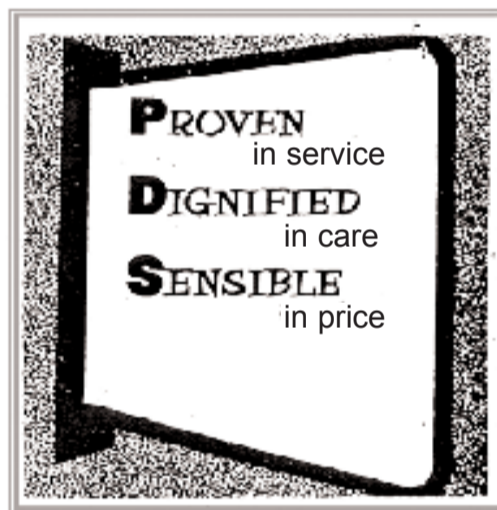
**Jonathan Q. Allen**  
Sunrise: June 25, 1989  
Sunset: June 2, 2014

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## New Hanover County

**Mt. Calvary MBC**, 812 Harnett Street will hold their Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 12th- Friday, June 16th from 6:30 - 8:30 Nightly. Theme: "A Mighty Fortress" Bible Teachings, Fellowship, Fun, Refreshments. Transportation Available: Call Church for Rides: 910 762-8186

**Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church**, 801 South 10th St., youth department will celebrate their anniversary holding a Youth Revival, Wednesday, June 7th- Friday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The evangelist will be Rev. Melissa McColum Bryant of Chadbourne, NC. A spaghetti dinner will be served following the Friday night service. The anniversary will culminate with the morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 11th. Apostle Pierre Cobb of Fayetteville, NC will be the speaker of the hour. Also Mt. Nebo will hold their Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 12th- Friday, June 16th at 8:00 p.m. nightly. The theme will be "Glow with Jesus." Classes will be available for all ages starting at 3 years old.

## Religious Briefs

**Price Cathedral AME Zion Church** will hold a "Morning of Celebration" on June 11th at 11:00 am. There will be a three in one celebration, Rededication of the Church building, Church Anniversary, and Family and Friends Day! The guest preacher is The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Monroe, Presiding Prelate of the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District (ENCED).

**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.

**The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church**, located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community will celebrate their Annual Children's Day Celebration on Sunday, June 11th beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Youth Minister James Murphy as our guest speaker. The children will be singing and they are in charge of the entire morning service. Dinner immediately following our morning worship service. Then at 3:30 p.m., their 50 States Rally in conjunction with our Annual Clubs Boards & Auxiliary Day! Rev. Thomas Williams is to deliver the afternoon message, the Pastor of St. Paul AME Zion Church Freeman, N.C. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation. For more information, you may call our Children's Day Chair Christian Education Direction Sis. Dentrail Boykin at 910-200-4953 and for our 50 States Rally & Clubs Boards & Auxiliaries Day call our Chair Sis. Dorene Crumpler at 910-264-1956

## Bladen County

**Bryant Swamp Missionary Baptist Church of Bladenboro** will celebrate their pastor's, Dr. and Mrs. Thurman B. Everett's, 21st Pastoral Anniversary, 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.

## Brunswick County

**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

**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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## In Memoriam



**Charles Wesley Dumlup, Sr.**  
Sunrise: February 22, 1922  
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## Memories Live On

"We can't know why the Lilly has so brief a time to bloom in the warmth of sunlight's kiss upon its face, before it folds its fragrance in and bids the world good, night to rest its beauty in a gentler place. But we can know that nothing that is loved is ever lost, and no one who has ever touched a heart can really pass away, because some beauty lingers on in each memory of which they've been a part." We remember. We love you.  
Wife, Addie; sons, Charles and Carlton; grandchildren, Taylor and Karla; sisters, Elsie; other relatives and friends

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## God promised us a comforter

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

We, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship, opened our meeting with the opening hymn, "Christ Is All the World to Me." We were led in an opening prayer by Dorothy Pridgen. Our next song was "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow."

Mr. George Hill's meditation began in the beginning of the creation. God promised us a Comforter. The flesh fights the Holy Spirit. Lousy attitudes and life's situations will get in the way. We should have self control and ask God to show us how to walk in His Word. Trust in God. Read and study the Word. Are you ready for a change? Are you doing what God wants us to do? We

can be like Him if we follow the Bible's teachings.

Mr. Hill's meditation was followed by, "To Be Like Jesus," led by Minister McQuillan. After expressions, Mrs. Jennings read a poem which she wrote. This poem was related to Memorial Day. It was very inspirational.

We had one visitor, Ms. Donna Evans Boney. Mr. Hill welcomed her, and she joined

the group. Mrs. Ellerby shared the May 23rd minutes. Our final meeting for the year is our birthday celebration at the Asian Buffet restaurant.

The Fellowship enjoyed Mrs. Mary Martin's "Smiles," and this part of the meeting was followed by our closing song and closing prayer.

At this point, the meeting was adjourned.

There were 53 present.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "The Pentecostal Promise of the Father"

"And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4

**Promise-** An indication of something forthcoming; A declaration of something that one will or will not do something.

**Pentecost-**A Christian festival celebrated on the 7th. Sunday After Easter to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples Disciple - Follower, Believer

The Holy Ghost / Holy Spirit is the Promise of the Father to the disciples of his Son, Jesus Christ. God cannot lie. Therefore, every promise that he has made is a possibility for every believer! Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the Son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he not made it good?" The Promise of the Father; is



Sylvia Hooper

expressed several times in the Word of God in both the old and the new testament. In Isaiah 43:3, he promised, "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring."

The Promise of the Father, in Joel 2:26-28 is . "And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

The Promise of the Father in John 14:16 is, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever."

The Promise of the Father in John 14:26, is , "But the

Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Promise of the Father in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

The Promise of the Father in John 16:7 is, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

The Promise of the Father in Acts 1:4-5 is, "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

The Promise of the Father in Acts 1:8 is, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

When God makes a promise, you can believe it, and should expect to receive it. If God is your father, you have been made a promise that cannot fail. Have you received the Promise of the Father since you first believed? If so, praise the Lord, and don't forget to 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!

## OBITUARIES

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arms to whoever was in need. In addition to her parents and husband, Nettie was also preceded in death by her daughter, Vera Cobbs; sisters, Evelyn Hall and Grace Davis and her brothers, David Brown, Fulton Brown, Joseph Brown and James Brown.

She leaves to cherish her wonderful memories: her children, Joan CoCo, Joseph Cobbs, Jr., Marvia Bloodworth, Marvin Cobbs, Sylvia Cobbs, Frederick Cobbs (Frances) and Teresa Cobbs; sixteen grandchildren; thirty-nine great-grands and eight great-great-grands. She will be greatly missed by her family but know she has gone on to be with the Lord, for everlasting life. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Wanda Johnson

Wanda Johnson Moore died Monday, May 22, 2017 at UNC Medical Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Wanda, daughter of Mary Johnson and the late Melvin Johnson, Sr. was born on June 18, 1951 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She obtained her education through the New Hanover County Schools. Wanda earned her Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina and was employed as a teacher in the Pender County Schools, from which she retired after serving thirty-one years in education. On January 27, 1979, Wanda was united in holy matrimony to Alexander Moore. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister auntie and friend.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a loving husband, Alexander Moore; children, Eric (Deon) Johnson, Gina (Larry) Mitchell and Panza Cherry; grandchildren, Markel, Jeremiah, Maliea, Jawan, Naveah, Melvin, Maduson, Aayden and Zoey; mother, Mary Johnson; broth-

er, Melvin Johnson, Jr. (LaVerne) and Yvette (Floyd) Robinson; sisters-in-law, Gwendolyn (Cleo) Brown and Pamela Sloan; brothers-in-law, Marshal (Elaine) Moore and Daniel (Gladys) Moore; special caregiver and niece, who stayed by her side until the end, Tia Bethea; other relatives and friends, including special friends, Marilyn Webb, Phyllis Moore, Linda Eakins. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Kevin Johnson

Kevin Johnson died May 23, 2017 at his residence. Memorial services will be held 3 PM Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Laurence McNeil

Laurence McNeil died May 27, 2017 at Silver Stream Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be 12 Noon Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Robert Brown

Robert Brown died May 29, 2017 at Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Elizabeth S. Newkirk

Elizabeth Sidberry Newkirk was born on April 27, 1933 in Wilmington, NC to the late Monroe Sidberry and Elouise Meredith Sidberry. Elizabeth went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

Elizabeth attended St. Thomas Catholic School and graduated from Williston Industrial High School, Class of 1953. She lived in New York for several years before returning to Wilmington and entering the healthcare field. She started out working at Babies Hospital in the laundry and thereafter trained to

become first a Nursing Assistant and then an Operating Room Technician (O.R.) at New Hanover Memorial Hospital - where she retired after 31 years of service.

Elizabeth lived a full and productive life. She was blessed with a daughter, Karen Elizabeth.

Elizabeth always had a smile on her face. She was a fun-loving person with a bubbly and outgoing personality and a member of several social clubs, including "United Senior Citizen Club" and "Young at Heart" Club. As a member of the Williston Industrial High School Class of 1953, Elizabeth was an active member of the Williston Alumni Class of 1953. She served as Alumni Class Treasurer for many years. She loved to travel by bus with her friends and classmates across the country and internationally visiting various cities and sites. Her laughter was contagious and she brought life and joy everywhere she went. She enjoyed going to thrift stores, flea markets and restaurant buffets; she loved crabs, cooking, hosting and attending family cookouts and celebrations.

Elizabeth committed her life to Christ at an early age. She attended Price Cathedral Church here in Wilmington.

Elizabeth leaves to cherish her memory: loving and devoted daughter Karen Elizabeth Evans; loving and devoted son-in-law Charles Henry Evans of Washington, DC; a loving and very special grandson - Charles William Evans of Philadelphia, PA; two brothers, Daisel Sidberry, Sr. (Mary Emma) and James Sidberry of the city; one sister, Eloise Sidberry White, of the city; nieces, Linda Sidberry Gaddis; Daisy Sidberry Brown; nephews, Daisel Sidberry, Jr. (Velveeta); Terry Sidberry (Angela); three great-nephews, Zackary L. Gaddis, Jr.; Daisel Sidberry, III (Tiffany); Demetrius Sidberry (Morgan); six great-nieces, Tamara Harper (Daniel Sr.), Toshia Roper (Lamarcus, Sr.), Nina Brown, Terilyn Gaddis, Danielle Brown, Terri Nicole Sidberry; three great-great nieces; five

great-great nephews; special cousins, Mary Emma Mercy of Rocky Point, NC and Carolyn Hankins of Castle Hayne, NC, along with a host of other cousins, relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com).

## Jerry R. Hall

Jerry Randolph Hall was born in Wilmington, NC on October 18, 1958 to the late Nathaniel and Sadie Webb Hall. He left his earthly home on Monday, May 22, 2017 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Jerry grew up in Delco and graduated from Acme Delco High School in 1976. He was employed with Estes as a truck driver for many years. Jerry was always the life of the party; full of jokes that had you laughing just thinking days and years later. He made an impact on those he met.

Jerry was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald Hall; sisters, Gracie Hall and Gloria Moore.

Jerry leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Gina Ballard Hall; daughter, Keshia Hall; sister, Shrry Hall Bowen; brother, Nathrone Hall and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com).

## Lethetta D. Forbes

Lethetta D. Forbes, age 96, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, May 29, 2017. A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. A visitation will be held one hour prior to services. Burial will be at Calvary Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com).



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This the 11th day of May, 2017

Constance Y. Drain Greene, Executrix  
416 N. 7th St.  
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May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

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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  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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

This the 5th day of May, 2017

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

May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **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 Executor 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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Catherine Lewis Grohman,  
Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Catherine Lewis Grohman**, 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 **September 4, 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 1st day of June, 2017.

Emily Hammonds, Executor of the Estate of Catherine Lewis Grohman  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Katherine L. Johnson,  
Deceased  
File No. 17 E 0914**

The undersigned, having qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of **Katherine L. Johnson**, deceased does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Robin L. Bennette, Personal Representative, at the address set out to below no later than ninety (90) days from the first publication date of this Notice. This notice may be pleaded as bar of any payment or recovery of same which is not given prior to the **18th day of January, 2016**. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at either addresses set out below.

This the 1st day of June, 2017

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.  
2803 Market Street  
PO Box 696  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

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

This the 5th day of May, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Mary Malloy  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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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)**

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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

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
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May 25, June 1, 8, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**ADVERTISEMENT  
Notice to Bidders**

Sealed informal bids, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until **11:00 a.m., June 20, 2017**, in the conference room of the Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Boulevard, Suite 12, Wilmington, North Carolina, and then opened and publicly read for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work connected with: **Runway Lighting Rehabilitation and Vault Modifications** as indicated in the plans and specifications dated May 2017.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m., June 9, 2017 in the conference room of the Wilmington International Airport. Attendance at the Pre-Bid meeting is NOT mandatory, however is strongly recommended.

The project shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment and performing all work required to satisfactorily complete the Runway Lighting Rehabilitation and Vault Modifications project. Items of work include replace existing Runway 2-20 HIRL runway edge lights and cable, install new homeruns including directional drilling, replace supplemental wind cones, replace existing airfield lighting vault generator, and vault modifications.

Bid Forms, Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are on file at the Wilmington International Airport Manager's Office; Talbert & Bright, Inc., 4810 Shelley Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405, and may be obtained from Talbert & Bright, Inc., 4810 Shelley, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, upon the non-refundable payment of One-hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). All plans and specifications will be sent UPS Ground. For faster service, please fax a copy of your request, including a copy of your check with the Contractor's name and contact person, mailing and shipping address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, airport and project name for which you are requesting documents.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, a deposit of cash or by a certified check payable to New Hanover County Airport Authority, and drawn on some bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina, for an amount equal to 5% of the total base bid, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the required Contract will be executed and the required Performance Bond and Payment Bond furnished within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice of formal award of Contract.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Each bidder for this project shall hold a North Carolina Electrical Contractor's License. The proposed Contract for this project is subject to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Bid Conditions contained in Appendix 'C' and to the Federal Contract Provision Requirements contained in Appendix 'D' of the Contract Documents.**

Prospective bidders should read the instructions for preparing bids in Section 20 of the project

specifications carefully before submitting their bids.

Envelopes containing proposals must be sealed, addressed to Mr. Whitney Prease, Facilities Director, Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Boulevard, Suite 12, Wilmington, NC 28405, and marked on the envelope as follows:

**"PROPOSAL FOR  
RUNWAY LIGHTING  
REHABILITATION AND  
VAULT MODIFICATIONS"**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The New Hanover County Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d and 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The New Hanover County Airport Authority hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that the bidder shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, to subcontract **7.4%** of the dollar value of the prime contract for each project or schedule of work to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises DBE. Only firms certified as an DBE by the NCDOT Unified Certification Program may be applied to the goal. In the event that the bidder for this solicitation qualifies as a DBE, the contract goal shall be deemed to have been met. Individuals who are rebuttably presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged include women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans. The apparent successful competitor will be required to submit with the bid information concerning the DBEs that will participate in this contract. The information will include the name and address of each DBE, a description of the work to be performed by each named firm, and the dollar value of the contract. If the bidder fails to achieve the contract goal stated herein, it will be required to provide documentation demonstrating that it made good faith efforts in attempting to do so. A bid that fails to meet these requirements will be considered nonresponsive.

All proposals shall be prepared on the basis of the Minimum Wage Rates as established by the Secretary of Labor and as included in Appendix 'D' of these specifications.

It is the intent of the New Hanover County Airport Authority to award all schedules of work; however, the award of this contract is contingent upon the availability of Federal, State, and Local funds.

The New Hanover County Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

June 1, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

This the 18th day of May, 2017.

George Vadoros, Executor of the Estate of Leon Vadoros  
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM  
720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mary Peacock Andrews**, deceased, of 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 1st day of September, 2017, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of June, 2017.

Richard C. Andrews, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Mary Peacock Andrews  
2322 Parham Drive  
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