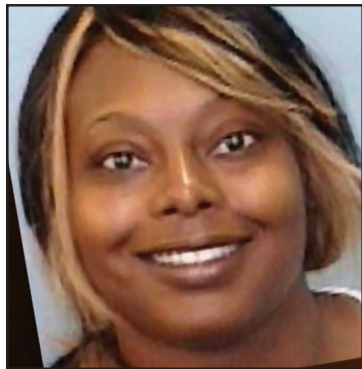


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**BERNEST HEWETT**

**WHY?**

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I just got back from a conference in Denver, and the first day back, I saw on the news the account of a young Black man who shot and killed another. When I left a week ago, there was another shooting of a Black person by another Black person. We know of White crime wherein

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**WILL REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO DELAY REDRAWING VOTING MAPS?**

BY **CASH MICHAELS**  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When the US Supreme Court last week failed to affirm a lower court's order that the Republican-led NC General Assembly immediately redraw its 2011 redistricting map and hold special elections this year because of racial gerrymandering, it unwittingly gave the GOP the tools to make sure special elections aren't likely happen in 2017.

State House and Senate Republican legislative leaders flat out rejected Governor Roy Cooper's call for a concurrent 14-day Special Session to immediately redraw the voting maps, saying that it was "unconstitutional" for the Democratic Governor to do so without "extraordinary occasions."

[As President of the North Carolina

Senate], I ruled his demand for a Special Session unconstitutional," Lt. Governor Dan Forest, a Republican, said during a 2:18 YouTube video to GOP supporters.

Forest went on to say that the NC General Assembly was already in session and that the "federal court requiring redistricting ordered it to occur during the next session that is a regular session of the General Assembly. The drafting of legislative districts is not necessary until the 2018 election cycle, which is over a year away (April 2018)."

Lt. Gov. Forest continued, "For this reason, the Governor's demand for immediate action does not meet the constitutional mandate of an extraordinary occasion."

"In short, we have plenty of time to act," Forest added assuredly.

He continued that "the only reason

to order districts redrawn now is to force a special election this year; other than the normal cycle of 2018."

"To do so would violate the State Constitution," Forest said, "which states that lawmakers are to serve two-year terms." A special election would force all State lawmakers to cut their terms short to run again this year after many were elected in 2016, this time via the new maps, for an abbreviated term. Then, after being re-elected, they would have to gear up again for the regular 2018 re-election campaign, albeit again by the new maps.

Lt. Gov. Forest also made clear that neither he nor any of his fellow Republicans would tolerate new voting maps drawn by the federal court and

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**LT. GOVERNOR DAN FOREST (REPUBLICAN)**

**MOTHER/ DAUGHTER DINNER AT DC VIRGO**



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**ONE OF MANY ACTIVITIES SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT- ACQUINETTA BEATTY, CHAPTER PRESIDENT; ADELL HARRIS, GUEST SPEAKER; SABRINA HILL-BLACK, DC VIRGO PRINCIPAL; SHARON JENKINS, CHAIR OF ELIMINATING THE GAP STANDING- DELTA MEMBERS, STUDENTS & PARENTS**

**Deltas celebrate May Week**

BY **MARVA ROBINSON**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**M**ay Week for the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an annual tradition wherein chapters in the United States and abroad focus on the organization's five point programmatic thrusts, recognize chapter public service initiatives and applaud the accomplishments of individual members.

The Wilmington Alumnae Chapter hosted several activities during the month of May, commencing with the Big Hat Gospel/Jazz Brunch on May 6th at Union Missionary Baptist Church Banquet Hall.

Proceeds from this event benefit the chapter's endowment scholarship for minority students at UNCW and other philanthropic efforts. Guests were entertained with gospel and jazz by The Company, a musical group under the direction of Cornelius Hamilton, poetic expressions from Reverend Dierdre Parker and a dance rendition by Ministry In Motion. A promenade of unique and various hat styles worn by selected guests delighted the audience and the participants as the spontaneous parade encircled the hall. This early afternoon event, complete with a luncheon meal and splendid entertainment received enthusiastic compliments with hopeful anticipation for a program next year.

At the beginning of the school year, The Wilmington Chapter adopted the seventh grade at DC Virgo Preparatory School as its Eliminating The Achievement Gap Project, providing school supplies, and hosting a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. A Mother/Daughter Dinner held on May 17th culminated the chapter's involvement for the year. Young ladies who were recommended by faculty members, along with their mothers were honored with a dinner in a beautiful setting at the school's Parent Room.

Highlights of the program included Ready For The World Presentations; Table Etiquette - Veda Wilson, Appropriate Dress - Bertha Henry and Presenting Yourself To The World - Krista Holland. After dinner which was prepared and served by Delta members, Guest Speaker, Ms. Adell Harris, former women's basketball coach at UNCW motivated the students to dream big dreams and determine not to be at the mercy of anyone.

On Sunday May 21st, chapter members worshiped together at Mt. Carmel AME Church in Southport.

Tuesday, May 23rd, members focused on public service, conducting the monthly Delta Academy activity for girls at the Community Boys and Girls Club.

Additionally, Deltas engaged in other informative and fellowship activities at the Delta House. The theme, Sisterhood and Service characterized the commemoration of May Week 2017.

**Some say Russia 'collusion' investigation distracting from Black issues**

BY **BARRINGTON M. SALMON**  
FOR TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - During former FBI Director Jim Comey's testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee last week, the irony of Black people cheering for Comey didn't escape African-Americans who watched the on-going saga unfold in public view last week.

In more than three hours of testimony, Comey said under oath that the president repeatedly pressed him for a pledge of loyalty and asked him to drop the investigation into former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn. And after Comey failed to fulfill the president's wishes, Trump fired him.

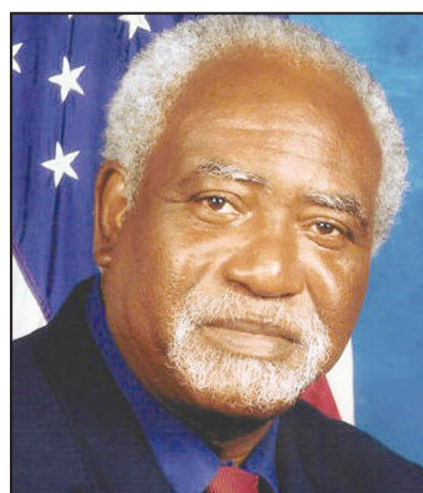
In casual conversations, political discussions and debates in Black communities across the country, the question has centered on how invested African-Americans should be in the hearings and their outcome given the FBI's history of unfairness to Black leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Moreover, with Black progress at stake, some wonder whether the focus on the Trump-Comey controversy is too much of a distraction.

Mimi Machado-Luces, a documentary filmmaker, photographer and mother of two, said she watched the hearing and believes Trump is a liar who lacks the skills or temperament to be president. This is all the more reason that Black people must escalate their attention to Black progress.

People of African descent in America, she said, were lulled to sleep by eight years of a Barack Obama presidency and now most still can't rouse themselves to fully confront the dangers that the Trump administration has spawned.

"I think that we've fallen back onto this

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**U.S. CONGRESSMAN DANNY DAVIS**

**Criminal justice disparities present barriers to re-entry**

BY **U.S. CONGRESSMAN DANNY DAVIS (D-ILLINOIS)**

Austin, Ill., the community where I live, in the heart of the congressional district I represent, includes the zip code with the largest number of releases from the Illinois Department of Corrections; 90 percent of the individuals released are African American males.

When these (mostly) young men are

released from prison, they find all of the social and economic barriers they faced before incarceration, plus additional barriers to jobs, housing, education, and almost every aspect of daily life. One in every 40 adults is unable to vote because of a current or prior felony conviction. For African Americans, the rate is one in 13.

Over the past 50 years, our penal system has become an increasingly urgent issue that has reached crisis

proportions, especially in the African American community. There were about 338,000 individuals in prison in 1970. Today, that number is over 2,000,000. That number has grown every decade over the last half century without regard for the falling crime rate. The Federal Bureau of Prisons appropriations increased more than

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Whites have abused Blacks or minorities because of race/ethnic difference. Others have been abused because of differences of styles of living or even religious faith, but why are we beginning to commit this same hatred on each other? Why is it so easy for our young men and women beginning to hate each other without any remorse? It is not a normal thing for Blacks in the past to be so aggressive to one another. In times past, you would see or hear of Blacks' killing one another, but now it's outrageous and getting worse. There is a solution to this problem. It takes a village to raise a child. So let's lay down things that hinder us and begin to stand for something that is positive and meaningful and teach it to our future and remind the present that it is still possible for our people to be anything that they want to be.

In Brunswick County, I was taught to be all that I could be and that I should never stop trying. Most of us made a success out of what we started out to do, no matter what the path we had to travel to get it done. We were not all professional

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hinted that that's what Gov. Cooper is really striving for in his call for lawmakers to immediately get back to the drawing board.

Again, our State Constitution is clear. Legislative authority rests solely with the NC General Assembly. Nowhere in our Constitution is this duty shared with, or abdicated to, the courts."

"Be reminded..." Forest concluded, "what the progressive movement cannot attain at the ballot box, they are attempting to attain from the courts."

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lull of 'Oh...good times are over.' We've fallen back into this reactionary mode," she said. "Black Lives Matter and other groups like that are grand but I don't see anyone coming out aggressively about things we need to be pursuing in our agenda, talking about the effects of things Trump is coming in to dismantle."

Machado-Luces, an artist-in-residence teaching Digital Media at several DC and Maryland schools, said she wonders if and when Black people will come together and coalesce around a meaningful, substantive agenda.

"I don't know if that will happen, probably not in my lifetime," she said. "All I know is that there's so much work to do. I don't want to say we as a people lack vision. We're psychologically lulled into accepting the oppression. I see some people trying to change things but part of the oppression is written into law. People get off when they shouldn't."

The intrigue and importance of the topic of possible collusion with a foreign country by a U. S presidential administration has not escaped coverage by the Black press, which has historically covered the antagonist relationship between the Black community and the FBI as well as other law enforcement agencies. DC-based independent journalist and political analyst Lauren Victoria Burke said she was among those glued to coverage, mainly because of the gravity of the events.

Burke said unlike the Iran-Contra scandal, for example, the ethical lapses and conflicts of interests swirling around this White House is a "much more serious matter because of the possibility of the president or his people being involved in treasonous activity."

She said, "It's a spy-level novel situation...No. I've never seen anything like this. The idea that somehow this is normal - none of this is normal."

Burke, who covers Capital Hill daily, says Black Democratic lawmakers like Reps. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) and Al Green (D-Texas) have been leading the charge in criticizing Trump, calling for a special prosecutor and seeking impeachment.

"They've been a little bit more out in front than most people. Green and Waters have called for impeachment. They're the only members to call for impeachment," said

tradesmen, doctors, or lawyers, etc. However, we were successful at what we did, whether we were farmers, fishermen, ironworkers, brick masons, or whatever. That's because we were taught respect for life and a strong work ethic. However, it seems now that a lot of this is lost. Let's start the ball rolling again! We shall overcome but only with work!!

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

House Republicans voted 71-44 to cancel Governor Cooper's special session, calling it a "political stunt."

To Democrats, these are fighting words, to say the least. "The Supreme Court has issued its decision. The courts have spoken - unanimously - on this issue," said Senate Minority Leader Senator Dan Blue (D-Wake).

"We have been operating under unconstitutional legislative maps for the past five years. For Republicans to suggest that this issue is not extraordinary is to show contempt for the US Supreme Court, the district courts and the North Carolina voters."

"Republicans can try to delay justice," Senator Blue contin-

ued, "...but they cannot ignore it."

Saying that "...my Republican colleagues may be dragging their feet to fix racially gerrymandered districts and are slow to abide by a process that should begin immediately," Senator Paul Lowe (D-Forsyth) went on to say, "Fixing these maps before the legislature adjourns will save the time and taxpayer money that a special session later in the year would cost. There is no reason for delay. North Carolina voters deserve to know what districts they will be voting in next year."

However, beyond not jeopardizing their majorities in both the State House and Senate, why else would legislative Republicans not want to

redraw unconstitutionally gerrymandered voting districts right now?

"Delay tactics poll favorably to their base and have positive impact on their fundraising," says Rep. Evelyn Terry (D-Forsyth), who joined with her colleagues of the Democrat led NC Legislative Black Caucus last week to call for Republican leadership to immediately redraw the voting lines.

In its ruling last week, the US Supreme court directed the federal three judge panel to decide again when the voting maps should be redrawn, and if special elections should take place, and when.

Last Friday, that judicial panel, promising to act promptly, requested that attorneys for

the State, State lawmakers and the NC State Board of Elections, to submit their motions "as expeditiously as possible."

On Monday, Governor Cooper, flanked by Senate Minority Leader Blue and House Minority Leader Rep. Darren Jackson (D-Wake) called for special elections to be held before the 2018 legislative session.

"North Carolina shouldn't hold another session or have another budget voted on by an unconstitutional legislature," Cooper said. "Maps should be drawn this month and an election held before next year's legislative session. If the legislature doesn't do its job soon the courts should."

Burke. "Waters came out in front very early. She talked in a way that people were saying to take it back. But it's almost mainstream now."

Sam Collins, a millennial grassroots journalist and activist, said he watched sections of the Comey hearing with a jaundiced eye. He's tired, he said, of the mainstream treating critical, potentially life-and-death issues and the dysfunction and chaos emanating from the White House as a

pay-per-view event. Even though he has a good handle on the inner-workings of government and its relationship with the people it purports to serve, Collins said he's still not sure whether the entire Russia debacle is just a diversionary tactic.

"Our leaders are following Russia while districts are going through issues, such as access to quality healthcare, unemployment and other problems that were here long before

Russia or Trump," said Collins, who is a teacher with District of Columbia Public Schools. "It's proxy war. They're putting up this proxy war to distract us."

As he's watched the Trump White House try unsuccessfully to fend off a rising chorus of accusations of collusion with Russia and a variety of other potential misdeeds, Collins believes Black leaders have become distracted as African-Americans and people of color

face more overt racism, unprovoked attacks, hostility from the Trump administration, and the reversal of hard-earned gains by regressive forces.

"We need to organize among ourselves," he concluded. "The NAACP is going through an identity crisis and may be about to fall under. I wouldn't be mad," Collins said with a chuckle. "There are no radical voices...All this political stardom and we have no juice to move anything."

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**NCNAACP DEMANDS THAT LAWMAKERS "CEASE AND DESIST"**

[RALEIGH] Demanding that state lawmaker "cease and desist" passing any more legislation until new, constitutional voting maps are drawn and special elections held, Rev. William Barber, outgoing president of the NCNAACP, told reporters Tuesday during a press conference in front of



the Legislative Building. "Currently, we have an unconstitutionally constituted, illegal body leading our state legislature, and it has become evident that they are more entrenched than they ever were," Rev. Barber said. "They're not in office because they won the election. They're in office, according to the courts, because they cheated, and they used racial methods to cheat. And then, with illegal power, they have passed bills that have hurt all North Carolinians." GOP legislative leaders have refused to

begin redrawing maps until a federal court orders them to.

**EDGECOMBE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS APOLOGIZING FOR DENYING CLASS PRESIDENT HIS DIPLOMA BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T READ THEIR SPEECH**

[EDGECOMBE COUNTY] Administrators at Southwest Edgecombe County High School have apologized to a graduating student for refusing to give him his diploma at graduation, just because

he substituted a graduation speech he authored himself, instead of reading one the school had written for him to read. Marvin Wright, senior class president, says he and his family are angry with his school for embarrassing him by not giving him his diploma at graduation exercises, just because, at the last minute, he decided not to read the speech he was given. Instead, he read one he worked hard to write, saluting his fellow classmates for graduating. School administrators eventually apologized, and the school's

principal hand-delivered Marvin's diploma to his house Sunday. They admit there was nothing wrong with the student's speech.

**ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD VOTES TO BAN SYMBOLS OF RACIAL INTIMIDATION**

[HILLSBOROUGH] Outraged parents wanted a ban symbols of the Confederate flag in public schools throughout the county, but the Orange County School Board Monday compromised in its language, and voted to ban symbols "that are indecent,

profane or racially intimidating that create a reasonable forecast of disruption" in a revised school dress code. Parents with the Hate-Free Schools Coalition, which originally wanted the Confederate flag banned alone, said they were satisfied with that outcome. Black students had complained that some white students would wear the symbol of the old South on tee-shirts to racially intimidate them on campus.

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\$7.1 billion from FY1980 (\$330 million) to FY2016 (\$7.479 billion)

Every year in the United States, 641,000 people walk out of prison gates, and, every year, people will go to jail over 11 million times. This is called jail churn. It happens, because most of the people who are jailed have not been convicted. Some will make bail within a short time; some are too poor and will stay in jail until their trial. Some will be convicted of misdemeanors and will receive sentences of under a year.

African Americans are incarcerated at nearly six times the rate of Whites and while they make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they are 40 percent of the prison population. In some states that rate was 10 times or more. Research from numerous scholars and organizations has been instrumental in developing a growing bipartisan consensus on the forces driving this great disparity and the additional costs this disparity places on the African American community and society in general.

A recent report by The Sentencing Project notes:

Proposed explanations for disparities range from variations in offending based on race to biased decision-making in the criminal justice system, and also include a range of individual level factors such as poverty, education outcomes, unemployment history, and

criminal history.

During my years in the Congress, I have fought to reduce disparities in our criminal justice system. I believe my "Second Chance Act" and other initiatives, coupled with the fiscal realities that these disparities have imposed on the states and federal government, have helped to create a space for bipartisan debate and consensus about how best to reduce these disparities.

I believe that debate and consensus laid the groundwork for some gains we saw during the Obama presidency. The Sentencing Project notes:

While states and the federal government have modestly reduced their prison populations in recent years, incarceration trends continue to vary significantly across jurisdictions. Overall, the number of people held in state and federal prisons has declined by 4.9% since reaching its peak in 2009. Sixteen states have achieved double-digit rates of decline and the federal system has downsized at almost twice the national rate. Twelve states have continued to expand their prison populations even though most have shared in the nationwide crime drop. States with the most substantial prison population reductions have often outpaced the nationwide crime drop.

These incremental steps toward equal justice are now being reversed by our new administration. As reported by *The Atlantic*:

Democratic and Republican officials alike took up the ban-

ner of criminal-justice reform over the past five years, hoping to reduce the nation's unprecedented prison population and scale back the harshest punishments of the tough-on-crime era. Now Attorney General Jeff Sessions has taken a major step toward rolling back their efforts...

Friday's policy change effectively rescinds Obama-era guidelines for federal prosecutors that were designed to curtail the harshest sentences for defendants charged with low-level drug offenses. The previous memo, first promulgated by then-Attorney General Eric Holder in 2013, reserved the most severe options in the federal sentencing guidelines for "serious, high-level, or violent drug traffickers" instead of defendants charged with lower-level offenses.

Given the significant achievements during the Obama Presidency, the Sessions guidelines for federal prosecutors can only be viewed as a rejection of notions of equal justice in America and a direct attack on the African American community and other communities of color. The "lock 'em up and throw away the key" philosophy of responding to crime has never worked and never will. It plays on fear, misinformation and racial bias.

As Holder wrote in response to the Sessions memo:

The policy announced today is not tough on crime. It is dumb on crime. It is an ideologically motivated, cookie-cutter approach that has only been

proven to generate unfairly long sentences that are often applied indiscriminately and do little to achieve long-term public safety.

Prevention, treatment and rehabilitation are just as important, perhaps more important, than incarceration. Men, women and young people who are imprisoned have to live in our communities after they are released. We know that increasing public safety is a primary concern of our communities all over the country. We also

know that public safety is a difficult goal to obtain because of the barriers that individuals released from prison encounter every day. I reject Sessions' attempt to turn back the clock on equal justice and the philosophy underlying his actions and will do everything in my power to reverse it. I believe the vast majority of the American people will clearly and firmly reject it as well.

As it currently stands, many of the individuals who are labeled ex-felons, ex-offenders,

returning citizens, or with some other name will spend a lifetime in misery poverty and with little hope. We can change that and we must.

*Representative Danny K. Davis was elected to Congress in 1996, and serves on the Committee on Ways and Means. In addition to the Congressional Black Caucus, he's a member of the Urban Caucus and the Community Health Center Caucus. Follow him on Twitter at @RepDannyDavis.*

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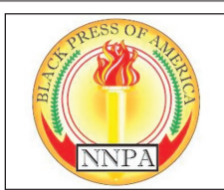


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## OUR VOICE GUEST EDITORIAL

### CASH IN THE APPLE THE REDISTRICTING FARCE

So when will it end? I mean how many more Mondays do we have to go through with the US Supreme Court nailing our Republican-led NC legislature to the legal wall for some conniving law or plan they thought they could go get away with?

Last week, you'll recall, the US High Court ruled that North Carolina's legislative redistricting maps were (surprise, surprise) unconstitutional because 28 voting districts drawn by the Republicans in 2011 "stacked and packed" African-American voters, a classic case of racial gerrymandering if ever there was one.



Cash Michaels

The week before that, the High Court sent a case back to the NC Supreme Court for a third time because when the GOP had the majority on it, they apparently had no problem with all of the racial gerrymandering their brethren in the state legislature thought they should get away with.

The week before that, the most high Supremes nailed North Carolina Republican lawmakers for drawing racially gerrymandered districts in the congressional 1st and 12th districts, effectively cramming all the black voters they could find in both so that they could not influence the other 11 congressional races.

And finally, the week before that, US Supreme Court didn't even bother to review last year's US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling striking down North Carolina's wretched 2013 voter ID law.

You know, the one that the Fourth Circuit ruled targeted the black vote in our state with "...almost surgical precision.

What a disgraceful record when it comes to the Republican efforts to suppress the black vote in order to gain and maintain power in our state. And with the US Supreme Court ruling repeatedly that all of this stems from the 2011 restricting maps drawn by Republicans, that means that every election held since 2011, based on those maps, should be null and void, because the voting districts were illegally drawn.

So the Republican state lawmakers pushing all of these crazy laws down our throats, like the most recent one where you don't need a gun permit to carry a concealed weapon in most places, weren't even legally elected.

And so when can we get new, more constitutionally drawn voting district maps in places? A federal three-judge panel ruled last year that the maps should be redrawn last March, with special elections held this November.

The Republicans appealed that ruling to the High Court and a stay until that order got top judicial review.

Well, last week, the US Supreme Court came back agreeing with that three-judge panel, but ordered that panel to reconsider the redrawing of the maps, and special elections.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper ordered state lawmakers into special session last week to begin redrawing the new maps, but (surprise, surprise), Republican leaders refused to do it, saying Cooper's order is unconstitutional, and they'd rather wait until that three-judge panel orders them to redraw.

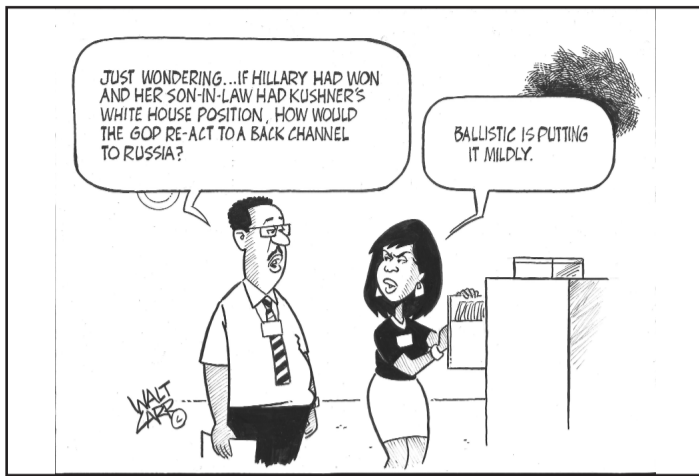
But do you see the trick here? That panel orders new maps and special elections, and the Republicans simply appeal that to the US Supreme Court again, eating up valuable time, and pretty much assuring that 2017 special elections can never happen.

This isn't over by a longshot folks. The Republicans have vowed to pass new voter ID laws, and there's no telling what they'll come up with if they redraw the maps. They're goal is to have death grip on political power at any cost.

No political party should have that. There should be a non-partisan redistricting commission in place to take the politics out of voting maps. But guess who doesn't such a creature to draw fair, unbiased voting districts for us?

Please, pay close attention to what happens next.  
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## Visual Voice



## Your Voice

1st Tuesday-Excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Ned To Do"

Gerrymandering, gentrification, voter suppression and apathy elected Trump. Our courts have and are correcting the 1st three, apathy requires one-on-one conversations to change it. Only congress can impeach Trump, but I can help stop my congressman from being re-elected with positives acts. I will buy a lotter ticket to help my fellow teacher receive a much-needed raise and honor diversity by saying good-by him in a different language each month leading up to the 2018 mid-term election!!!

I am saying good-by this month to my NC Republican 7th district United States Representatives in Swahili. "Kwaheri" David Rouzer!!!

James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

Although the Juneteeth celebration is suppose to mean that we as African American

slaves were based on the Emancipation Proclamation that occurred in

1865 and a year later in Texas is coming to free and we may never be 'free': if we do not truly understand that we must save ourselves because nobody is coming to save us. So, as you put that extra cheese on the burger and open something cold to drink, think about the below story where some of our Ancestors were starved to death. Freedom is not free.

"History has always made concentration camps to be synonymous with the atrocities of Nazi Germany. But, America has its own dirty secrets about the use of concentration camps. These camps were located in Natchez, Mississippi and were used to corral freed slaves during and after the American Civil War. As slaves were being emancipated from the plantations, their route to freedom usually took them in the vicinity of the Union army forces. Unhappy with the slaves

being freed, the army began recapturing the slaves and forced the men back into hard labor camps. The most notorious of the several concentration camps that were established was located in Natchez, MS.

As the slaves made their way to freedom, the town of Natchez went from a population of 10,000 to 120,000 people almost overnight. In order to deal with the population influx of recently freed slaves, a concentration camp was established to essentially eradicate the slaves. The men were recaptured by the Union troops and forced back into hard labor. The women and children were locked behind the concrete walls of the camp and left to die from starvation. Many also died from the smallpox disease. In total, over 20,000 freed slaves were killed in one year, inside of this American concentration camp.

A researcher studying the existence of the concentration camps said, "The union army did not allow them to remove

the bodies from the camp. They just gave 'em shovels and said bury 'em where they drop." The camp was called the Devil's Punchbowl because of the way the area is shaped. The camp was located at the bottom of a cavernous pit with trees located on the bluffs above.

Today the bluffs are known for the wild peach grooves but the locals will not eat any of the fruit because some are aware of what has fertilized the trees. One researcher has noted that skeletal remains still wash-up when the area becomes flooded by the Mississippi River. Even when America tries to bury its racist ways, we must force America to acknowledge what has occurred and not shy away from the truth. Let's never forget all the freed slaves that died in American concentration camps at the Devil's Punchbowl." By Paula Westbrook, From the Paranormal Project.

Respectfully yours,  
Haywood Fennell  
Veteran/Author/Activist

## Matters of Opinion

### JFK's "New frontier" vs. Trump's America the usual

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*"But I tell you the New Frontier is here, whether we seek it or not. Beyond that frontier are the uncharted areas of science and space, unsolved problems of peace and war, unconquered pockets of ignorance and prejudice, unanswered questions of poverty and surplus...But I believe the times demand new invention, innova-*



Dr. Wilmer Leon

tion, imagination, decision." Senator John F. Kennedy July 15, 1960

On May 29th, we commemorated the 100th birthday of one of the most popular presidents ever, the late President John F. Kennedy. As America romanticizes Kennedy's "Camelot" accurate historical context requires that we also assess Kennedy's understanding of realpolitik. He was a shrewd and practical politician.

Before he delivered his definitive statement on Civil Rights in 1963, Senator Kennedy voted against the 1957 Civil Rights Bill in order not to alienate the

Southern Democrats whose votes he would need for a successful run for the White House. He reluctantly added the words "at home" to his 1960 inaugural address in reference to the struggle for human rights. To Kennedy, the omission would keep the human rights struggle in the domestically accepted anti-communism context. To include them would refer to the politically volatile Civil Rights Movement. Then there was Vietnam. Kennedy was a proponent of the "Domino Theory". If South Vietnam fell into Communist control the rest of the region would befall the same fate.

Kennedy was also a true visionary whose clear and lofty rhetoric motivated Americans to view both domestic and foreign policy issues as challenges to overcome instead of insurmountable obstacles. "We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things not because they are easy, but because they are hard; because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills..."

The celebration of his 100th birthday and the short-lived

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## On courtesy - Race, gender and the 45 defensive

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Courtesy flew out of the window in Washington parlance a long time ago. The minute a deranged Congressman stood up and hollered, "you lie" at a sitting President (this was South Carolina Republican Congressman Joe Wilson yelling at President Barack Obama), we knew that courtesy had taken a vacation. Courtesy took more than a time out when we had a Presidential candidate bragging about grabbing p\*\*\*y and calling our Mexican American brothers and sisters rapists. Courtesy was even more far gone when 45 attacked Congressman and civil rights icon John Lewis (D-GA) because of a disagreement. But courtesy was really kicked to the curb when Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) had the audacity to scold his colleague, the scintillating Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) because she was theoretically not courteous to the dissembling liar, Deputy Attorney General Rod



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Rosenstein, when she asked pointed questions about the firing of former FBI director James Comey. As she became aggressive, which was her right, Senator Burr, who asked that Mr. Rosenstein be treated "with courtesy", admonished her:

What is courtesy? A dictionary defines it as "excellence of manners or social conduct", "polite behavior", "courteous, respectful or considerate acts", "Indulgence, consent, or acquiescence." A senate hearing is not the place to have "indulgence". It is not the place to, necessarily, offer acquiescence. It is the place to ask hard questions and to demand uneasy answers. It is not the place, apparently, for an intelligent African American woman to do her job, given that Senator Richard Burr seems to think that Black women don't get to ask hard questions.

We've been down this road before. A couple of months ago, Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) was shut down when she attempted to read a letter that the late Coretta Scott King wrote about current Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Her colleagues voted to halt her remarks because of some obscure rule that prevents Senators from criticizing their colleagues. More importantly, they voted to treat her in a way

that they had treated no man. Just like they voted to scold Senator Harris.

Senator Harris will not back down from her senatorial detractors. A seasoned prosecutor who has clawed her way up the political hierarchy in California, is a woman who does not play. She didn't back down, and she won't back down. All she wants, and all we want, are answers about what has happened about the Comey firing, the FBI investigations, and more. As a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, she is entitled to push as aggressively as required, and she must be allowed to have no pushback. How dare Richard Burr chastise her about courtesy? We are experiencing the most discourteous Presidential administration that we ever have. Seasoned politicians remember the Reagan administration as an ideological shift, but not a total absence of courtesy. Reagan, totally flawed, was at least affable. 45 is a mean, myopic, narcissistic, odious and rude man. And his minions, like Richard Burr, are especially going to have his back when a Black woman is pushing the envelope. Several other Senators, equally pointed, were allowed to go after the liars. Only Senator Kamal Harris was pushed.

I am lifting up Senator

Kamala Harris, and reminding myself of the words she offered at her victory party on November 8, 2016. She said, "It is the very nature of this fight for civil rights and justice and equality that whatever gains we make, they will not be permanent. So we must be vigilant," Harris said. "Do not despair. Do not be overwhelmed. Do not throw up our hands when it is time to roll up our sleeves and fight for who we are."

Senator Kamala Harris is fighting for us, and we have got to have her back. Shame on Senator Richard Burr and the others who would silence her. Why would they muzzle her, but not their male colleagues? There should be no indulgence here, no acquiescence. Senator Kamala Harris should not back down, break down, stand down. She is fully within her rights to fight oppression. This is about race, and gender, and the power of patriarchy. This is the ugliness that we must fight.

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## VOICE YOUR OPINION!!



WRITE A LETTER  
TO THE EDITOR!

REALITY CHECK

# The negative side of Brown vs Board

May 17, 2017 was the 63rd anniversary of the Supreme Court's Brown vs Board of Education decision declaring that legally-sanctioned and enforced school segregation a violation of the Constitution of the United States. At the time and often since then, that decision

has been heralded as a major victory over the white supremacists/racists in the former Confederate States of America.

No doubt it was but the aftermath of that historic decision has not proven to be totally positive for Black folks because it has been interpreted as meaning all-Black schools were inherently inferior; not because of deliberate decisions made by state government officials and the white supremacist/racist attitudes and practices of the majority white population, but because they were all-Black.



A. Peter Bailey

Through the years that interpretation came to include all-Black businesses, all-Black professionals, all-Black colleges and universities, all-Black anything. As a result, way too many, if not most Black folks, basically abandoned Black businesses, professionals, colleges and universities, restaurants, etc. With enthusiasm, we began delivering most all of our economic resources, mainly to whites, but also to businesses owned by members of other ethnic and nationality communities.

This practice has cost us dearly, psychologically, culturally and economically. Psychologically, to believe that anything is inherently inferior or just because it's Black is self-defeating and demoralizing. Culturally, it means too many of us with dyed blonde hair and blonde wigs; it means accepting the use of the n-word as some kind of liberating act; it means way too many of us still talking about a woman being "dark-skinned but pretty" or having "good hair"; it also means giving people from other ethnic groups millions of dollars annually for fake hair. I guess

Black hair is inherently inferior.

Economically, it means practically donating several billion dollars, annually for services that we could get from other Black folks to white doctors, lawyers, dentists, press agents, public relations operatives, newspapers, magazines, car dealers, restaurants, bars, and on and on.

For the sake of our children, if not ourselves, we must reject any declaration that all-Black schools were inherently inferior in 1954. They were physically inferior because of deliberate policies to make them so by white supremacists/racists. And remember that those schools were the initial learning spaces for the overwhelming majority of the Civil Rights and human rights warriors in the 1960s.

Our focus should have been in 1954 and today doing everything possible to provide a quality education for our children. That does not require integration or diversity. It requires a determined group of Black folks inspired by the following observations of Brother Malcolm X and Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr.:

"Education is an important element in the struggle for human rights. It is the measure to help our children and people rediscover their identity and thereby increase self-respect. It is our passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to the people also prepare for it today... Afro-American parents must be willing and able to go into the schools and see that the job of educating our children is done properly."—Bro. Malcolm X

"Education without social action is a one-sided value because it has no true power potential. Social action without education is a weak expression of pure energy. Deeds uninformed by educated thought can take false directions. When we go into action and confront our adversaries, we must be armed with knowledge as they are. Our policies should have the strength of deep analysis beneath them to be able to challenge the clever sophistries of our opponents."—Martin Luther King Jr.

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Kennedy administration (1037 days) provides us with a lens through which to view our current circumstance and president. Instead of America embracing the ideals of Kennedy's New Frontier; "new invention, innovation, imagination, decision"; America has retreated to the safety of the familiar, America the usual.

In his 1960 Valley Forge speech Senator Kennedy articulated the challenges of the New Frontier and was quite prophetic regarding the issues he highlighted. On the geopolitical landscape, he foresaw "...earth-shaking revolutions abroad - new nations, new weapons, new shifts in the balance of power and new members of the nuclear club." Domestically he also foresaw "new frontiers" being faced at home. Fifty-seven years after Senator delivered this speech Americans are faced with exactly the same problems and instead of vision and optimism Trump offers lies, retrenchment and hopelessness.

Kennedy foresaw medical scientific breakthroughs enabling an aging population to live longer. He asked, "But will these extra years be a blessing or a curse? Will they be years of loneliness, poverty, high doctor bills, and low income? Or will they be years of dignity and security and recognition?"

In the area of education Kennedy highlighted problems with a looming public-school classroom and teacher shortage that would spread to Americas colleges and universities. He called for more money to be invested into teachers' salaries and classroom construction. Kenney said, "There is an old saying that civilization is a constant race between education and catastrophe. In a democracy such as ours, in an age such as this, we must make sure that education wins that race."

One of the other areas that Kennedy highlighted was automation, "...machines are replacing men, and men are looking for work." He went on to say, "We cannot reverse the tide of technology, but lest we become its slave, let us make certain it serves the people."

Finally, Kennedy spoke to the growing problem of pollution and the ecology, "If we continue to ignore the polluting of our streams, the littering of our national parks, and the waste of our national forests, we will be denying to ourselves and our children a part of their rightful heritage."

On the international front, one program initiated by President Kennedy to combat the international threats facing the country was the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps was a new "army" designed to assist people of developing nations make "economic and social progress". The Kennedy administration encouraged Congress to appropriate millions of dollars to the new and fledgling agency NASA, to make America first in its quest to win the space race.

Domestically, President Kennedy signed legislation

raising the minimum wage, increasing Social Security benefits and federal aid was provided to cities to improve housing and transportation. In terms of Civil Rights Kennedy used the power of the presidency to support James Meredith's attempt to integrate the University of Mississippi and ordered his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, to protect the freedom riders in the South.

President Lyndon Johnson was able to carry forward other Kennedy initiatives such as Medicare, federal support for education, and wilderness protection as part of his Great Society Program. Since the end of the Johnson administration there has been a dramatic shift in the focus of the American government. Subsequent presidents (Republican and Democrat) have worked to undo many of these social programs. As Dr. King stated, there was a real promise of hope for the poor - both black and white - through the poverty program... Then came the buildup in Vietnam, and I watched this program broken and eviscerated, as if it were some idle political plaything of a society gone mad on war..."

Americans have been convinced to shift away from the idea that government should work in the best interest of the collective, "We the People...". We are now focused on and supporting the machinations of what Sen. Lindsey Graham called a "...race-baiting, xenophobic religious bigot."

Budgets are numeric representations of priorities. Trump's budget slashes assistance to the urban poor and a proposed \$6.2 billion cut from HUD's budget. He proposed cutting the overall HHS budget by 17.9 percent and the EPA would lose \$2.6 billion out of its current \$8.1 billion in funding. His proposed budget will impact programs such as Meals on Wheels. It also targets the Department of Health and Human Services with a nearly 18% cut next year and the National Institutes of Health, which would see their budgets cut by \$5.8 billion. All of these cuts to important domestic programs that support the poor, public health and the environment while increasing military spending in the coming fiscal year by 10 percent, or \$54 billion. He's erroring on the wrong side of the macroeconomic model of "guns or butter."

In the wake of the 100th birthday of the 35th President, John Kennedy we have a clear comparison to or current and 45th President, Donald Trump. The comparisons are stark and realities frightening. We've gone from the vision of Kennedy's "New Frontier" to Trump's racist and mythic "Make America Great Again" or America the usual.

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TO BE EQUAL

## Back to the future: Civil Rights, Wade Henderson, and the next generation

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"A final victory is an accumulation of many short-term encounters. To lightly dismiss a success because it does not usher in a complete order of justice is to fail to comprehend the process of full victory. It underestimates the value of confrontation and dissolves the confidence born of partial victory by which new efforts are powered." — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., American Civil Rights Activist, "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" June 1, 1967



Marc Morial

As he prepared to step down as President and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, it is likely Wade Henderson pondered the same question that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., did 50 years earlier as he sat alone in a secluded rental house in Ocho Rios, Jamaica - the question that would become the title of his final book: Where do we go from here?

Both men are part of the long, unfinished narrative of our nation's struggle for equality for all its citizens. And at critical points in our history, both reached a period in their work as activists and advocates that called for contemplation of the future of our country and its continuing fight for civil and human rights.

In his book, Dr. King reflected on economic and social reform that would benefit all Americans, and specifically looked at the state of racial equality for African Americans at the very infancy of the civil rights movement following the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He also reflected on Black nationalism, which appeared to be the next phase in the struggle of African Americans to attain basic civil rights—considering the effectiveness of the ideology, its tactics, and its ability to shape, mark and transform the movement for civil rights.

At the age of 15, Henderson attended the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom where Dr. King famously delivered his "I Have a Dream Speech." Fortunately, Henderson's passion for social justice did not stay on the mall of the Lincoln Memorial. Before taking the helm of the

Leadership Conference for nearly 21 years, Henderson was the Washington Bureau director of the NAACP, directing the civil rights organization's government affairs and national legislative program and he worked as the associate director of the Washington office of the ACLU.

Under his direction, Henderson grew the Leadership Conference's number of member organizations from 170 to 200, including its first Muslim and Sikh civil rights groups, and he led the coalition through the passage of every major civil rights law in the past 20 years, including reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Fair Sentencing Act. And like Dr. King, Henderson recognized that a "generational change" was taking hold in the civil and human rights movement, including the rise of Black Lives Matter and newer forms of activism. Rather than resist that change, Henderson embraced this newest phase, deciding that his work at with the coalition had reached its highest level and concluded that, "it's at that point that I think it is best to step aside and to promote constructive change."

Today, while progress has

been made, we find ourselves fighting for much of what Dr. King fought during his time, and we face the rollback of many hard-fought-for reforms and legislation, but to his credit, Henderson built a well-earned legacy and simultaneously forged a path for the Leadership Conference and the next generation of advocates to lead and succeed. The coalition will now be directed by Vanita Gupta, the first woman and first child of immigrants to head the organization. A long-time civil rights litigator and former head of the Obama administration's Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, Gupta is confident in her belief that, "this organization is perfectly situated to address the current assault on civil rights that we are seeing today."

As a member of the Leadership Conference, the National Urban League firmly believes the coalition has been entrusted to capable and intelligent hands and we look forward to standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the Leadership Conference on the frontlines as we all work together to protect our progress.

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

RAINBOW COALITION

## Trump turns back on a future with Cuba

In his perverse fixation on overturning all things Barack Obama, President Donald Trump now turns his attention to Cuba, the island located 90 miles off our shore. Reports are that the president plans to travel to Florida to announce that he will reverse Obama's opening to Cuba, reinstating state restrictions on the right of U.S. citizens to travel to Cuba and curtail business opportunities that Obama had opened up by executive order.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

This is, in a word, ridiculous. The United States maintained an economic embargo on Cuba for more than 50 years. It plotted repeatedly to assassinate Fidel Castro and to overthrow his regime. It painted Cuba as a terrorist nation for its support of Nelson Mandela in the fight against apartheid. For more than five decades, a succession of U.S. presidents - cowed by the right-wing Cuban community in Florida - enforced an economic embargo even though the

policy increasingly isolated the U.S. from its neighbors in the hemisphere and its allies across the world. When Obama finally went forward with a limited opening, he was doing more to end the isolation of the U.S. than of Cuba.

Now Castro, the leader of Cuba's revolution, is dead. His brother Raul has announced he will leave office next year. The Soviet Union is no more; the Cold War is over. A new generation is coming to power in Cuba and a new generation of Cuban-Americans is rising in Florida. The vast majority of Americans and the vast majority of Cuban-Americans support free travel to Cubans.

So why would Trump want to revive the failed policies of the past? The reasons range from the petty to the perverse. Trump's hatred of Obama is apparent. From Obamacare to climate policy to Cuba, he seems intent on overturning whatever Obama did - no matter how great the cost to the American people.

In the campaign, Trump pledged in Florida to overturn Obama's opening. Right-wing Cuban-American legislators - Republican Sen. Marco

Rubio of Florida, Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey and Republican Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida - have lobbied Trump hard to revive the travel ban and embargo. According to the *New York Times*, Diaz-Balart exacted a promise from Trump as a price for his vote in favor of Trumpcare. He signed off on depriving 23 million Americans of health care coverage in order to tighten the screws on Cuba.

Obama's policy of engagement, however halting, has already shown results. Engage Cuba, a U.S. business lobby group, published an economic impact analysis on the costs of reversing Obama's policy. It put the cost at as much as \$3.5 billion in lost revenues and 10,000 jobs lost in the travel industry over the next four years. Commercial contracts that will create \$1.1 billion worth of U.S. exports to Cuba in the next five years would be broken, costing more than 1,000 jobs a year.

Once more the right of Americans to travel would be sacrificed, in the name of what? Petulance? Perversity? Undying hatred? The Trump administration has made it clear that in its America First foreign policy,

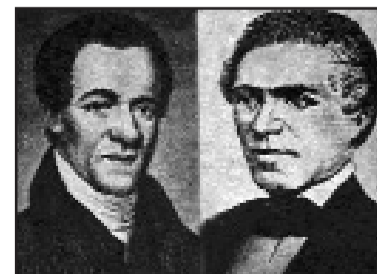
America's economic and security concerns will not be sacrificed in the name of human rights. But it rationalizes its reversion in Cuba on the grounds of defending human rights and spreading democracy. This is at best what former Obama adviser Ben Rhodes called a "tragic irony," given the Trump administration's "complete lack of concern for human rights around the world."

Surely, after more than five decades we have learned that Cubans, proud of their revolution and their independence, will resist economic or military coercion. One would think that Trump, who trumpets his business background, would understand that open relations with Cuba - trade, travel, human and cultural exchange - will have far more impact in generating pressure for change than a reversion to the failed embargo.

Under Castro, Cuban education and health care became the envy of Latin America. An educated generation now rises to power yearning for more. The U.S. should engage them, not seek to isolate them.

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

"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us."



SAMUEL CORNISH AND JOHN RUSSWORM, FOUNDERS

1827, Front page of *Freedom's Journal*, the first African-American owned and operated newspaper published in the United States

## New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information and updates on community and state issues and events will be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

## Community Briefs

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

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## There will always be poor people

Many years ago Brunswick County was known to be one of the poorest counties in the State of North Carolina. There are 100 counties in the State of North Carolina. This was the time when Herbert Hoover was president of the United States. It was a struggle for Black people to survive in the Southern states. Hard work on the farm from sunrise to



Verniece Stanley

sunset with a mule and plow. They could raise chickens, hogs and vegetables would be a good supply of food for a large or small family. A rural family would follow the procedure in a specific way to keep fruits and vegetables for the winter. Seafood was available and easy to get living near the ocean. Sometimes there would be a big gathering for a community with free dinners. Rural families follow the same procedures in a specific way to keep sweet potatoes for the winter. These people were very poor but it did not stop them from working hard and improving their way of living. With a good working

relationship they could buy the necessary materials from the Bolivia Lumber Mills. This was the beginning of building better homes to live for a large or small family.

Today, much has changed in the neighborhood, thanks to deep supporters in the community such as the late Jesse A. Bryant. We have overcome many hardships with the contribution of progress as we battle emerging social problems such as drugs and violence. Yet neighborhoods with beautiful homes such as the one on Cedar Grove Road are a sure sign of hope that poverty can be combated through the rebuilding of our communities.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

UNCW'S SEAHAWK FAM SERIES:  
Mix of entertainment, culture

The family-friendly "SEAHAWK FAM" series returns this summer with programming packed with music, dance, puppets and storytelling.

The six matinee performances will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays in UNCW's Kenan Auditorium June 22 through July 27. Tickets for all seats are \$5.

"Wilmington has a lot of opportunities for school-age kids to attend performances, mostly through field trips, and I am interested in adding cross-generational arts experiences into that landscape," said Kristen Brogdon, director of UNCW's Office of the Arts. "We're looking for performers who will interest both kids and the people who care for them, whether those are parents, other family and friends or camp directors. We've also had a lot of interest in the Seahawk FAM series from older adults who like matinee performances."

The series kicks off on June 22 with "The Sandman," a shadow puppet show by Gina Gambony featuring classical music. On June 29, musician and storyteller Madafo will share African and African-American folklore in the tradi-

tion of the "griot," a West African storyteller.

Young theater goers will enjoy "The Insane Science of Fairyland," where science and storytelling collide, on July 6. Narrated excerpts from Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic novel The Secret Garden will be paired with classical chamber music by The Brierwood Ensemble on July 13.

Broccoli Brothers Circus will hit the stage on July 20. The creative and educational performance group provides positive family content through original music, puppet shows and various media. "The Light of the Water," an interdisciplinary performance in dance, film, sculpture, costume and creative music, will close out the series on July 27.

For this year's Seahawk FAM series, the Office of the Arts is introducing two sensory-friendly performances - Madafo the Griot (June 29) and The Secret Garden with the Brierwood Ensemble (July 13) - with the help of NC Autism Society and UNCW theatre assistant professor Robin Root. Sensory-friendly performances are open to all families, but are designed to create a per-



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forming arts experience that is welcoming to families with children with autism or with other disabilities involving sensory sensitivities. Accommodations for these performances include:

- Lower sound level, especially for startling or loud sounds;
- Dimmed lights in the theater during the performance;
- Patrons are free to talk and leave their seats during the performance;
- Designated safe space within the venue.

UNCW's Strategic Plan

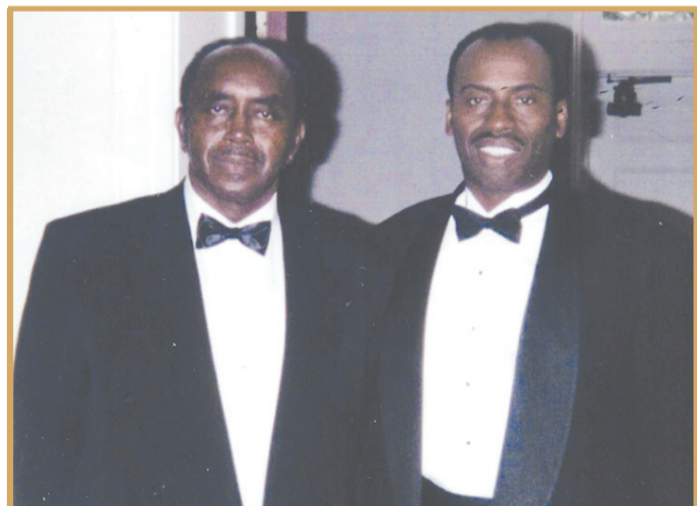
emphasizes community engagement, which is the focus of SEAHAWK FAM. "We're hoping that families will have a fun and fulfilling experience in Kenan Auditorium and - if we're really lucky - light the flame of a lifelong love for the performing arts," said Brogdon.

Tickets are on sale now through the Kenan Box Office at 910.962.3500 and online. Visit the "SEAHAWK FAM" website for more information. A group rate is available for 10 or more attendees.

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To Our Much Missed Father and Brother  
Mr. Abraham Crummy  
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Daddy and Brother, we really miss you.

This Father's Day is hard to face!

You were amazing, No one can replace your smile, The way you cared for us.

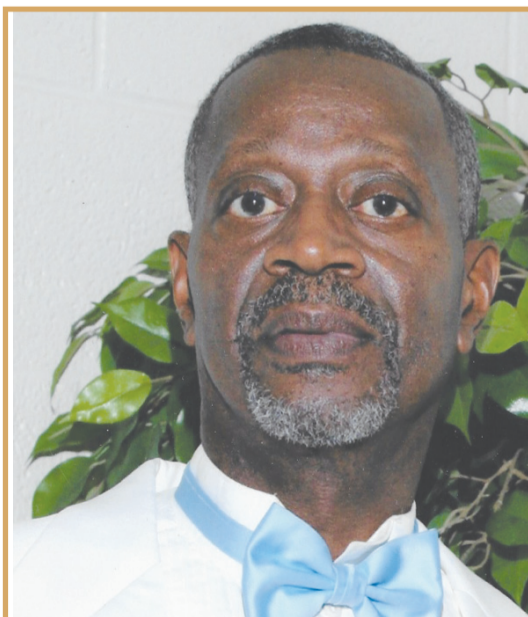
You were selfless in every way, always thinking of others, And now on this Father's Day, you're in our thoughts and in our hearts.

Yet it is very true, there's never a day that passes that we don't think of You.

You have an emptiness, we were so very blessed to have a wonderful Father and Brother. You were the best....

Thank You for Everything!

Vernell C. Burns, Norma Jean C. Frink (Donnie) children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family

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Leroy Caldwell  
To My Husband - The Measure of a Man

It's wonderful to have a husband who shares such interest and concern in the things I do, someone who shares the joy that comes my way and even shares the tears. You have shown me that you don't always have to understand me or agree with me in order to love me. You see me as the individual creation of God and you love me unconditionally. You are a man who supports and uplifts me and your family. The true measure of a man is when his words build up and not tear down, when he rises above challenges and discovers the greatness and goodness in himself, when he understands that love is not a weakness but strength. You are that measure of a man for me. You're not just my husband but my best friend and I love you, dearly. "The good man brings good things out of the good that's stored in him." Matthew 12:35. A man like you is a Lifetime Blessing - Happy Father's Day to an exceptional man.

Loving You Always,

Your Wife, Gloria Brinkley-Caldwell



Annie Marie Brinkley  
For My Mother on Father's Day

You hear a lot of stories about children growing up without a father, without this or that, you rarely hear about the Mothers who in spite of everything, raised their children to be strong, to believe in God, to be and do their best, to work hard to make their lives worthwhile.

Lady Bug, somehow you were able to do the job of two parents, (with the help of my Big Mama and my Aunties-Strong Black Women).

It wasn't an easy job, but because of you, I have wonderful childhood memories, I am strong, I believe in myself, and I have faith in God. We had good days and bad days, I learned about hard work and sacrifice, and I learned about love too. I never felt deprived of anything, because we had a home full of love, a safe and secure childhood. This is our story, mine and yours and I made it because of you.

You showed me how to choose my own path, what a wonderful way to give a daughter wings, and no matter how high I soar, I know it's because you are the wind beneath my wings.

Happy Father's Day to an extraordinary Mother.

Forever loving you,  
Your grateful daughter,  
Gloria Brinkley-Caldwell

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**Kitrell Roberts**

Kitrell Roberts died May 30, 2017. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at Freedoms Way Ministries. Burial followed in the Moore's Cemetery, Wrightsboro Community.

Kitrell, son of Nancy Roberts and Charles Francis, Jr. was born June 17, 1970. He moved to Wilmington, North Carolina in the late eighties from White Plains, New York. "KT", "Trelley" or "Kitt" as he was known, loved to laugh and loved life. He was known for his New York style of dressing no matter where he lived. He was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Roberts Hardman; father, Charles Francis, Jr.; grandparents, Charles and Daisy Francis, Mary Roberts (Henry); uncles, Darryl Francis, Reginald Roberts, Henry Winston Roberts, Eddie Roberts, and Jonathan Hipps (Carol).

He is survived by: his daughter, Kiana "KeKe" Gillins of Charleston, SC; the long-time love of his life, Rachael White and her sons, Awtwaun Faulk, Anthony Sneed, Terry Faulk, Antonio Spencer, Joseph Spencer, Cordera Boyd, Scottie Porter; brother, Damon Lyons (Lori) of Iowa City, Iowa; sister, Crystal Fulcher of Mt. Vernon, NY; aunts, Patricia Austin of Stone Mountain, GA, Elnora Roberts Mickens (Jimmie) of Marietta, GA, Inez Blue (Leo) of Yamasee, SC, Lenita Roberts of Chicago, IL, Caress Johnson (Reggie) and Toni Young (Bill) all of White Plains, NY, Sherry Bullock (Barry) of Bowie, MD, Melissa Francis, and Beverly Garland (Kim) all of White Plains, NY; uncle, Andre Francis (Tricia) of Pensacola, FL; nephew, A'ishak; niece, Tyra and a host of cousins. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Austin Clarkson**

Austin Clarkson died June 2, 2017. Memorial services will be held 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Dorothy Mae Johnson**

Dorothy Mae Johnson died June 4, 2017. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Mt. Holly Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Moores Cemetery.

Dorothy was born on December 31, 1933 to the late Alice and Haree Johnson. She grew up in the Wrightsboro Community. Being one of the oldest children, Dorothy began working at a very young age to help support their growing family. She enjoyed her green house, full of flowers, cooking and

sewing quilts. Dorothy was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Johnson Hall; six brothers and two sisters.

She leaves to cherish: one son, James Johnson of Wilmington, NC; one daughter, Cassandra Hall (Joseph) of Leland, NC; one son-in-law, William Hall of Watson, NC; one granddaughter, Mary Hicks (Johnathan) of Raleigh, NC; three grandsons, Eddie Hall of Navassa, NC, Jerry Hall (Monica) of Castle Hayne, NC and Ronald Hall of Victorville, CA; four great-granddaughters, nine great-grandsons, three great-great-granddaughters, three great-great-grandsons; one brother, David Johnson (Mae); two sisters, Betsey Lettley (Charles) and Della Atkins, all of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Mary Ballard**

Mary Ballard died June 7, 2017. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 11, 2017 at Summerville AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mary Grady Ballard, "Mae", was born on December 22, 1924 in Leland, North Carolina to the late John Henry Grady and Mary Southerland Grady. She was married to the late Willie James Ballard and to this union four sons were born: Willie James, Johnnie Francis, Herman Lee and James Edward. Mae was preceded in death by her husband; two sons, Willie James and James "Jimmie" Ballard; four brothers, Nehemiah, Edward, Charlie, Sr. and Leavy Grady; and two sisters, Lena Mae Grady Simpson and Catherine Grady Hooper. Mary was employed at Block Shirt Factory until her retirement. As a member of Summerville AME Zion Church, she was a dedicated member of the following ministries:

Deaconess, Missionary, Usher, Senior Choir, Adult Choir and Class Leader to Class #2. May always looked forward to attending worship service, as it was her passion. She loved her church family and pressed her way to church every Sunday, until her health began to fail.

Mae leaves to cherish her memory: her sons, Johnnie F. Ballard and Herman Ballard (Loureva) all of Leland, NC; granddaughter she reared, Michelle Ballard Graham of Leland, NC; five great-grand whom she was instrumental in rearing, Danielle Graham, Daniel Graham, III (DJ), Barbara Graham, Deonte Spearman and Whitney Pittman; great-great-grandson, Daxton Graham; grandchildren, Beverly Ballard Diaz

(Lou) and Karen Ballard Bellamy (Bernard) of Florida, Antionette Ballard Polk (Anthony) of Virginia, Herman Ballard, Jr. of Leland, NC, Gina Ballard Hall of Charlotte, NC, Sonya Ballard McKoy (Bernard) of Leland, NC, Harvey Ballard (Denise) of Charlotte, NC, Sharita Ballard of Georgia and Donald Bowen of Riegelwood, NC; 16 great-grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; brothers, James Grady and Wilson Grady (Julia); adopted brothers/nephews, Johnny Grady (Martha) and Harvey Lee Grady; adopted sister/niece, Ruby Ballard; sisters-in-law, Eva Grady and Geneva Ballard; daughter-in-law, Clara Ballard Beatty (Nathan); brothers-in-law, Thomas Hooper, Sr., Harry Lee Ballard and Walter Ballard (Jackie); special relationships, Hattie Mosley, Timothy Robbins, Annie Johnson, Teresa Everrett, Brenda Brown, Beulah Dixie, Danny Graham, Jennifer Robbins, Evander McLeod, Albert Robbins, Roselyn Thomas, DeShawn Smith, Tamari White, Strossie Robbins, Jr., Rasheetah Mosley; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Olee Myrtle Adams-Austin**

Olee Myrtle Adams-Austin, age 90, died June 6, 2017. Funeral services were held Monday, June 12, 2017 at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She was born September 21, 1926, in Clover, South Carolina into the union of the late John Frank Adams and the late Nonie Miller Adams. Prior to moving to Wilmington, North Carolina, Ms. Austin was a member of Newburgh AME Zion Church where she was an active member of the Usher Board. She later retired after many years of working at St. Luke Hospital in Newburgh, New York and moved to Wilmington, North Carolina to join her daughter, where she lived until her death. Ms. Austin joined Mt. Olive AME Church where she made many friends. She enjoyed attending Mt. Olive as long as her health permitted. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by three brothers, Russell Adams, Elbert Adams and William Adams; one sister, Emily Vaughn and one granddaughter, Jennifer Mae Warren.

She leaves to mourn her life: two daughters, Kenyetta Austin and Jacquelyn Warren (Thomas) all of Wilmington, NC; five grandchildren, Jon Warren (Marian) of Connecticut, Yolanda Warren of Wilmington, NC, Amaya,

Jasmine and Tyanna all of Wilmington, NC; one great-granddaughter; Kaiyla Warren of Connecticut; one sister; Lena Marr of Connecticut; one nephew, Donald Marr (Francine) of Connecticut; two grandnieces, Kimberly and Donna both of Connecticut; and many special friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Carlton "Big Daddy" Brown**

Carlton "Big Daddy" Brown died June 8, 2017. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at Old Scotts Hill AME Church. Burial will follow in the Pollock Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Angela Bordeaux**

Angela Bordeaux died Saturday, June 10, 2017. Funeral services will be held 12 Noon on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Marvin Freeman, Jr.**

Marvin Freeman, Jr. died June 11, 2017. 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.*

**Alonzo U. McCants**

Alonzo Ulysses McCants (Cheese Man) was born on July 28, 1950 to the late Loris McCants and Mary Taylor McCants in Wilmington, North Carolina. He answered the call from Heaven on Thursday, June 8, 2017, relieving him of his earthly labors to receive his eternal reward. Alonzo attended public

schools in New Hanover County. He was employed by Textilease/Unifirst for a number of years.

Alonzo knew and loved the Lord. He would often say, "I just want to be ready." Even though he went through many trials and tribulations in his latter years, he kept his faith and trust in the Lord. Alonzo also loved people and life, going to church and looked forward to going to bible study every Wednesday night.

Preceding him in death are his brothers, Roland and Reginald McCants.

He leaves to mourn and cherish his loving memory his wife, Anita Sweat McCants of the home; four brothers, Loris McCants, Jr. (Darla) Winnabow, NC, Anthony McCants of Charlotte, NC, Jerone McCants of Newark, NJ and Michael McCants of St. Louis, MO; four step-children, Cynthia Tobias, Kimberly Jones, Maurice Wilson of the city and SSgt. Nakia Wilson of Fort Sam Houston, TX; fourteen grandchildren, one who he helped raise, Ny'Asia Wilson of the home; two brothers-in-law, Jerome Sweat (Beverly) of the city and Arnold Sweat of Camden, NJ; two sisters-in-law, Diane Sweat and Alice Little of the city; two aunts, Birdie Harris of Chicago and Lizzie Jackson of Fort Pierce, FL and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Also, special friends, Willie Holliday, Harry Graham and Isaiah Tomlin and a special mother to him, Ms. Lucille Stackhouse. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

**Aubrey A. Redd**

Aubrey A. Red, age 32, of Durham, passed away

Wednesday, June 7, 2017. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017. Burial will be at Woodside Community Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com*



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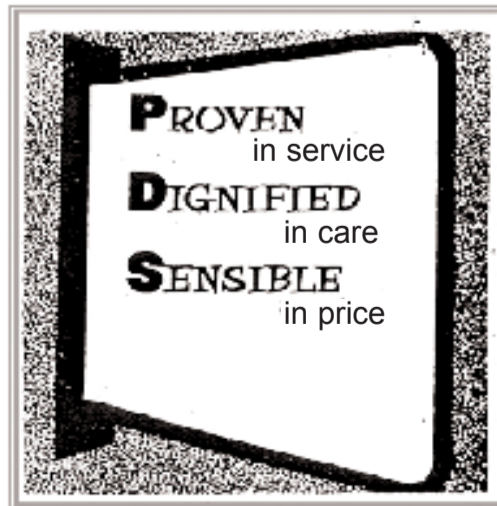
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## New Hanover County

**Central Missionary Baptist Church**, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate Father's Day and Men's Day on June 18th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Willie J. Sidbury of Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Also the church will hold their Ushers Anniversary on Sunday, June 25th at 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Rev. Richard Robinson at 910-395-2042.



## Religious Briefs

**Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church**, at 2929 Princess Place Drive, will have Vacation Bible School starting June 19th - 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The theme is "Super God! Super Me! Super Possibility!" Call 762-0580 for more information.

**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.

**Mt. Olive AME Church**, 1001 S. 7th St., will hold their 2017 Vacation Bible School program during Monday, June 26th- Thursday, June 29th, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. nightly. The theme is "Glow For Jesus...Let Your Light Shine!" For additional information contact Sister Helena Highsmith at 910-794-4482.

**Mt. Zion AME Church**, 1111 North Fifth Avenue, will celebrate Father's Day on June 18th at 11:00 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Ulysses Slade, president of the last Junior Class of Williston High School of 1968. For more information contact Columbus Pridden at 910-616-2519.

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**, 701 South 12th St., will celebrate their Pastor Rev. Dr. Carl McIntyre and First Lady Sister Bertha McIntyre's Anniversary on Sunday, June 25th. Dr. Connie Armstrong will render for 11:00 a.m. service and Elder Darrell Walker will be the speaker for the 3:00 p.m. service.

**St. Andrew AME Zion Church** will celebrate Men's Day on Sunday, June 25th at 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Gladiators For Christ." The guest speaker will be Reverend Donald Mapson of Mt. Heron AME Zion Church, Hallsboro, NC. The choir and congregation will accompany him.

**The Men's Choir of Mt. Olive AME Church**, 1001 S. 7th St., will hold its Sing-a-Long musical program on Saturday, June 17 at 4:00 p.m. The program will feature choirs, solo artists and duet selections. Refreshments will be served. Also, Men's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 18 during Sunday morning service. For more information, please call Mr. George Hill at 910-231-3496.

**The Temple of Truth, Light and Life**, 2166 Kent St., where Rev. Kojo Nantambu is the pastor, will hold their first annual "Family and Friends Day Celebration on Sunday, June 25th at 10:30 a.m.

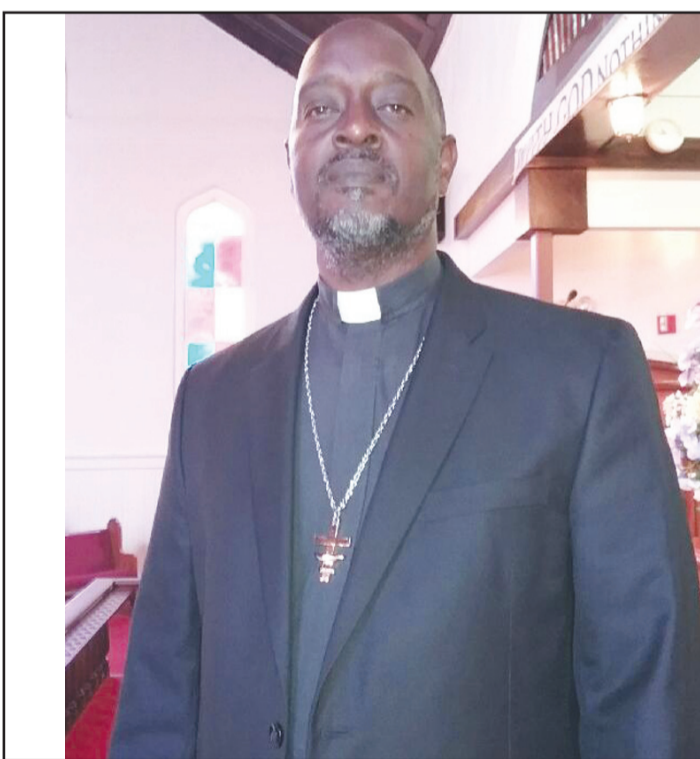
## Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church** in Leland will be holding its Ordination Service on Sunday, June 18th at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Jimmy Thompson and the Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church family will be the special guests to render services. For more information, call 910-655-3007. Also Vacation Bible School will be held Wednesday, June 21st - Friday, June 23rd from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. nightly.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## A New Day at Mt. Olive



REV. TONY MILLS

BY LINDA PEARCE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At the 148th Session of the NC AME Conference, Rev. Tony Mills of Richlands was appointed pastor of Mt. Olive AME Church. A native of Richlands, he attended schools in the Onslow County School System and began his work career installing HVC systems. In 1995, he received his calling to preach. He attended Coastal Carolina Community College, Barrington University in Alabama and Anchor Theological Seminary earning a Bachelor of Theology. He has shepherded many con-

gregations in the AME Conference, so he I well prepared to lead the flock at Mt. Olive AME Church.

He and his wife of twenty-three years, Marilyn who will serve as First Lady, are excited about the work God has assigned to them. They love the Lord and His church and feel they have been sent to bring lost souls to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Mount Olive congregation welcomes Rev. and Mrs. Tony Mills and invites you to join us in worship on Sundays "On the Mount" where "Strangers meet friends; Sinners find Christ and where Love abounds!"

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## Don't rob Medicare

My Fellow Seniors,

A few days ago I got a call from someone selling back and knee braces, which I don't need. They said I should take them anyway, because I am qualified, Medicare will pay for them and I might need them later. I was shifted to three different operators and they all said the same thing. I'm sure other seniors in the area will be contacted.

But why should we accept

something we don't need simply because Medicare will pay for it? The three people I spoke to had foreign accents. Perhaps the braces they are selling were made in another country. I am sure you will be getting that call, so maybe you can get some



Ruth Johnson

information from them. They have already taken me off their list.

Certainly, Medicare should be told about this. If a lot of people are suddenly buying back braces, they would want to check it out. These people assured me that I as qualified and that it would cost me nothing. But the order should come from the doctor not from someone on the telephone, when you have never met.

We should not rob Medicare in order to buy items we do not need, which were made in another country. Our factories have been closing down for decades. So We should buy items made in America, so that our children will have jobs. Otherwise, the well could run dry while we're still around. Check out the political scene.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "A message to fathers"

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Fathers, your children may love and depend on mother; but they still need you. From the moment they are born, and throughout their lifetime, children need to have the security, love, and support of a father being there for them. The impact of a loving and caring father in the life of a child is far reaching. Fathers should be there when children are young and impressionable to help in the molding and shaping process of that child's conduct and character.

Father's love should be a reflection of God's love. God's love is sacrificial and unconditional. John 3:16. This type of love should be habitual and consistent, not just at a time of emotional stirring. A father's unconditional love is vital to a child's sense of security. A godly father should strive give his child these five things to ensure their happiness and wholeness.

## 1. Acceptance

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12 Primarily and fundamentally, sons and daughters need to feel acceptance from their fathers. If you don't accept your son or daughter, you reject them. They may suffer in one way or another all their lives because of that basic lack of acceptance. Whether or not things work out between dad and mom, kids should not be denied a genuine expression of a father's love. When we are

born of the Spirit of God, God the Father will not deny us. Our faith may not be strong, but Father God draws us with love and kindness. When we become "born again", we become a partaker of his divine nature. His unconditional love is there for us, even before we know him. He accepts us into the family of God regardless of our past failures and mistakes. "God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." Ephesians 1:6

Sylvia Hooper

2. Approval  
Fathers not only need to give children acceptance, they also need to give them approval. Children need to have the approbation of a father that confirms their identity. Without that, they may be drawn to other substitutes for acceptance, even if not favorable or positive examples. They may even suffer from identity crises that may never be resolved, simply because they have never been confirmed by a father's approval.

## 3. Affection

Fathers need to give their children affection and devotion. They should feel their parents are more devoted to them than to things. Children suffer when they do not get the

proper affection from the proper source. Fathers should make great effort to show kindness to their children. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies and kindness, humbleness of mind meekness, long-suffering." Colossians 3:12

## 4. Association

Our children must have a sense of belonging. Four basic desires in man are. 1. To be 2. To beget 3. To belong 4. To possess. We all desire to belong to somebody or to something. Children want to belong to mom and dad..family. When they don't receive that sense of belonging, they may go through life struggling and trying to fit in, even where they may not belong; to achieve a sense of "belonging". Too many children turn to the wrong elements in society to fill the void left by absentee parents.

## 5. Authority

A wise father will give his children an understanding and respect for authority. A realization of true authority starts in the home. When father is provider; protector; teacher; mentor; kids realize the meaning of authority. Discipline comes from one in authority. When children have no discipline in the home, they may be tempted to revert to rebellion and deny any form of authority in their lives, simply because they never understood authority.

Fathers, don't be overwhelmed by the responsibilities of fatherhood. Be an example to your son or daughter,

and do whatever is necessary to assume your responsibility in rearing this child and loving him/her as God the Father has loved you. You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you. (Phil. 3:15) Young men, don't just be your baby's daddy, take the time and effort to be his father! Have an active part of their lives and validate them each and every chance you get! If you have already practiced the privilege of "father-hood", keep up the good work! Your labor is not in vain! Some excerpts from , Crises in the Family Prophecy Update 1991, Ed Cole.

Tell Somebody.....

Happy Father's Day!

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!

## The struggle continues

(TriceEdneyWire.com) —

"Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, your values become your destiny."

- Mahatma Gandhi

The messages of Gandhi, King and others, whose lives have modeled the benefits of thinking on a higher moral plane, still serve as a guide for many of us who consider ourselves warriors for progressive social and spiritual advancement.

Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, my predecessor as leader of the NCBW, stood firm against the constant flow of filthy lyrics being piped into the minds of our youth. She was viciously maligned for her efforts, but, since her death, we've maintained the fight to teach young people to select more positive expressions of their talents through our College for Kids, College for Teens, Internships,

Young Ambassadors and Scholarship programs.

I was pleased to learn that Bob Law and the National Black Leadership Alliance, Clear the Airwaves Project and others are joining us in assuming leadership in this decades long issue. Although faced with much of the same filth, NCBW and others have picketed Viacom, BET, record stores; attended and spoken to Boards of offending companies and sponsors of programs that repeatedly play and support racially and sexually offensive music.

Members of our coalition have staged protests to bring awareness to the link between the dangerous messages in certain music and the repercussion of those dangerous messages in our schools, homes and communities. These programs are geared toward our young impressionable minds, playing vulgar music constantly promoting sex and violence, while glorifying topics like drug use/peddling, alcohol abuse, popping pills, self-hate, misogyny, date rape and even murder. These stations target African American youth, while overlooking the inspiring music and messages from

which young people could benefit.

Proponents of this "music" form suggest that it's merely an expression of the reality of their circumstance. There may be a measure of truth in that assertion, but, if our race had only glorified the circumstance of slavery, Jim Crow or the persistent exclusion from the opportunity for achievement, it is doubtful that we would be far beyond the brutality of our past subjugation.

It's time to intensify our action. This music can be blamed for the bad choices too many young people make. We still lose too many to street violence. Too many languish in prison after being encouraged to participate in acts of personal destruction. Radio stations that play unhealthy music threaten the constructive work of many of our organizations. As the current administration proposes cuts for education and programs of uplift, those exploiting this corrupting music for financial gain do so at the expense of options that give young people respectable future choice.

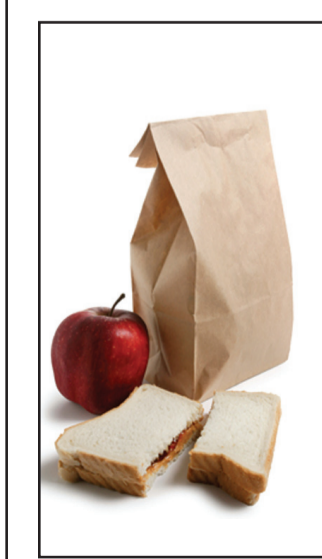
The one way to end this marketing of negative music and force more responsible radio

programming is to cut the profit!

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This the 1st day of June, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Barbara Pack  
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June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017

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May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017

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This 1st day of June, 2017.

Richard C. Andrews, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Mary Peacock Andrews  
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This the 8th day of June, 2017

William H. Lyon, Executor  
1208 Jeanette Moore Blvd. Apt. 2  
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June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017

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This the 25th day of May, 2017

Suzanne Martin Bircher, Administrator  
1393 Phillips Rd.  
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May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017

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**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  
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June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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This the 1st day of June, 2017

The Law Office of Erna L. Johnson, P.C.  
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June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

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This 15th day of June, 2017.

Mary Elizabeth Purvis Cullen, Executrix of the Estate of Robert Selden Purvis, Jr.  
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June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2017

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Barbara Trulove Alsbrook**, 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 **15th day of September, 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 15th day of June, 2017

Dewey L. Bordeaux III, Administrator  
05 Glenn Abby Dr.  
Morehead City, NC 28557

June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Carl W.B. Korb, Jr.** (17-E-639), 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 **September 13, 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 15th day of June, 2017

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Executor of the Estate of Carl W.B. Korb, Jr.  
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June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2017

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This the 15th day of June, 2017

Janice M. Robinson, Administrator  
4609 Filmore Dr. Apt. F  
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June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2017

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Roger Arnold Daye**, 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 **15th day of September, 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 15th day of June, 2017

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Let me back up a moment. Don't you hate that? A friend tells you about that great relative who can get the job done on the cheap. You're like, "okay, thanks girl," but then file it way in the back of your memory. Now every time she spots the handyman at your place with a hammer, she brings it up again. And dang, you're like, "Okay, okay, already, I heard you the first time you mentioned it. If I wanted to use your cousin and pay him with a pack of cigarettes and a six-pack, I woulda told you." Oh, sorry, that's my story; let's get back to you.

There's no easy way to deal with this. Bottom line, truth be told, business is business. This could be one of many situations—having your car repaired, building a new website, planning a wedding. You are placed in a difficult position when hiring a family member or friend. Deciding to embark on a home improvement project is a huge decision. You definitely should go with a person or company that's licensed, bonded and insured. What if the job isn't completed successfully and you can't get it resolved to your satisfaction? Then, you gotta sue her cousin. You see where I'm going?

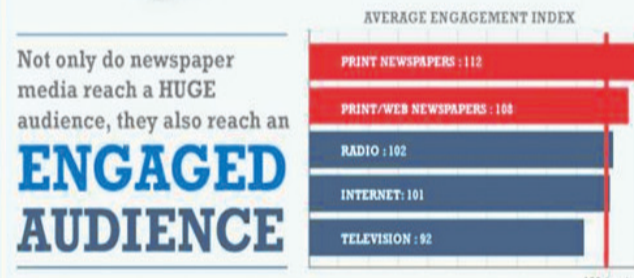
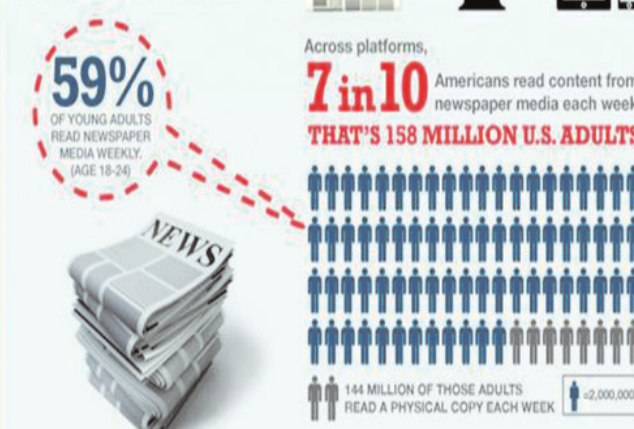
One more time, to bring this "home" and release you from your guilt: Business is business, friendships are friendships, and its best not to blend the two. Stick to the decision you've made. If she brings up the subject, cheerfully and lightheartedly remind her that you two are good friends and that you want to remain that way. I'm sure she'll get the picture. Truly good friends, even when they disagree, understand and respect each other's decisions.

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: [alwaysaskalma@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysaskalma@gmail.com). Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.

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