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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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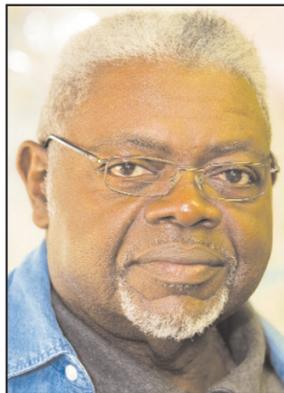


Tributes pour in celebrating the life of Martha Rivera Chavis, wife of Dr. Ben Chavis



New Harvard research: Steep Black homeownership declines in major cities 39 million families challenged with housing costs
BY CHARLENE CROWELL OF THE CENTER FOR RESPONSIBLE LENDING

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

ON VACATION

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I will return next week. Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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SENATE WANTED TO GUT FUNDING FOR NC AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In the aftermath of reports that the Republican-led General Assembly did not appropriate \$200,000 proposed by Governor Roy Cooper for the long planned Freedom Monument project to honor Black contributions to North Carolina history, comes word that the State Senate actually cut funding to the NC African American Heritage Commission, a part of the NC Dept. of Resources, in effect attempting to cripple the commission going forward.

Speaking on behalf of the NC Legislative Black Caucus about the General Assembly's failure to fund the Freedom Monument, planning for which began under Republican Governor Pat McCrory at least as far back as 2015, Senator Angela Bryant (D-Halifax), in addressing the current sta-

tus of the project, revealed what Senate Republicans initially did.

"While funding for the monument was a priority for the Legislative Black Caucus, we were not successful in securing funding this cycle. Instead, we were relegated to fighting to continue the staffing for the African American Heritage Commission, which was cut in the Senate Budget and restored in the House Budget and the final conference report."

Senator Bryant later went on, saying that there is no connection between "...the funding for the Civil War Center in Fayetteville (for which the conference report shows a \$5 million appropriation - 25 times the \$200,000 for the Freedom Monument that was not appropriated) and the African American Freedom Monument."

"The Civil War Center is a local economic development project with relatively broad support from the



NC SENATE CHAMBERS

Fayetteville local government and community," Senator Bryant added.

According to the Winston-Salem based primary fundraiser for the Civil War Center, of the approximately \$27 million raised for its construction, funding came from Fayetteville, Cumberland County, and now \$5 million from State government.

About \$7 million of the total comes from private funds.

"We need to develop a similar constituency of support for the African American Freedom Monument and secure the needed funding in the upcoming short session (which according to published reports may be August and September), Senator Bryant said.

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Second candidate announces for NC NAACP presidency

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Now that NC NAACP President, The Reverend Dr. William Barber will stay on until the October conference elections, the picture is beginning to become clearer as to who is vying to succeed him.

The Reverend Dr. Portia W. Rochelle, President, Raleigh-Apex NAACP Chapter, announced in a July 7th campaign letter that she is now a candidate for the post, joining The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, of Greensboro, the only other announced candidate.

"...I am a hard worker, community leader, NAACP laborer, a mother, and a G'ma (grandmother)," The Reverend Rochelle wrote. "It is my belief that, if we are truly sold out to fighting for justice, we must see ourselves as stakeholders," she continued.

"It is my belief that if we are truly sold out to fighting for justice we must see ourselves as stakeholders," The Reverend Rochelle continued. "Stakeholders not only have a passion to succeed, but must become risk takers. They take action/risks for the betterment of the movement."

"Please consider me to lead the mighty NCNAACP. I look forward to working with you as a stakeholder in this movement."

Under the theme, "Stakeholders are risk takers," The Reverend Rochelle calls herself "...a servant to all..." and "...a warrior in His great name, not mine." "I must bear fruit, fruit that will lead, and teach others"

As NCNAACP president, The Reverend Rochelle vows to represent "...those who deal with social injustices... those that don't know how to fight for their rights and those that fight and need help."

If elected in October, Rochelle says she will build up local and regional branches and get churches more involved to promote social justice ministries. The Reverend Rochelle also promised that the NAACP, under her leadership, would continue to "hit the streets" with marches and demonstrations "...to bring attention to egregious policies and injustices." She also wants to "build a millennium coalition," wanting to make the civil rights organization "rele-



REV. DR. PORTIA W. ROCHELLE

vant" to those who are "...angry, confused, and don't know which social justice organization to join."

The Reverend Rochelle is a native of Fuquay-Varina, N. C. and has served as president of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP for the past nine years. She has also been in the ministry for 20 years, receiving her Master of Divinity Degree from Shaw University Divinity School in 2002. During her study at Shaw, she received numerous scholarships and awards.

She received a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Drew University in 2012.

Besides The Reverend Rochelle, others in the top leadership of the NCNAACP are expected to throw their hats into the October elections to succeed The Reverend Barber, who will step down then, after 12 years at the helm, to join the national Poor People's Campaign.

The Reverend Dr. Barber was expected to give his endorsement for successor originally after he announced he was "transitioning" from NCNAACP leadership in May, but then postponed that intention after he was asked to stay on a while longer and agreed.



COMMISSIONER CONRITH W. DAVIS

Conrith W. Davis is reappointed to the Texas Judicial Compensation Commission

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Texas Governor Greg Abbott has reappointed Wilmington native Conrith W. Davis, the son of Mr. & Mrs. E.B. Davis, Sr. who reside at 203 North 13th in the Port City, to the Texas Judicial Compensation Commission, and his appointment was confirmed by the Texas State Senate for term set to expire on February 1, 2023. The commission recommends the proper salaries to be paid by the state for all justices and judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Courts of Appeals and state dis-

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NC NAACP joins plaintiffs' argument for special elections

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In an amicus brief, filed in US Middle District Court in Winston-Salem Tuesday, attorneys for the NC NAACP joined plaintiffs versus the State of North Carolina in petitioning for voting districts to be redrawn and special legislative elections to be conducted immediately.

"Today, we have asked the court to take the redistricting process out of the hands of the people who illegally

used race to create a legislature that does not represent the State of North Carolina equally or fairly," said Irv Joyner, Legal Redress Chair for the NC NAACP, referring to the Republican-led NC Legislature. "The appointment of a Special Master and a judicial remedy will ensure the possibility of a nondiscriminatory election in 2017 to start to renew the trust of North Carolinians in our State's representative democracy."

A recent US Supreme Court decision upholding a lower court ruling

that the NC Republican-led legislature's 2011 redistricting maps were racially gerrymandered, and thus unconstitutional, also ordered a three judge federal panel that originally ruled the voting districts illegal to take up the matter again.

In the July 11 brief, attorneys for the NC NAACP wrote, "North Carolinians have lived for nearly six years under a State legislature that was constructed, as this Court held and the U.S. Supreme Court summarily affirmed, from

unconstitutional, racially gerrymandered 2011 legislative maps. The new maps segregated White and Black voters by mechanically adding Black voters to election districts in concentrations not authorized or compelled under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, thereby "bleaching" adjacent districts of voters of color and frustrating their ability to vote in alliance with a growing, multiracial fusion electorate that

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"The Legislative Black Caucus will continue to focus on the Freedom Monument project as a priority, including an update on all efforts - design, fundraising, advisory efforts and efforts of the Dept. of Cultural Resources," Bryant continued.

"We do need to move it forward."
 Michelle Lanier, Director of

NC NAACP

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bridges racial divides and mitigates the effects of racially polarized voting."

The brief continued, "Plaintiffs argued in their response to this Court's June 9, 2017 notice that the scope of the 2011 gerrymander is extensive: Defendants' unconstitutional race-based decision making has infected at least 77 out of North Carolina's 100 counties and impacted 83 percent of the State's population."

"This racial classification scheme, with no legal justifi-

the NC African American Heritage Commission, was not available for comment, but a spokesperson for the commission confirmed that, without the \$200,000 appropriation from the legislature, the planning and design for the project cannot go forward. Furthermore, according to the spokesperson, there is no Plan B for private funding.

Thus far, neither House Speaker Tim Moore nor Senate President Pro-tem Phil Berger has responded to inquiries as to

why the Freedom Monument was not funded in the final conference report.

"This was negotiated after the full [committee] chairs finished all the budget work that was asked of us," said Representative Donny Lambeth (R-Forsyth), one of the budget committee members.

"I'm troubled that Republican legislative leaders neglected to fund an African American heritage monument on State Capitol grounds,"

Governor Cooper said in a statement.

"My Republican colleagues have once again decided to ignore the history of the people they serve. I hope that we are able to find common ground to fund a project that is long overdue," Senator Paul Lowe (D-Forsyth) added.

"These mean spirited actions are just two of the many reasons that I voted against the budget in all of its iterations," added Representative Amos Quick (D-Guilford).

"The Republicans presented no budget that I could vote for. The fact that there is a failure to recognize the significant and vital contributions of African Americans to this State should motivate voters who care about these matters to vote a difference in the upcoming elections," Representative Quick said. He added that whether a three judge panel orders special elections for this year or in the upcoming 2018 special elections, "We must vote the Republicans out of office!"

That three judge federal panel has asked plaintiffs and attorneys for the State to submit briefs and prepare for arguments at an unspecified date. Most legal and political observers believe it is not likely that special elections can be held by November of this year at this point.

Governor Roy Cooper, a Democrat, called State lawmakers into special session a few weeks ago to redraw the voting districts before they recessed their long session last Friday, but Republican leaders refused, saying the Governor's request was unconstitutional.

Instead, GOP legislative leaders said that they'll take up the issue during a special session in August and September.

Some political observers believe Republicans have already redrawn the unconstitutional maps and are just waiting for the court to order them to produce them.

Redrawing the maps now before they are ordered would allow Republican leaders to avoid trying to keep the federal court from redrawing the legislative district lines itself.

"This bad faith, all White caucus created by racist maps must be stopped,"

explained The Reverend Dr. William Barber, of the NC NAACP, and convener of the Forward Together Moral Movement. "If the current unaccountable and unrepentant General Assembly is allowed to continue to act in the name of North Carolina, the consequences are dangerous for people of color, for those living in poverty, for women, for immigrant communities, for the LGBT community, for workers, and for our children. There can be no further question about whether this General Assembly is illegitimate. The federal courts have ruled!"

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AUTOPSY: DURHAM MAN FATALLY SHOT BY STATE TROOPER IN THE BACK

[DURHAM] The state medical examiner's office reports that an autopsy report just completed reveals that last February, Willard Scott, 31, was shot once in the back, and once in the lower buttock by a white NC state trooper, and died as a result of massive blood loss



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from the wound. Reported, Scott and the trooper had a confrontation prior to the shooting. A Highway Patrol news release reported that after a chase and the shooting, a handgun was found at the scene. The Durham NAACP says Scott's family wants the trooper, who is on leave, prosecuted.

UNC GOVERNORS COMMITTEE TO VOTE ON UNC CENTER AUGUST 1
[CHAPEL HILL] The UNC Board of Governors is scheduled to vote on banning litigation

by the UNC Center for Civil Rights during its September meeting, after its Education committee recommends it during its August 1 meeting. The committee is expected to consider a revised proposal to separate the center's legal clinics from the litigation ban. Critics say conservatives are targeting the center in order to stop litigation for liberal causes. Board members say tax money should not be used to litigate what are essentially private cases.
COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

CFPUA hopes Missouri company can remove GenX from water supply

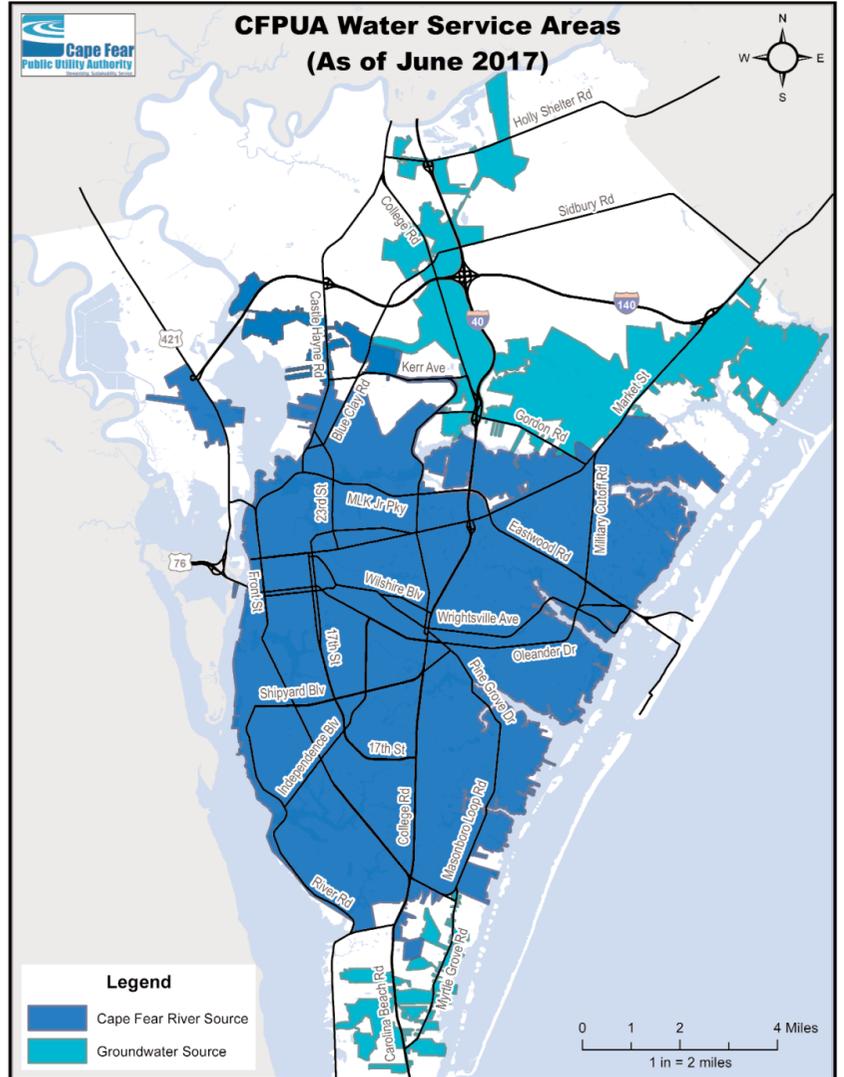
BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

[WILMINGTON] In the midst of news that the toxic chemical GenX has been released in the Cape Fear River water supply for since the 1980s, the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority is asking the Missouri company that designed the Sweeney Water treatment plant to help filter the containment

from the drinking water. According to CFPUA officials, a report is expected shortly on the prospect. Meanwhile, citizens and businesses in Wilmington are voicing concerns that thus far, they've received little to no direction from elected officials or government agencies of how much of a threat the GenX chemical, which was released from Chemours, a Fayetteville DuPont plant up the Cape

Fear River for decades, actually is, and whether the water is safe to continue to drink and bathe in. The NC Dept. of Environmental Quality and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency are both investigating to determine water safety. Thus far, Chemours has stop releasing GenX discharge in the Cape Fear until more is known about contamination levels.

MAP TO THE RIGHT DEPICTS CFPUA SERVICE AREAS AND THEIR WATER SOURCES AS OF JUNE 2017. AREAS SHADED IN BLUE RECEIVE WATER FROM THE SWEENEY WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AREAS IN GREEN RECEIVE WATER FROM VARIOUS GROUNDWATER SOURCES. SERVICE AREAS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON OPERATIONAL NEEDS. SOURCE: CFPUA



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district courts. Davis previously served several years as a Board Member of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. He retired from the United

States Air Force as a Lt. Colonel, having served twenty-two years on active duty. During this time, Davis earned numerous meritorious service awards and citations for exceptional leadership. He also worked as sales Executive, consulting medi-

um to large law firms in Texas. He is the chairman of the City of Sugar Land, Texas Ethics Task Force, Multi-Cultural Advisory Team, and Parks Bond Committee. He is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Past President of the Rotary Club

in Sugar Land, Texas, and a multiple Paul Harris Award Recipient. Davis is a 1970 graduate of New Hanover High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Fayetteville State University

and a Master's degree in Planning and Public Administration from Pepperdine University. Additionally, he attended several executive education programs at the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, University of Virginia,

Darden School, and the Naval Post Graduate School, International Resource Management program. Lastly, growing up Davis was a newspaper courier for the *Wilmington Journal*. He and his family reside in Sugar Land, Texas.

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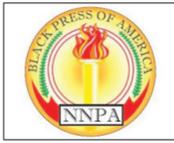
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State elected officials defy sham election commission -- It's time to shut it down

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"We write to you to express our most urgent concern that letters just issued by the Trump Administration will pave the way for nationwide voter suppression and purging, and violate the privacy of hundreds of millions of American citizens ... We have little doubt that these letters - issued unilaterally without any vote or public discussion - would lead to an unprecedented, nationwide voter suppression effort." - Congressional Black Caucus letter to National Association of Secretaries of State, June 30, 2017.

It was clear from the moment it was announced that the federal "Election Integrity Commission" was nothing more than a vehicle for voter suppression.

With an intrusive request for personal voter information, the commission has ventured into the territory of intimidation. Fortunately, state officials aren't having it. At least 44 states are refusing to comply with the request, wholly or in part.

"I find this request for the personal information of millions of Marylanders repugnant; it appears designed only to intimidate voters and to indulge President Trump's fantasy that he won the popular vote," Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh wrote in response to the request.

In my home state of Louisiana, Secretary of State Tom Schedler said, "My response to the Commission is- you're not going to play politics with Louisiana's voter data."

Even in the deep-red state of Mississippi, Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann told the Commission, "Go jump in the Gulf."

I'm proud of the nation's state officials for standing firm in defending the rights of their constituents and resisting an obvious ploy to invade citizens' privacy and restrict their right to vote.

The commission's vice chair, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, has repeatedly lost in lawsuits filed by the ACLU over his efforts to make it harder for people to register and vote. Last month, a federal magistrate judge fined him \$1,000 for misleading the court by attempting to shield a document regarding his advice to Trump on how to make voter registration harder. And just this week, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law filed a formal Hatch Act Complaint against Kobach, accusing him of repeatedly exploiting his Commission role to promote his candidacy for Kansas Governor and to solicit campaign contributions.

"We deem the President's Election Integrity Commission to be a baseless tool to promote voter suppression and Mr. Kobach's unlawful abuse of his role as head of the Commission for partisan ends only underscores the illegitimacy of the Commission itself," Lawyer's Committee President and Executive Director Kristen Clarke said.

The 2014 report of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration -- headed by Mitt Romney's lawyer Ben Ginsberg and President Obama's lawyer Bob Bauer - made several key recommendations:

- Modernization of the registration process through continued expansion of online voter registration and expanded state collaboration in improving the accuracy of voter lists;

- Measures to improve access to the polls through multiple opportunities to vote before the traditional Election Day and the selection of suitable, well-equipped polling place facilities, such as schools;

- State-of-the-art techniques to assure efficient management of polling places, including tools the commission is publicizing and recommending for the efficient allocation of polling place resources; and

- Reforms of the standard-setting and certification process for new voting technology to address soon-to-be antiquated voting machines and to encourage innovation and the adoption of widely available off-the-shelf technologies.

It's unlikely the current administration is looking to implement those bipartisan recommendations; the report has been removed from the federal government's website.

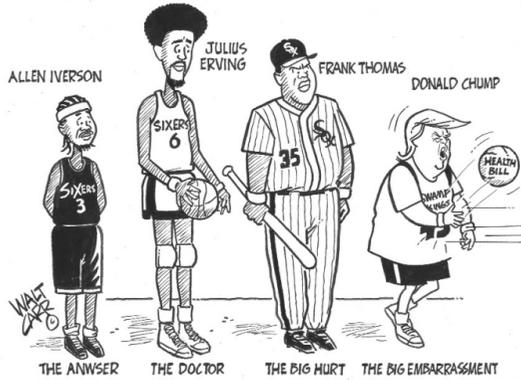
With the vast majority of states opposed to cooperating with the Commission, it's time to kill this insidious, anti-democratic sham. Kill the commission, and work together on expanding democracy.

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

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tion will be televised!!!

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

POOR LEADERSHIP

Cape Fear Public Utility Authority Executive Director, Jim Flechtner, refused to say why the utility's board of directors and the public were not informed of the presence of Gen X in drinking water until June 2017. CFPUA board chairman Mike Brown said CFPUA employees first learned of the study in May 2016 and brought it to Flechtner's attention in March 2017. The board was notified via email on June 5. That timeline disputes what

Flechtner had said in an interview with WWAY News-that CFPUA learned about the study in November 2016. Apparently, the chemical, a compound made by Chemours Company, at the Fayetteville Works plant has been discharged into the Cape Fear River since 1980. The company officials would not commit to stopping the discharge or leasing production of Gen X until health officials would determine whether it was safe for humans, animals, and the environment. And with all this going on, CFPUA is going to raise our water bill. These people must have a heart of stone.

The employees who knew about Gen X should be fired.

Mike Brown should be fired and the board members should all be replaced. We have Patricia Kusek and Skip "I Terrified 8th Graders" Watkins on the board, and county commissioners who said they know nothing about Gen X. Additionally, CFPUA board members, Kevin O' Grady and Charlie Rivenbark said they knew nothing about Gen X. If these, are our leaders, heaven, help us! This is the blind leading the blind.

David Dowdy, Former VP of New Hanover County NAACP; President, Friends of Abraham Galloway, and Soil and Water District Supervisor, NHC

Matters of Opinion

CASH IN THE APPLE

AL: MY BROTHER

Rarely, if ever, have I written about a fundraising effort in this column, primarily because I've rarely been involved in one.

True, I've reported on other efforts for nonprofits and other worthy causes, but I was never directly involved in them. But this one is the rare exception, and the cause is, in my opinion, worthy of your attention, trust and support.



Cash Michaels

By now you're well aware that in my life away from newspapers, I am also a documentary filmmaker, with several short and feature-length documentaries under my belt.

Two of the feature-length features I'm most proud of is 2010's "Obama in NC: The Path to History," the true story of how Barack Obama won the 2008 North Carolina primary, which was key towards his winning the Democratic nomination, and ultimately the White House.

And in then in 2014, a film near and dear to the hearts of many in the port city, "Pardons of Innocence: the Wilmington

Ten," the true story of how ten civil rights activists were framed for crimes they did not commit in February 1971, unjustly convicted and sentenced to prison, only to have their sentences overturned by a federal court, and over forty years later, The Wilmington Journal leading the Black Press in securing pardons of innocence for the Ten from the governor of North Carolina.

I still screen that film in and around the state, and still marvel at how audiences, young and old, black and white, continue to learn from it.

Yes, I'm very proud of it. So how do I follow those two

extraordinary projects? With what I and many others apparently think is yet a third one.

The name of the documentary I'm in pre-production for is "Al: My Brother," and it is about veteran civil rights activist and attorney Al McSurely, best known as a close adviser to NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber.

Few people realize that long before he became a skilled civil rights litigator, Al McSurely was (and still is actually) a white proponent of Black

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Are you better off in a 45 presidency?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The man who currently occupies the Oval Office (I call him 45, but y'all know his name, and we don't call it because we do not believe in feeding bloated egos), promised to "Make America Great Again".



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

He said that he would create jobs, generate economic growth, and create a new and better health care environment than the one we got from the Affordable Care Act.

Instead, he has found himself stuck in the muddy quicksand of wanting to repeal, but not replace, the legislation that provided health insurance for more than 20 million people.

When he was a candidate, 45 claimed that unemployment data was false and manipulated. As President, he has touted the unemployment rate improvement as evidence that he is doing a good job. But the most recent report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics suggests that the employment situation is steady, but not especially good. While the unemployment rate is lower, by 0.4 percent, than it was when 45 took office, little else has changed. The Black unemployment rate, at 7.1 percent, is, as always, nearly double the white rate (3.8 percent), and the number of people who have been unem-

ployed for more than half a year has not changed much. The labor force participation rate (the people who are working or looking for work) is just below 63 percent, as it has been most of the year. The employment-population ratio, or the percentage of people holding jobs, is also steady, at 60.1 percent.

The Bureau of labor Statistics report (<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf>) repetitively describes indicators as "changed little", which means that few are better off than they were when 45 took office.

The low unemployment rate is deceptive. In a vibrant economy, more people would be entering the labor force, with the understanding that if hard times are over, good jobs are now available. Although some new college graduates have entered a vibrant market with high demand for their services, many others have not seen their prospects improve. Indeed, African American college graduates face unemployment rates that are far higher than their white counterparts. According to the Economic Policy Institute (in full disclosure, I am a member of that Board), young black college graduates have an unemployment rate of 8.0 percent. College graduates remain worse off than their counterparts who graduated in 2000 and 2007, the year before the Great Recession (<http://www.epi.org/publication/the-class-of-2017/>).

Low labor force participa-

tion rates, then, tell a story. It is challenging to look for work when you have limited resources. Some recent graduates, and others, will not fully participate in the labor market because they don't have the wherewithal. Others will work, but have no choice but to accept underemployment - with the marketing major now working in retail or in a fast-food restaurant because that is the only job she can get. And the number of people who work "part time for economic reasons", or "involuntarily part time", at 5.3 million, is again, "little changed". How many young people who did the right thing, checked off all the boxes, took the STEM classes, and graduated with thousands of dollars' worth of debt because they invested in themselves, now find themselves underemployed?

So Bobby Womack had this song, "If You Think You're Lonely Now". I think about it when I recall some of my commentary on the Obama Presidency, especially in my book, "Are We Better Off: Race, Obama and Public Policy". No, the majority of Black folk were not materially better off in the Obama years. But if we think we were hurting then, wait until the Trump years evolve (sing along). None of the promises that 45 offered to "help" the people have resulted in positive change. If you think Obamacare hurt, think about what Trumpcare will do! If you think the economic situation was challenging for working people under President

Obama, imagine the challenges under 45 leadership. 45 has been insistent and persistent about rolling back many of the important innovations that took place under President Obama's leadership. He is rabid about rescinding the Obama legacy, and too many have allowed their own racial bias to support his efforts.

Still, the new unemployment rate data tell us as much as we need to know. Workers are not better off under 45. Wages remain lower than they should be, and job expansion is somewhat tepid. Labor force participation and the employment population ratio are lower than they should be. There are too many people who are out of work, or underemployed and stuck in unsatisfactory work.

45's Presidency has not only eroded our nation's standing in the world, but it has also eroded the economic wellbeing of millions in our own country, as the unemployment rate data attest. 45's buffer is the blind loyalty of those who prioritize partisan politics over national wellbeing and racial hegemony over common decency. And maybe, just maybe if there were economic returns to this idiocy, I might understand. But there are no returns, nothing but jingoistic chaos.

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MICHAELS

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Power: He worked with black militant leader Stokely Carmichael, and worked to organize poor whites to join with poor blacks to demand equality.

For that, authorities raided Al's home, confiscated the personal belongings of he and his wife then, Margaret; threw them in jail, and later blew up their home with them and their young son in it.

Then they charged the couple with plotting to overthrow the state of Kentucky, and when Al and his wife refused to obey an order from a US Senate subcommittee, they were charged with contempt of Congress.

And keep in mind this was long before Al ever became a civil rights attorney, but when he did, he represented black female Police Officer Keith Edwards; the black UNC housekeepers: the black state workers who filed suit after a noose was hung in their work-

place, and many others.

And then, 12 years ago, Al McSurely supported a young black preacher when that preacher decided he would lead the failing NC NAACP. That preacher's name was Rev. William Barber, and the two of them have been the real deal for the past 12 years, making the NCNAACP clearly one of the best in the nation.

As you can see, Al McSurely is a special man who has stood for justice all of his life, and continues to do so. He is respected and beloved by all who know justice and truth (and that ain't everybody, trust me). As far as I'm concerned, he deserves this film and tribute, and I'm proud to make it happen.

But that's difficult to do because of the time and resources needed to get the job done right. On-camera interviews have to be done, endless research, lots of production work. You name it. And it ain't cheap.

So CashWorks HD Productions has kicked off a

Kickstarter crowdsourcing campaign to raise \$25,000 toward financing production of "Al: My Brother," hoping to complete the film and release it in October of 2018.

How can you help? Please go to our crowdsourcing page at https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1585401759/al-my-brother?ref=user_menu-to-be-precise.

Check out our new video trailer for the film, and if it moves you (it will), please feel free to contribute at the level you're most comfortable at. The goal is \$25,000 by Monday, August 7th, and we HAVE to raise that goal in pledge, or the production doesn't get a penny. That's the way Kickstarter works, you either raise it, or forget it. We receive NO money until the full \$25,000 is raised, and it has to be by Monday, August 7th, 2017.

Finally the most important thing that you can do is to share the link to the "Al: My Brother" Kickstarter page

with your circle of friends and family who appreciate the same lessons that Al McSurely's story can teach us.

I want to make the best film possible for you, and I thank the many people, including NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber and Deborah Dicks Maxwell, president of the New Hanover County NAACP, for all of their help and support with this project.

From now until August 7th, we'll keep you updated on our progress towards our \$25,000 goal, but in the meantime, Wilmington, you have always been good to me. I thank you for any and all help each and every one of you can lend towards this effort.

Cash Michaels is a journalist and reporter for The Wilmington Journal, Winston-Salem Chronicle, and Carolina (Greensboro) Peacemaker. He is also a member of The Wilmington Journal's editorial board.

BLACKONOMICS

Look back and see the future - Part 2

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

An excellent example of the impact our history has on the way we are today, especially economically, can be found in an article titled, *The Reluctant Entrepreneurs*, by Joel Kotkin, author of the book, *Tribes*.

The feature discusses several reasons for Blacks not going into business and being surpassed in this area by other ethnic groups. Among other reasons, the history of African Americans was cited. The article quotes Robert Hill, a Black Historian at the University of California at Los Angeles, who traced the lack of entrepreneurial tradition to African origin and the brutality of the American system of slavery. "Africa", Hill explained, "is more a communitarian society, where notions of private property have never been so entrenched as in Europe or North America. The culture of capitalism is just not part of our African heritage."

The piece goes on to say, "...certainly slavery and its progeny, the sharecropper system, did nothing to foster confidence, independence, or a capitalist inclination among African Americans. Before slavery and after, white landowners believed the proper way to treat the Black was, in the words of one slave owner, 'to create in him a habit of perfect dependence...'. And it was a system that proved to be enormously successful and enduring."

The article continued, "we are a race of people who for generations, both before and after Emancipation, were denied freedom of movement, education, and even a rudimentary familiarity with the free market, not to mention credit, legal status, or safety from lynch mobs. That we, as descendants, have not taken naturally to entrepreneurship should hardly come as a big surprise."

The fact still remains that despite their poorest of circumstances, some Black people engaged in entrepreneurship even before the Emancipation, and did well at it. According to John Sibley Butler, in his outstanding work, *Entrepreneurship and Self-Help Among Black Americans*, "They (Black entrepreneurs) became the merchant class in northern cities, and it was through their enterprises that Black income in the last third of the nineteenth century grew faster than that of whites."

The INC. article cited the economic protestations of Booker T. Washington, who established the National Negro Business League, exhorting Blacks to "uplift" themselves by striking out on their own. It celebrated the "new" ministers like Adam Clayton Powell, who urged aspiring congregants to go into business on a larger scale.

While early Black businesses had to rely solely on the Black consumer market, such is not the case today. However, if we do not move collectively through the economic maze, making our monetary clout felt in the widest of circles and obtaining the reciprocity we deserve as a massive consumer army, our businesses will not achieve the growth they need to prosper in this economy. Moreover, African Americans will have abdicated our responsibility to carry forth the legacy passed on to us by our fathers and mothers.

We must never forget our history and the reasons for our attitudes on economics, business ownership, and mutual support. We must also realize that if we are going to make it in this country, we had better get down to business NOW! I think our ancestors would be proud.

Economic empowerment is a constant struggle, and if we do not view it as a struggle, we will never achieve the goals to which we aspire. No one is going to "give" us anything. If they do, it will not be without encumbrances. The economic power we seek is within us all, and examples for us to follow are everywhere. We simply need more cooperation within our own ranks.

In seeking that economic power, remember what Frederick Douglass said: "...This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what people will submit to, and you have found the exact amounts of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them...The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress."

I say: If we rise up, as Marcus Garvey exhorted us, resolving to cooperate with one another and do for ourselves, our economic manifesto would be clear: Our struggle will be easier, and the powers we face will concede to our demands. However, if African Americans choose individuality over collectivism, yes a few of us will "make it", but we will go down in history as a paradoxical people; a people who, with all of our wealth and knowledge, acquiesced and continued in economic oppression. And the blame will rest squarely upon our shoulders.

Let our past be the light that guides us to a brighter economic future.

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

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Medicaid's indispensable services continue to be under unprecedented attack. The House of Representatives has already passed the American Health Care Act that would slash Medicaid funding more than \$800 billion and put a severe cap on future spending. The Senate is planning to vote this month on its misleading Better Care Reconciliation Act that would provide worse care for millions of children. It would end Medicaid as we know it and slash funding by 26 percent in the first ten years, a cut that would grow to 35 percent in 20 years, with much of the savings created by these cuts and caps going to fund more unneeded tax cuts for America's wealthiest individuals and corporations. The contrast is stark and morally reprehensible when you consider the futures of children like the Quirks and the Rosses have lovingly welcomed into their families.

Any of you who are parents, grandparents, foster parents - as my parents were - or have adopted children know there is

nothing more crushing than the thought of losing a child. Yet the cruel threats to Medicaid being considered in the Senate make that fear very real for tens of millions. What do we value if we don't value a family's love for their child and the honor and commitment they have made to care for them? No amount of tinkering will make this terrible mean spirited bill safe for children in foster care, those adopted or other vulnerable children. Please call your Senators today. Call again tomorrow and the next day until they can open their eyes to the human reality that millions of children's lives and needs for family and stability are more important than tax cuts to powerful rich corporations or individuals. Children deserve nothing less.

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

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BLACKONOMICS

Donald J. Trump is NOT crazy

It's time for television and radio talk show hosts, educators, editorial writers, columnists and politicians to cease describing U.S. President Donald J. Trump as being "crazy," "mentally sick," "childish," etc. A person with such afflictions is legally and otherwise not responsible for his or her words and behavior. Trump knows exactly what he is saying and what he is doing and should be totally accountable for the consequences of his shenanigans.

It's my position that the behavior of the President of the U.S. is guided by three major forces. One is his extreme resentment and rage at the way he has been and is currently being treated by the big boys who really run this country; the so-called establishment. They treat him like an uncouth boy from Queens,

New York who has no class. Many of them are probably guilty of the same social and financial scams that Trump indulges in. But they do them quietly, under the radar. Trump does his openly and flagrantly. To the big boys that is close to unforgivable.

A second force that guides Trump is his never having been held accountable for his escapades. As head of a family business he didn't even have to deal with a board of directors. Whatever Donald said and whatever Donald did was not to be questioned by wife, children, siblings, business associates, friends, employees, journalists or anyone else. Having to explain and justify a decision he has made-bad or good, right or wrong, legal or illegal, messes with his last nerve. And he lashes back. However, he is careful as to whom to attack in his outbursts. It's very revealing that he reserves his most vicious and personal attacks on any woman who has the audacity to question his behavior. I have heard several male television pundits say some rather nasty remarks about Trump

but he never responds to them with the unbridled fury he directs at women pundits.

Finally, I am convinced that Trump is a European supremacist who strongly believes that people of European descent should be the dominate force in world affairs. He regards Islam, not just ISIS, but Islam as the current most serious threat to continued European domination. This is evidenced by the following statement that he recently made in his visit to Poland:

"The fundamental question of our time is whether the West has the will to survive. Do we have the confidence in our values to defend them at any cost? Just as Poland could not be broken, I declare today for the world to hear that the West will never, ever be broken. Our values will prevail. Our people will thrive. And our civilization will triumph."

What President Trump fails to say is that the West doesn't just want to survive. It wants to dominate.

Trump believes equally strongly that Russian President Vladimir Putin is

the one who can best assist him in confronting what he considers the Islamic threat because Putin and the Russians are also European supremacists who have the same attitude toward African and Asian people as other Whites in Europe and the United States. Thus Trump and Putin have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo.

Of course, Putin wants to be top dog and may also have some dirt on Trump's financial affairs that gives him the edge in their relationship. But I am convinced that between them is a shared belief that people who look like them have the right to be the controlling factor in global affairs.

Like I said, Trump is not crazy, childish or mentally sick. He has an agenda that has garnered him the support of a significant number of white people in the United States and in Europe.

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

CHILDWATCH

Tell Congress to stop picking on our most vulnerable children!

It is unfathomable to me that week after week I must continue to defend the Medicaid program that for more than 50 years has protected the health and well-being of tens of millions of



Marian W. Edelman

America's most vulnerable. We know many of the 37 million children enrolled in Medicaid today are from poor or low-income families and that 40 percent of children with special health care needs benefit from Medicaid. Among these children are almost half a million foster children, nearly 40 percent of them under age six. These children, invisible to many, are the most vulnerable of the vulnerable. Most have been abused or neglected, removed from their families and placed in foster care - either a family foster home, group home or child care institution - clinging to hopes of returning to their families or finding a new permanent family through adoption or with a relative guardian. A growing number today are children of parents struggling with opioid addiction or other mental health challenges. Fortunately, foster children who suffer from physical and mental health conditions at much higher rates than their peers who are not in foster care are eligible for Medicaid to help put them on the path to success. But today Medicaid is facing the biggest threat in its over half a century history. The House of Representatives has voted to gut it and the Senate is poised to be equally cruel in the misnamed Better Care Reconciliation Act, jeopardizing the health and futures of millions of vulnerable children and families who have counted on Medicaid.

Virtually all children in foster care have suffered trauma in their lives and have greater health and mental health needs than children not in care. A study by the American Academy of Pediatrics finds children in foster care are twice as likely as their non-foster care peers to have developmental delays, asthma and obesity; are three times more likely to have ADD/ADHD, hearing problems and vision problems; are five times more likely to have anxiety; are six times more likely to have behavioral problems; and are seven times more likely to suffer from depression. Not only does Medicaid ensure foster children access to basic health care but it gives child welfare agencies the opportunity to connect children to the critical behavioral health services and treatment they need to build a healthier future and enable them to live independently and contribute to society. Foster children represent 29 percent of Medicaid expenditures for children's behavioral health services.

Jack and Linda Quirk became foster and then adoptive parents in California for Marissa, now 15; Reuben, 14; and Anna, 10, after their biological children went off to college. All three suffer from fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and intellectual and behavioral health challenges requiring extensive care. Reuben, who is on the autism spectrum, has severe behavioral control problems related to attachment disorder and fetal alcohol exposure and is often uncontrollably violent. The family has moved to Illinois to be near a specialized residential facility to remain close to Reuben as he receives needed care. Without Medicaid the Quirks could not have afforded their adopted children's extensive specialized care and all three would almost certainly have been in more expensive long-term group care

instead of a loving family.

Medicaid also helps keep children out of foster care by getting parents the treatment and services they need before they come to the attention of the child welfare system. The expansion of Medicaid to 11 million low-income adults in the Affordable Care Act gave many parents and other caregivers - some of them for the very first time - much-needed access to services to address problems that otherwise might have resulted in removal of children from their care.

Once children are in foster care, Medicaid helps child welfare agencies secure the funding necessary to offer mental health, substance abuse and other specialized treatment to parents to help stabilize families and return children home safely. Medicaid also helps place nurses and other health specialists inside child welfare agencies.

Without Medicaid to address the special needs of our vulnerable children placed in foster care, children are likely to stay longer in care, to be removed from families who can no longer meet their special needs, and to be placed in more restrictive and costly institutional settings at state expense. Although foster care is supposed to be temporary, the average length of stay is nearly two years. For more than 30 years, many of the children with special needs who exit foster care to adoptive families have been able to continue to receive Medicaid to help their new permanent families care for them.

Missouri mother Lori Ross, President and CEO of Foster/Adopt Connect, and her husband adopted a sibling group of eight from foster care. The children have complex trauma, developmental delays, serious mental health diagnoses, and very challenging behaviors. Without Medicaid the family would already have

hit its private insurance lifetime cap, which doesn't begin to cover the costs of their children's mental health services. The in-home service for children with significant special needs developed with the help of Medicaid has given all of these children a permanent family and saved Medicaid tens of thousands of dollars annually in more expensive treatment options. Their oldest child, now 18, recently graduated from high school and is pursuing employment and independence with his parents' love and support.

Children placed permanently from foster care with relatives also are eligible for Medicaid. This has been especially critical as relatives are sought out to care for more and more children impacted by the opioid crisis. And we cannot forget about the estimated 20,000 children each year who transition out of foster care as they turn 18 without permanent families. These young people often received Medicaid in foster care for mental health and other health care needs, and can benefit from continued treatment as young adults to help keep them on course as they attend school or begin work. Too often youths aging out of foster care are at increased risk of homelessness, joblessness and incarceration. When Congress passed the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enabling young people to stay on their parents' insurance until the age of 26, it also required all states to provide continued Medicaid to age 26 for youths transitioning from foster care at age 18 or older who had been in care in the state. The loss of Medicaid for these young adults would dramatically increase their vulnerabilities.

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Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, July 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on the upcoming Freedom Fund Banquet August 19 and other vital community and state issues will be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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

Williston Senior High Class of '61 will hold its 2017 third quarter class meeting on Sunday, July 23rd (Fourth Sunday) at Mt. Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall, 1001 S. 7th St. at 4:00 p.m. All graduates are invited to participate as well as those who were "on track" at Williston but graduated from somewhere else. Also a special invitation is extended to out of town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 23rd

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Annie Marie Brinkley
Sunrise: July 13, 1929

Happy Birthday in heaven, my sweet angel
Wishing you were here today for just a little while
So I could say Happy Birthday and see your loving smile
I'll look upon our pictures, I'll think of you with love,
I know you're doing fine, in heaven up above.
May angels hold you closely, and sing you a happy birthday song,
and may your family and friends also sing along.
I'll be sending a dove to heaven with a parcel on its wings,
be careful when you open it, it's full of beautiful things.
Inside are a million kisses, wrapped up in a million hugs,
to say how much I you and to send you all my love.
Remembering you is so easy, I do it every day,
but missing you is a heartache that will never go away,
I hold you close within in my heart and there you will remain to walk with me throughout my life until I see you again.
Not a day goes by when I don't think of you, miss you, love you and I thank God I was Blessed to be your daughter.
Celebrating you, on this side of Heaven.
You will always be the wind beneath my wings.
I Love and miss you so much, Happy Birthday, LadyBug.

Your grateful daughter,
Gloria Brinkley-Caldwell

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Getting together in the summertime

Getting together could have several purposes with a large family. Just recently, multiple generations of the Turner family celebrated the 4th of July in Bolivia, NC and Myrtle Beach, SC. The eldest member of the family, at 88 years old, is Mrs. Ada Ruth Bostick of Baltimore City, MD. She is a retired government worker. Also visiting were Adolph Turner and his wife, Evangelist Louise Turner of Alexandria, VA. Myrtle



Verniece Stanley

Beach was perhaps the most memorable as family members of all ages were able to enjoy the activities. Finally, dinner and fellowship were enjoyed at the home of William and Evangelist Helen Boyton. Overall, it was a joyful experience that I am sure we all will remember for years to come.

These large gatherings remind me of a time when upon graduating from Brunswick County High School, many people in the community sought better jobs and a college education to provide for their children. We also did this to help build the economy and strengthen the community. Today, there are positive signs of progress,

and hopefully we will see better job opportunities with new development. One sign of this is the building of the new fire station in Bolivia. Hopefully, this will provide jobs to young people in our communities.

We must let the young people know that family and friendship are priorities. We must let them know about the sacrifices that were made to create better opportunities for a more promising future. Family and friendship are at the foundation of becoming good citizens, who make a positive contribution in making social change. These family "get togethers" remind me of the basic principles of life and the freedom to be who we

are.

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.

Kameryn and Karis Taylor

2017 Twin Summa Cum Laude Pine Forest High School graduates



TWINS KAMERYN AND KARIS TAYLOR

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SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Taylor twins are the great-granddaughters of Hattie Mae James, the late Nellie and Augustus Johnson, the late Rosby and Luvenia Crummy, also the late grandparents Elizabeth and Herbert Taylor, William and the late Geraldine Crummy. Proud parents are Rada and Kenny Taylor. The twins graduated on June 9, 2017. Both graduated in the top five percent of their class, obtaining awards including the following: outstanding seniors, North Carolina Academic Scholars, members of the National Honor Society, honor graduates, academical-

ly/intellectually gifted, Key Club members and live united outstanding community volunteers. The dynamic duo will be attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and they will join other students selected for the Lloyd International Honors College, studying abroad after their freshman year.

Kameryn's accolades include being a member of the Key Club and having the distinguished honor to serve in the capacity of Lieutenant Governor for the Division 11B. She also won Most Outstanding Lieutenant Governor. She was a member of the orchestra. She was also the vice president of the National Honor Society. She

received the Outstanding Library Science Award two years in a row.

Karis' accolades include being a member of the National Honor Society, member of the Key Club, and president of both the Writer's Guild and DECA. She was a member of the orchestra and served in the capacity of concert mistress and received an award for the most improved violin player for both her tenth and eleventh grade years. She was also a member of the Chess Club. Karis worked at Chick-Fil-A for nearly a year and a half.

The twins have received several scholarships together, including the Dean's List Scholarship from UNC-G, the Junior League and the Martin

Luther King Scholarship from the Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc. Kameryn received the Principal and Assistant Principal Academic Scholarship, the Peter G. Vurnakes Scholarship and the Carolina Kiwanis Scholarship. Karis received the Chick-Fil-A Scholarship and the North Carolina State Employee Credit Union People Helping People Scholarship.

Kameryn aspires to one day become an attorney, and Karis aspires to become a child psychologist.

Class motto is "You've got brains in your head. You've got feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose". - Dr. Seuss.

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Ms. Marian Theresa Leonard Mack

Marian Theresa Leonard Mack, 75 of Wilmington entered into eternal rest on Sunday July 2, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center, Wilmington, NC.

She was born August 8, 1941, the daughter of Rutherford Leonard and Lottie Bryant. She was a loving and caring mother and grandmother; she was also a retiree from GE.

Preceding her in death were her parents: two brothers, Rutherford "Buddy" Leonard Jr and Charles Leonard and a daughter Veronica Hampton.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her two sons, William "Bill" (Teena) Hampton, and Eugene Hampton III(Theresa), seven grandchildren, Tara, Courtney, Lisa, Brittany, Brianna, Chaz and Michael, five great-grandchildren, one brother Herbert Leonard and one sister Sylvia (Ike) Rhames, and various nieces, nephews, and friends.

A service was held on Thursday July 6, 2017 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Internment at Greenlawn Cemetery, Wilmington, NC. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Mr. Robert Lee James

Mr. Robert Lee James was born June 21, 1953 on Father's Day to Rufus James Sr. and Queen E. James in Pinewood, SC. He departed this life on July 5, 2017.

He was raised in Weirsdale, FL and attended school there until coming to Wilmington NC. He attended and graduated from New Hanover High School in 1971. He was employed with Timmie Corporation for a while, then went to work with Queensboro Steel as a lead welder and worked there for 25 years.

He met and married Bernice Williams on September 23, 1972 and to this union four children were born. This September would have been 45 years.

He joined St. Phillip AME Church and worked in the church faithfully as an Usher; a yardman and custodian. Robert Lee was a loving and friendly person willing to help anyone, he always had something to say to make you laugh. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He was a member of the Jets Motorcycle Club and Giblem Lodge #2. He was also secretary treasurer at Queensboro Steel for the union.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife Bernice James, two sons Ronnell James (Sabrina) and Rhine James, two daughters Ramona James and Minister

Roneice James, other children Trina Dyles Glass, Nikki Wright, Angel Parker Austin, Brian Parker and Arvella B. Roberson, his mother Ms. Queen E. James, four sisters Mary Ann Clay, Deloris Hayes(Clarence), Mary Lancaster, and Martha Greene, three brothers Rufus James, Jr., Freddie James(Alycia), and David James(Faye), five uncles; James Bosier, Jimmy Lee Bosier (Gloria), Edward Bosier, Henry Bosier and Ben James, two sisters-in-law Norma Jean Stewart and Rita Williams, one aunt Mary Dudley, 16 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends

A service was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at St. Phillip AME Church. Internment at Pine Forest Cemetery, Wilmington, NC. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Ivan James LeBlanc, Jr.

Ivan James LeBlanc, Jr. died June 15, 2017 in Waco, Texas. He was born to Ivan and Gussie LeBlanc, Sr. on February 8, 1950 in Wilmington, NC. Ivan accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of the Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church. Once in Texas, he became a member of the Greater Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and Zion Hill Baptist Church. Ivan began his education in Hampstead, NC and completed it in Waco, TX. It was then that he met and married Evelyn Hood and the two were married for 48 Years. He worked as a supervisor in various corrugated paper plants until his retirement. However, during his retirement he began driving a school bus for La Vega Independent School District. It was a job he loved because of working with the Pre-K and Kindergarten children and staff at La Vega Primary School as well as the transportation department. Ivan was preceded in death by his father, Ivan LeBlanc, Sr. and his sister, Sarah Mae LeBlanc-Nixon.

His loving memory will be cherished by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn LeBlanc of Waco, TX; two sons, Kevin Fuller (Jeannette) of Bowie, MD and Ivan LeBlanc, III (Delicia) of Waco, TX; two daughters, Edwina LeBlanc (Andy) of Austin, TX and Nina LeBlanc of Waco, TX; his mother, Gussie hunter of Wilmington, NC; sister, Barbara Holmes (Wayne) of Wilmington, NC; brother, Merwin LeBlanc (Tammy) of Brooklyn, NY; seven grandchildren, Andrew Davis, Amber McGowan, Davia LeBlanc, Kevin Fuller, Kyla LeBlanc, Andrew Moore and

Kameryn LaBlanc; a host of aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Johnnie Robinson

Johnnie Robinson died June 28, 2017 at New Hanover regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 1, 2017 at Evergreen AME Zion Church, Delco, NC.

Johnnie, so of the late Johnnie Robinson and Margaret Clemmons Robinson was born May 22, 1939. He attended Lincoln School where he played baseball. After graduation, he served four years in the US Army. He joined Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church and later moved his membership to evergreen AME Zion Church. Johnnie was united in marriage to Mary Robinson for 51 years. They were blessed with two sons and one daughter. He worked tireless days and hours at International Paper and retired with 34 years of service. His favorite pastimes were fishing, spending time with his family and drag racing. Johnnie was preceded in death by his mother; father; three sisters and one brother.

Johnnie is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Rodney Robinson (Rynee) and Craig Robinson; one daughter, Reverend Valorie Robinson; 12 grandchildren, Tenesha, Stacey, Latyson, Kiara, Wayne Jr., Anzel, Leonora, Tynee, Jasmine, Schayal, Bryan and Riahonn; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a special nephew, Dondi Waddell; one sister, Wilma Waddell (Otis); one brother, Sheram Robinson (Tessie); three sisters-in-law, Golda Beard, Bonnie Watkins (Reginald) and Barbara Robinson; three aunts, Betty Clemmons, Vivian Clemmons and Lizzy Clemmons; special friends, Melvin Crocker and reverend Michael Jackson; and his loveable pet, Gora. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Anthony Hall

Anthony Hall died June 27, 2017. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 2, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Anthony, affectionately known as "Yanty" or "Black Hawk" was born July 22, 1966, to the late Joe and Dorothy Hall of Leland, North Carolina. The youngest son, Anthony was educated in the Essex County School System, graduating from Orange High School in 1984. Upon graduating, he was employed with Social services in Orange, New Jersey, until he relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina, where he started his own business. Anthony enjoyed going fishing, watch-

ing basketball and football, cars and his most favorite thing was working. As a young man he was always working hard to make money to help his parents. He was always willing to help everyone he could.. In 2007, Anthony was asked to be in his cousin's wedding. There he met the lady that would win his heart and become his wife, Erdeena Denise Coston. Anthony and Erdeena were married June 6, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Erdeena Denise Hall; two daughters, Tramaine Kareema Denise Joiner (Chris) of Raleigh, NC and Charmaine Cassandra Marie Coston of Wilmington, NC; 2 brothers and 3 sisters, Dora (Robert) Gray, Angela (Fredrick) Foy; Gregory Hall; Felicia (Elliott) Forte; Samuel Hall all of Wilmington, NC; sister-in-law, Cheryl Coston of Staten Island, NY; mother-in-law, Joyce B. Coston of Wilmington, NC; father-in-law, John T. Coston of Teachey, NC; aunts, Edna Gallmon of Wilmington, NC, Lossie Bryant, Hattie Mosley, Irene (Robert) Everett, Maxie (John) Grady, Mae Hall, all of Leland, NC, Phobia Hart, Theresa Vaughn, both of Wilmington, NC and Andretta Jackson of Monmouth Junction NJ; uncles, Willie Hall of Leland, NC, Wilbert Hall of N.J, William Hall of Willard, NC and Joseph (Sandra) Hall of Leland, NC, Steve Carr and Jonah Carr of Hillside, NC; godson, Tyreek Moore. He loved all his nieces and nephews; two cousins that were like sisters, Karen (Bernard) Bellamy and Gail Mosley; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lee Gaines, Jr.,

Lee Gaines, Jr., died June 30, 2017. Funeral services were

held 2:00 PM Monday, July 3, 2017 at St. James AME Church. Lee, son of the late Lee Frank Gaines and Louvenia Gaines was born December 4, 1938 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was educated in the public schools of New Hanover County. Lee worked at Timme Corporation as an equipment operator and later retired from Corbett Timber Company as a forklift operator. He was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Waddell; three sisters, Annie Mae Gaines, Evelyn Gaines and Mattie Ruth Nixon and one brother, James Gaines. He leaves to cherish his memory: three sons, Donald Waddell of Castle Hayne, NC, Micahel Gaines of Brunswick, Maine and Tyrone Gaines of Wilmington NC; one brother, Lawrence Gaines (Barbara) of Castle Hayne, NC; eight grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; a special friend, Lori Moore and a special nephew who he loved dearly; Hugh Nixon, Jr. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Thelma Thomas Dukes

Thelma Thomas Dukes died July 3, 2017. Memorial services will be held 4:00 PM Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Michael Abraham

Michael Abraham died July 3, 2017. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 9, 2017 at St. Stephen AME Church. Michael, the son of Annie Lee Abraham and the late Johnnie Pompey was born on January 10, 1974 at New Hanover Regional Hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina. Michael was educated in the New Hanover County School System, bringing home many

notes sent by his teachers. After graduation, Michael moved to Morrow, Georgia to pursue his dream of becoming a truck driver and driving long distance. There is not a living soul who encountered Michael who didn't walk away either laughing or smiling. His storytelling of his experiences would have people literally doubled over with laughter. Michael loved God and always read the Bible. He was a loving son and brother and a devoted uncle to his nieces and nephews. In addition to his father Michael was preceded in death by his aunt, Betty Shuler.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two beautiful daughters, Tiana Simpson and Jessica Simpson, who he loved dearly; his mother, Annie Lee Abraham; one sister, Bernice "Red" Abraham; two nephews, Antonio and Dahntay Abraham; two nieces, Kiera and Ashley Abraham; a devoted grandmother, Bernice Abraham of South Carolina; two great-aunts, Betty Keeling of North Carolina and Patricia Ann Moody of New York; four uncles, Willie Abraham, James Abraham, Larry Abraham and Charles Abraham, all of South Carolina; five aunts, Mae Abraham of Arizona, Julia Abraham of South Carolina, Liz Gilmore of North Carolina, Linda Abraham and Pearly Abraham of South Carolina; a host of cousins, a great-nephew and many friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Gregory "Greg" Wallace

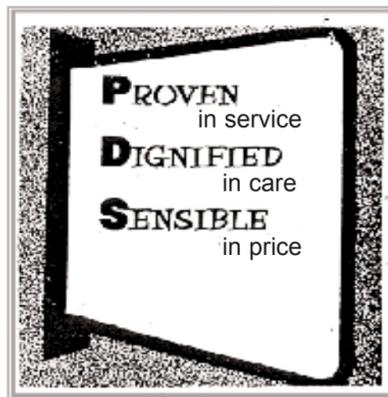
Gregory "Greg" Wallace died July 3, 2017. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 8, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church.

Gregory son of the late Viola

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New Hanover County

Chords Across America Gospel Ministries, 1020 Rankin St., will hold evening services for the month of July on Sunday, July 16th at 4:00 p.m. The service will be hosted by Elder Carr and The Lord's Church family. Services are free to the public. Any additional information can be obtained by contacting Sr. Pastor Ronetta W. Davis at 910-623-4192.



Religious Briefs

New Hope Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St. will be a summer meal site for lunch through August 11th from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

St. Luke AMEZ Church, 709 Church St., will hold services for the initial sermon of Simba J. Webb, son of Reverend Daniel and Bridget Bryant on Sunday, July 16th at 3:00 p.m.

The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church is a summer meal site for lunch through August 11th from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Wilmington College of Theology, 3421 Wrightsville Ave. will hold registration for the Pastoral Counseling Course on Monday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. Classes will begin August 14th. For more information please call Dr. Lorraine King Cooper at 910-431-7714.

Bladen County

The Shepherd Support Ministry of Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church has planned the fifth inaugural anniversary celebrations for pastor Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin and First Lady, Dr. Katrina Boykin. A special banquet will be held 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at the Regal Venue; 1564 White Lake Drive; White Lake NC 28337. Guest speaker, Bishop Varnie N. Fullwood, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church; 4442 Bonnetsville Road; Clinton, North Carolina. Following the banquet the scheduled festivities continue at Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church; 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

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SPAGHETTI DINNERS

St. Andrew AME Zion Church located at 1201 S. 9th St.

Anniversary Committee will be selling delicious spaghetti dinners on Friday, July 14th at St. Andrew's Fellowship Hall for \$10.00. We are asking all members to solicit sales from hospitals, union halls, offices, beauty & barbershops and any other places of business.

Tickets available now from any committee member. Contact Mary Armwood at 910-790-4546; Ernestine Bennett at 910-520-2379; Arnetta Farrington at 240-216-8602 or Vernell Tobias at 910-769-5020.



SENIOR MOMENTS

My Fellow Citizens:

I just received a newspaper from the Southern Poverty Law Center. I don't know who sent it or if it's the only one I'll get, but I know I will keep it forever. I would like to share a few of the headline stories with you. I will start with a few words from the founder, Morris Dees.

"For more than 45 years, the Southern Poverty Law Center has stood as a beacon of equality in the deep South."

After a letter of appreciation, Mr. Dees listed more than 5,000 people who have sent donations to the cause from



Ruth Johnson

TELL SOMEBODY

"Thirsty?"

"Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1

When the prophet Isaiah, made the universal call for salvation and deliverance in the name of Jesus Christ, he appealed to the "thirsty" soul of men. His message compelled everyone who was thirsty to come to the waters and drink.



Sylvia Hooper

Matthew 5:6, says, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." God's promise to the thirsty, is that if they would come to Christ, he would satisfy their spiritual thirst! When the soul of a man is thirsty, it seeks to find relief and refreshment. The best known natural source of relief for thirst is water. Most of us would agree that after we enjoy a cool refreshing drink of ice tea, lemonade, juice, etc. we still need a drink of h2o, better known as water. Regular or decaffeinated coffee, carbonated or uncarbonated beverages are only temporary

solutions for thirst. Even nutrition experts advise us to drink water first thing in the morning and even at night before going to bed to improve some health conditions.

When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well, he realized that her natural problems and struggles grew from the source of her spiritual need, which was the actual thirsting of her soul! She was searching for the things that could not satisfy her soul. Her lifestyle reflected the root cause of her continuation of bad choices that sullied her life and ruined her reputation. "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living waters." John 4:10

"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:13,14. The living water that Jesus spoke of to the Samaritan

December:

4. Welcome to Donald Trump's America

"Trump's campaign rhetoric has inflamed racial and ethnic tensions in the classrooms, causing a sharp upstick in the bullying of minority children"

5. Hospitals to protect the poor

Six hospitals are revising their policies after the Southern Poverty Law Center pointed out shortcomings in their compliance with federal laws designed to protect low income patients from collection practices.

6. Model Schools

These schools wholeheartedly embrace the spirit of the day and the values we promote through teaching tolerance, empathy, kindness and respect. They set a great example for other schools and for the world.

7. Jailing the poor and freeing the rich

Many people are put into jail following arrest if they cannot afford bail. Those who face the same charges, but can afford to pay, are free to go until the trial.

8. New project by the SPLC

The new project will train lawyers to provide free representation to immigrants detained and facing deportation proceedings in the Southeast.

9. Court ruling protects wages

This ruling will make sure poor people are able to meet basic living expenses before creditors start taking money out of their pay checks.

Amen!

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

should not refuse, if we want our soul to be satisfied. If we admit, that we are thirsty, we need to COME to Jesus. Read Romans 10:8-13

Prayer - "Father I come in the Name of Jesus, asking you to quench the thirsting of my soul. Lord, to you I come. Amen"

Tell Somebody!

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

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

OBITUARIES

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McClain Wallace and the late Sandy Carl Wallace, sr. was born December 19, 1961, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Gregory's spiritual walk began at Mt. Zion AME Church, Wilmington, North Carolina. He was educated in the New Hanover County Schools and a graduate of New Hanover High School. With Greg's love for wanting to see the world, he joined the US Army through the encouragement of his step-father, the late Mr. Major J. Givens, Sr., whom Greg admired for success in the Armed Forces. Greg successfully served his country in the United States Army beginning in the early 1980's, obtaining many honors throughout the span of his career in the military. Greg retired from the Special Forces with the honorable rank of Master Sergeant. Words cannot adequately express the impact Gregory had on his family and friends. He was hard, but fair! Greg expected you to give your best or at least to go the extra mile with the effort. Greg was made of a tough outer shell, but had a heart of gold inside and met you with his beautiful smile that would brighten your day. Greg was "the best big brother" of his siblings when they looked to him for his guidance, knowledge, and support, regardless of the situation. He was a friend, mentor, teacher, role model and father figure to many. However, his greatest joy was being a dad to his daughter, Michelle, whom he treasured, always. He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife,

Chandra Wallace; daughter, Michelle Wallace and her mother, Natalie Wallace with whom he shared an unbreakable bond; sisters, Vanessa Parker, Cheryl Docks (Anthony) and Ingrid Lettley (Danny); brothers, Major Givens, III, Zachery Givens, Reginald Wallace (Jessica), Ronald Givens ad Stephen Givens (Taneshia); step-sisters, Geraldine Armstrong, Sandra Wilson and Cynthia Sanders-Simpson; aunt, Margurite Grantham, uncles, Herbert Anderson, Sylvester McClean, Sr. and Charlie Wallace; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, nieces, nephews to numerous to name and special friends to the end, Mike Harris, Randy Walker, Albert Slappy, Jerome Slappy and Donald Shavers. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

John Lewis

John Lewis died July 8, 2017. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 13, 2017 at Mt. Calvary AME Church, Navassa, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jalessa Danielle Hewett

Jalessa Danielle Hewett was born January 17, 1991 in Wilmington, NC. She entered eternal rest on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. A funeral service was on held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church. Burial followed in Piney Grove Community Cemetery.

She was the daughter of Julia Hewett and Norman LaQuinn Hewett. Jalessa was a loving mother, sister, niece, cousin and friend.

Jalessa was educated in the Brunswick County School System and graduated from South Brunswick High School in 2009. She became a Christian at an early age and joined Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church, where she was involved in many church affiliated activities. Jalessa was passionate about her family and friends. She was committed to being the best that she could be and did it with a "smile".

Jalessa leaves to cherish her memory, a son, Jaceon Hewett; mother, Julia Hewett; father, Norman LaQuinn Hewett, Jr.; a sister, Tywanda Jones; brothers, Davin Hewett and Norman Hewett, III; nieces, Syhrena Hewett and Darjanay Baldwin; nephews, Hahsheem Aswad, Zaheeid Aswad, Elijah Hewett, Ahmad Hewett and Darrius Baldwin. Jalessa, also leaves to cherish her memory, a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Roy L. Hill, Sr.

Mr. Roy Lee Hill, Sr. made his transition into external joy on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at his residence. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at St. Andrews AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

He was born February 26, 1930 to the late William A Hill and Velmer O. Hill in Wilmington, North Carolina. Roy attended

Williston Industrial High School and completed the 11th grade. He enlisted and served honorably in the United States Army. After receiving an honorable discharge from the military he worked for Queensboro Steel Corporation for 42 years.

In addition to his parents, Roy was preceded in death by: one son, Roy Lee Hill, Jr.; one daughter, Karen Hill; two sisters, Jessie Mae Hill and Velmer Bell; three brothers, William Hill, Charles Hill, and Edward Hill (deceased); son-in-law, James Rogers.

He leaves to cherish his life and memories: five children: Robert McMillian (Zet), Fayetteville, N.C., Diane Batts, Smithfield N.C., Lataunia Hill, Yolonda Rogers, and Kevin Hill, all of Wilmington N.C.; one sister, Juanita Weston (James) Chicago, IL; mother of his children, Elizabeth Robinson of Wilmington, NC; six grandchildren: Renee Hill, Marquita Hill (Phil), Marcus Hill, Nikia Batts, Nicole Batts, and Andre (Destini); five great grandchildren; a host of nephews, nieces, and cousins. He also leaves his close friend, Mr. Willie Eaddy and three special friends of the family: Patricia Beatty, Pearl Blackwell, and Jette' Lawrence. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Deborah W. Ringwood

Deborah W. Ringwood entered eternal rest on July

3, 2017 after a brief illness in New Hanover Regional Medical Center. A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. "Ringwood" as she was lovingly called, was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on September 25, 1949 to the late Nathaniel Walker and Ruth Moore Walker. At an early age she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. As a young adult, she became a faithful and loyal member of Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, where she sang on multiple choirs. Deborah was a member of the Senior Adult Ministry or "SAMS" and various civic organizations within the church and community.

Deborah was educated in the North Carolina and Connecticut School Systems. In 1967, Deborah graduated high school from Wilbur L. Cross in New Haven, Connecticut. She was also an Honorary Member of the Williston Class of 1967 in Wilmington. Deborah furthered her education by attending Post Secondary School at South Central Community College and Shaw University Cape Center. After several years, Deborah retired from the Wilmington Housing Authority, but continued her career in Property Management in Tennessee and Maryland.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a fiancée; Charlie Smith; a brother, Alvin E. Moore; nephews, Alfred Garrett and Keith Garrett. She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Stephanie Ringwood of Charlotte, NC; two sons, Christopher Ringwood

(Latoya) of Charlotte, NC and Terrence Ringwood of Wilmington, DE; three sisters, Deloris Knight of New Haven, CT, Jacqueline Allen and Sheila Allen of Wilmington, NC; ten grandchildren, Christopher, Dorien II, Nautica, Nashawn, Dominique, Amiya, Dezman, Olivia, Kynya and Eric; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneral-home-nc.com.

James G. Murray

James Gerald Murray, age 74, of Wilmington, NC passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

A visitation was held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Jerry D. Harrison

Jerry Dean Harrison, age 70, of Wilmington, NC, passed away on July 5, 2017. He passed from cancer at his Sunset Park home.

There will be a celebration of Jerry's life at 11:00 AM on Saturday July 15, 2017, at Halyburton Park Community Center, 4099 S. 17th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28412. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneral-home-nc.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 17 SP 348

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Humphrey Properties, LLC, to Kirsten E. Foyles, Esq., Trustee, dated and recorded December 7, 2011, in Book 5603, Page 1807, New Hanover County Registry, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 6059 at Page 285 of the New Hanover County Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Humphrey Properties, LLC dated and recorded December 7, 2011 in Book 5603, Page 1807, New Hanover County Registry ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 19th day of July, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess St., Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property (including any improvements and fixtures thereon) more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein and the personal property described in the Deed of Trust (collectively, the "Property").

The Property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed or the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the real property being offered for sale and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The Property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements, and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recording of the Deed of Trust. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the Property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. If an order for possession is issued, you may be required to vacate the real property.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagee has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is Humphrey Properties, LLC. Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty Five Cents (\$.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308 (a)(1). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This the 21st day of June, 2017.
s/Elizabeth Wright
Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee
Counsel of the Carolinas
310 N. Front St., Ste. 4-147
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 200-2677

EXHIBIT A

TRACT ONE: BEGINNING at a point in the western line of South Seventh Street, 131 feet southwardly of its intersection with the southern line of Market Street, and running thence westwardly and parallel with Market Street 66 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with the western line of South Seventh Street 59 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with the southern line of Market Street 66 feet to the western line of South Seventh Street; thence northwardly with and along the said western line of South Seventh Street 59 feet to the point of BEGINNING. Same being a part of Lots 2 and 3, Block 157, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

TRACT TWO: BEGINNING at a point in Block 157, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, said beginning point being located 66 feet westwardly as measured at a right angle from the western line of South Seventh Street, and being also located 165 feet southwardly as measured at a right angle from the southern line of Market Street and running thence westwardly and parallel with the southern line of Market Street 66 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with the western line of South Seventh Street 45 feet to the point of BEGINNING. Being a part of Lots 3 and 4, in Block 157, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

Tracts One and Two are those same lots of land conveyed to Harry W. Cherry, Charles J. Bekaert, and William S. Holland by Maida P. Meeks, widow, by deed dated August 24, 1960, recorded in Book 664, Page 623, New Hanover County Registry. Also being the same property described in deed recorded in Book 700, Page 422, New Hanover County Registry.

TRACT THREE: BEGINNING at a point in the southern line of Market Street 66 feet west of its intersection with the western line of Seventh Street and runs thence westwardly along the southern line of Market Street 66 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Seventh Street 165 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Market Street 66 feet and thence northwardly and parallel with Seventh Street 165 feet to the BEGINNING, the same being part of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 157, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina; being the same land conveyed by Lena Solomon Bear, et al., to Paul Hendren by deed dated May 26, 1952, as recorded in Book 511, Page 5, New Hanover County Registry, and thereafter conveyed by Emma W. Hendren, widow of Paul Hendren, et al. to Oliver Carter, Trustee, by deed dated April 21, 1960, recorded in Book 671, Page 63, in said Registry. Also being the same property described in Book 700, Page 423, New Hanover County Registry.

July 6, 13, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Paul Arthur Thayer, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **September 25, 2017** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 22nd day of June, 2017.

Carolyn Thayer, Executrix of the Estate of Paul Arthur Thayer
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM
720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Shirley Parsons, 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 **29th 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 29th day of June, 2017

Cynthia Dawn Nathans, Executor
7209 Anaca Point Rd.
Wilmington, NC 228411

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of James L. Hanson, 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 **29th 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 29th day of June, 2017

Alli Hanson Combs, Executrix
202 N. Hampton Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Alonzo Ulysses McCants, 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 **29th 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 29th day of June, 2017

Anita S. McCants, Administrator
322 North 26th Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 17th day of May, 2017, as Administrator of the Estate of **LARRY DEAN RIPA**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Administrator, Terri Ripa Hunnicutt, at 606 Hillview Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405, on or before the **4th day of October, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 3rd day of July, 2017.

TERRI RIPA HUNNICUTT, ADMINISTRATOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Saffo Law Firm, P.C.
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Betty Jo Sloop**, 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 **14th day of October, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of July, 2017

Debra Williamson Peterson, Executrix
214 Candlewood Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

NOTICE TO DISSOLUTION OF CIS WILMINGTON, INC. NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 55-14-07, CIS Wilmington, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation, announces that it is dissolved as of July 11, 2017, and this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against CIS Wilmington, Inc., that they must present them in writing to CIS Wilmington, Inc., at the following address: Attention: David E. Anderson, Attorney at Law at 1213 Culbreth Drive, Suite 343, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405. All claims must be presented with supporting documentation evidencing the name and address of the claimant, amount of claim, and background documentation supporting the claim. A claim against CIS Wilmington, Inc., will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within Five (5) years after the date of publication of this Public Notice.

David Anderson
David E. Anderson, PLLC
1213 Culbreth Dr., Ste. 343
Wilmington NC 28405

July 13, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JA 163, 14 JA 119

IN THE MATTER OF: S.Y. (DOB: 11/27/2001) C.J. (DOB: 10/04/2000)

TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER: DEVONCEY CHRISHAWN JONES

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

Adjudication of a Juvenile Petition filed on June 7, 2017, alleging that the above-referenced Juveniles are neglected and dependent Juveniles.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, July 13, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

You have been assigned Attorney Shawn Evans. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 251-6088, 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATION/DISPOSITION HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR **AUGUST 31, 2017**, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 12th day of July, 2017.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 (phone)
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

July 13, 20, 27, 2017

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EXECUTRIX' NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **MILDRED FILEDS EDGERTON**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of October, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of June, 2017.

Jessica Lynn Forsythe
Executrix of the Estate of Mildred Fields Edgerton
c/o Charles T. Busby
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 818
Hampstead, NC 28443-818
910-270-8830

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Doris Jean Williams AKA Doris Jane Williams**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **25th day of 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 22nd day of June, 2017

Donald Ray Williams, Executor
6400 Livingstone Chapel Rd.
Delco, NC 28436

June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2017

CO- ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DRE G. JORDAN

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Administrators of the Estate of **Dre G. Jordan**, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Dre. G. Jordan to present them to the undersigned on or before **September 22, 2017**, that being three (3) months from the first date of publication of this Notice or same shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This the 22nd day of June, 2017.

Jennifer Jordan and Andre Jordan, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Dre G. Jordan
c/o Stephen E. Culbreth
CULBRETH LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 446
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2017

NOTICE TO CLAIM PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Administrator of the Estate of **Jonathan Charles Nelson a/k/a Johnathan Charles Nelson (15-E-939)**, hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims who conducted business with or entrusted their personal property with Jonathan Charles Nelson a/k/a Johnathan Charles Nelson, in his individual capacity or as the sole proprietor operating J Nelson Designs which was formerly located at 4113-B Oleander Drive, New Hanover County, North Carolina, 28401 and claim said personal property on or before **October 14, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of July, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Jonathan Charles Nelson
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone: 910-815-0085
Facsimile: 910-815-1095

July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, Joyce S. Hughes, having qualified on the 12th day of June, 2017, as Personal Representative of the **Estate of Ronald Mason Hughes (17-E-996)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **25th day of September, 2017**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 13th day of June, 2017.

Joyce S. Hughes
Personal Representative
ESTATE OF RONALD M. HUGHES
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington NC 28403

June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **James Malcolm Knox (17-E-1019)**, 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 29, 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 16th day of June, 2017

Joy Tatka, Executrix of the Estate of James Knox
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the estate **William H. Bullard**, 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 **14th day of October, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of July, 2017

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

July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Annie Marie Brinkley**, 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 **14th day of October, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of July, 2017

Gloria Brinkley-Caldwell,
Administrator
4447 William Louis Dr.
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