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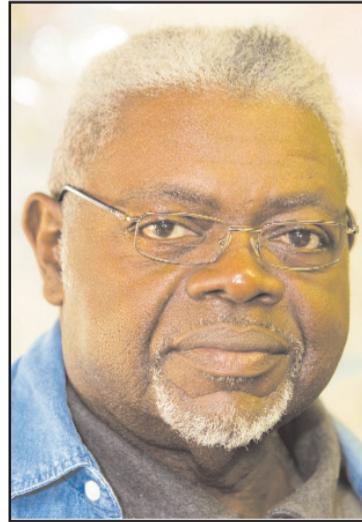
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE

BERNEST HEWETT

**VOTE:
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WAY OF LIFE**

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Today I find myself caught between being a Brunswick County country boy or a Brunswick County citizen or maybe a converted person. If what I see happening is any indication of the future of Brunswick County, being a country boy, I don't like what I see coming.

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Barber, Butterfield blast Trump nomination of NC GOP attorney

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Rev. Dr. William Barber, President of the NCNAACP, is alarmed that Pre Trump is nominating a prominent Republican attorney who fought to uphold North Carolina's racial gerrymandered redistricting maps and 2013 voter suppression laws to the federal bench for the Eastern District.

According to a federal appellate court last year, those laws targeted African-American voters with almost "...surgical precision," while the US Supreme Court recently ruled the maps to be "unconstitutional."

Attorney Thomas Farr, best known for representing Republican legislative leaders in court is up for the lifetime seat, and Rev. Barber called that "dangerous."

"Farr has been the lead attorney on

NC NAACP PRESIDENT
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THOMAS FARR

racist voter suppression," Rev. Barber said in an interview Tuesday. "He's wasted millions of North Carolinian's dollars (defending against NCNAACP lawsuits).

The civil rights leader vowed to go

before the Senate Judiciary Committee to testify against Farr's confirmation.

Farr is a labor and constitutional law litigator with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart Law Firm in Raleigh.

Congressman G.K. Butterfield (D-12-NC) also made it clear in a statement

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Port City Track Club prep for Junior Olympics in Kansas

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PORT CITY TRACK CLUB SCORES BIG AND NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The USA Track and Field, Region 3 Junior Olympics, ended, and the Port City Track Club brought back multiple regional champions to the city of Wilmington.

The Port City Track Club 4x100 men 17/18 year old are the repeat champs for the region. Last year, they won the region and repeated again this year by running the fastest time in the nation for their age group. The team consists of Shaquan Graham, Deshawn Ballard, J. C. Smith and Cameron Coley-Barnhill.

Ethan Fay is the regional champion for the boys' 11/12 year old division for the aero javelin. Ethan threw a personal best of 102'-2". Dynzil Rhodes-Davis is the regional champ for the 9/10 year boys' 1500 meter race walk. J. C. Smith won the long jump for the region, with a jump of 23'-04". Deshawn Ballard is the regional champion for the 17/18 year old men in the 100 meter dash, with a personal best of 10.5, and he is also the regional champ in the 200 meter dash, with a time of 20.95.

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GOVERNOR ROY COOPER

FREEDOM MONUMENT IN LEGISLATIVE LIMBO

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Unless the \$200,000 Gov. Cooper appropriated to the State Freedom Monument project in his proposed but rejected budget is replaced, the tribute to African American contributions to North Carolina history may not see the light of day as long as Republicans don't see it as necessary.

Just this week, it was announced that the NC African American Heritage Commission was awarded a \$148,450 grant from the National Institute of Museum and Library Services to support the commission's "Green Books" Oasis Spaces: African American Travel in NC, 1936-1966" project.

"The Negro Motorist Green Book" (the "Green Book") was an annual guidebook for African American travelers, published from 1936-1966, to help them avoid business

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More than 100 federal agencies fail to report hate crimes to the FBI's national database

BY A.C. THOMPSON AND KEN SCHWENCKE

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM PROPUBLICA

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In violation of a longstanding legal mandate, scores of federal law enforcement agencies are failing to submit statistics to the FBI's national hate crimes database, ProPublica has learned.

The lack of participation by federal law enforcement represents a significant and largely unknown flaw in the database, which is supposed to be the nation's most comprehensive

source of information on hate crimes. The database is maintained by the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division, which uses it to tabulate the number of alleged hate crimes occurring around the nation each year.

The FBI has identified at least 120 federal agencies that aren't uploading information to the database, according to Amy Blasher, a unit chief at the CJIS division, an arm of the bureau that is overseeing the modernization of its information sys-

tems.

The federal government operates a vast array of law enforcement agencies - ranging from Customs and Border Protection to the Drug Enforcement Administration to the Amtrak Police - employing more than 120,000 law enforcement officers with arrest powers. The FBI would not say which agencies have declined to participate in the program, but the bureau's annual tally of hate crimes statistics does not include any offenses handled by federal law



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Right now, I can live on as much land as my family has, or I can buy without POA-HOA or well meaning new people telling me that this is not the way it should be. Now, as a Brunswick County citizen, I am going to have to accept the idea of doing away with farmland or people's right to live in open spaces.

People don't want others telling them how many cars, boats, or tractors to park on their property. They don't like being told what color their houses or barns must be, and there is another way. Why do we feel we must change the ways of life that have worked for years and made for a good lifestyle for many country people at a comfortable cost of living without all the interference in their everyday lives? I, as a man who grew up in Brunswick County, find that our elected officials have slow-

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last week that he opposes the Farr nomination.

"I'm disappointed that President Trump nominated a lawyer who has been at the forefront of defending the North Carolina Republican legislature as it has repeatedly engaged in political gerrymandering of State legislative and congressional district boundaries, and has passed regressive voting laws that had the intended effect of diluting the voting rights of minority groups," Rep. Butterfield said in a statement.

"The counties in the Eastern District have a substantial African American population (27%), but the Court does not reflect that diversity. The Court should include African

American judges, and this appointment simply maintains the status quo in a district with a large population of African American citizens.

"President Obama attempted to integrate this Court by nominating two African American females for this position (federal prosecutor Jennifer May-Parker and former NC Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson), but their nominations were blocked by a Republican Senator (Richard Burr).

Butterfield concluded, "I urge the United States Senate to carefully scrutinize the record of Thomas Farr and determine if he can impartially serve as a judge in cases involving voting and civil rights."

The judicial seat in question has been open for the past eleven years. The Eastern District covers 44 counties in

North Carolina, from Raleigh in Wake County, to the coast. The seat has been vacant since 2005, making this the longest federal judicial vacancy in the nation.

"There has never been an African American to sit on that court," Rev. Barber says. "It looks like the Civil Rights Movement never happened."

Farr has the backing of both Republican US Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis. Both, who say that Farr is "well qualified," are expected to push hard for Farr's confirmation in the US Senate.

Farr has been down this road before, having been nominated by Pres. George W. Bush in 2006 and 2007, but the Senate Judiciary Committee never took up his nomination.

Farr has defended both the Republican-led NC legislature's 2011 redistricting maps, and voter ID restrictions, both later

thrown out by the federal courts.

Rev. John Mendez and Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem were plaintiffs in the NCNAACP lawsuits against the 2013 voter ID laws.

He did not return two calls for comment to his church Tuesday prior to press time.

Attorney Irving Joyner, Chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee, said of Trump's nomination of Atty. Farr, "A pure simple case of stacking the judicial deck against voting rights and political participation by African Americans and other racial minorities."

"Stacking" the federal judiciary with Republican judges is just one way critics like Joyner say President Trump is attempting to prepare to win re-election in 2020. Others also see the President's controversial "Election Integrity

Commission" as another attempt to control the voting in 2020 in as many states as possible to his liking.

However, at press time, at least 45 states have balked at the commission's request for personal information about voters registered to vote, fearing that information will be misused by the Trump Administration. A series of complaints and lawsuits have forced the commission to stop its data collection.

Farr is expected to be heading up the legal team representing Republican legislative leaders on Thursday, July 27, when a federal three judge panel for the US Middle District reconvenes to hear arguments about when legislative voting districts will be redrawn, and when, if possible, special elections could be held this year before November, based on those maps.

TRACK CLUB

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All together, the Port City Track Club will be sending 19 athletes to the nationals in Lawrence, Kansas July 23-20, 2017. They are as follows:

Ma'Laya Ross will run the 400 meter dash in the 8 and under girls' category.

Jasmine Richardson, Kateria Peters, Kalaia Peters, and Kaleah Peters will compete in the girls' 4X400 meter relay in the 9 and 10 year old girls' category.

Marquis Anthony, Jayden Johnson, Kisaiah Ferguson, and Zaccheus Henry will run the 4X100 meter relay in the boys' 15 and 16 year old category.

Shaquan Graham, Deshawn Ballard, J. C. Smith, and Camron Coley-Barnhill will run the 4X100 meter relay in the men's 17 and 18 year old category. They are currently ranked #1 in the nation.

De'Shawn Ballard runs the 100 and 200 meter dash in the 17/18 year old men's age group and is currently ranked #1 in the nation in both. He is ranked 6th all time in North Carolina for the 200.

Ethan Fay competes in the 80 hurdles and the aero jav in

the 11 and 12 year old boys' category.

Casper Powe throws the discus in the 15/16 year old boys' category.

Connor Powe competes in the 100 hurdles and does the triple jump in the 13 and 14 year old boys' category.

Dynzcil Rhodes-Davis com-

petes in the 9 and 10 year old boys' age group for the 1500 race walk.

Xavier Terrell runs in the 100 and 200 meter dash for the 11 and 12 year old boys' category.

Micah Hairston does the 400 meter hurdles in the 17 and 18 year old men's catego-

ry, and Ja'Vonta Smith does the long jump in the 17 and 18 year old men's category.

"I am just excited that we are giving our kids a platform to showcase their talents. I want them to enjoy the moment and this great experience," said Coach Bell.

The Port City Track club

needs your help in sending these kids to Kansas. If you would like to donate, please visit their Facebook Page: Roderick Bell (Port City Track Club) and click on the gofundme account they have set up. You may also call Coach Bell at (704)886-8686 or Coach T. at (910)297-5974.

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NCNAACP's REV. BARBER TO BE CONSECRATED AS "BISHOP" SATURDAY

[NEW ORLEANS, LA] NCNAACP Pres. Rev. Dr. William J. Barber will be consecrated as a "Bishop" and become a part of The College of Affirming Bishops for his work with Repairers of the Breach, Inc. (Repairers) and Justice Live In Ministry



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owners who refused to serve them. The guidebook compiled listings of "oasis spaces," welcoming hotels, restaurants, auto repair shops, gas stations

(JLAM). After deep consideration of his prophetic calling, credentials, his body of spiritual and justice work, his incessant care and concern for the poor and vulnerable and his experience as an exceptional pastor and leader of pastors, our Chief Consecrator, Bishop Yvette Flunder, with the full support of the College of Affirming Bishops, will oversee his examination, counsel and consecration. The consecration will take place Saturday, July 22 in New Orleans, La.

MAYOR, COUNTY LEADERS DEMAND MORE INFO ON GEN X

[WILMINGTON] Local and county leaders came together Monday to say they aren't hearing enough from state and federal officials concerning how much GenX chemical contamination there is the Cape Fear River, a prime source of drinking water for the region. Recent water test results show the levels of GenX have dropped since Chemours, the DuPont plant on the Cape Fear, stopped releasing the chemi-

cal. Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo and NHC Commission Chair Woody White said neither they nor other local leaders should have to "beg" for updated information for the citizens they serve.

Meanwhile the New Hanover Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus hosted a community forum titled "Crimes Against Humanity: Gen X Part 1" at the NHC Public Library Tuesday. Citizens expressed their concerns about the Gen X contamination, and what it means for

their families.

SHAW UNIVERSITY INTERIM PRESIDENT NAMED

[RALEIGH] In the aftermath of the announced resignation of Tashni-Ann Dubroy, president of Shaw University, the historically black university has named Paulette Dillard, vice president of academic affairs as the interim president, until the Trustee Board can name the next permanent president. A search committee will begin that process shortly.

Dubroy, who was just named "female president of the year" by HBCU Digest, has been at Shaw for two years, and is credited with streamlining the operation and raising the level of contributions to the school. She leaves to serve as a vice president and chief operating officer at Howard University in Wash., DC in October.

Ms. Dillard has been at Shaw for just five years.

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Caucus, the Senate Caucus will be in sync with them," Aikens said. "But at the end of the day, [we] don't have the votes to force the Republicans to do what they don't want to do."

Aikens recalled how angry Republicans took budgeted money for schools away from one Black Democrat's district "just to be spiteful" to illustrate their contempt for African Americans.

"You can rest assured that, if there's anything that Democrats are going to propose, Republican's aren't going to be in favor of it, especially when it comes to African American issues," Aikens added, saying that the \$6 million funding for the \$65 million Civil War Center in Fayetteville by Republicans, versus zero funding for the \$200,000 for the Freedom Monument, is "racial and political."

Speaking on behalf of Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue (D-Wake) and the NC Senate Democratic Caucus, Sen. Blue's Chief of Staff Fred Aikens said the Freedom Monument project was not discussed much by them, even though the Legislative Black Caucus touted it as one of their priorities.

And Aikens believes that Senate Republicans wanted to "punish" Senate Democrats for challenging many of their budget priorities. "Obviously if it's a priority for the Legislative Black

Beyer, D-Va., who said he wanted to speak about the matter with the FBI's government affairs team. He wants to see federal agencies "reporting hate crimes as soon as possible."

Beyer and other lawmakers have been working in recent years to improve the numbers of local police agencies participating in voluntary hate crime reporting efforts. Bills pending in Congress would give out grants to police forces to upgrade their computer systems; in exchange, the departments would begin uploading hate crime data to the FBI.

Beyer, who is sponsoring the House bill, titled the National Opposition to Hate, Assault, and Threats to Equality Act, said he would consider drafting new legislation to improve hate crimes reporting by federal agencies, or try to build such a provision into the appropriations bill.

"The federal government needs to lead by example. It's not easy to ask local and state governments to submit their data if these 120 federal agencies aren't even submitting hate crimes data to the database," Beyer said.

In the Senate, Democrat Al Franken of Minnesota said the federal agencies need to do better. "I've long urged the FBI and the Department of Justice to improve the tracking and reporting of hate crimes by state and local law enforcement agencies," Franken told ProPublica. "But in order to make sure we understand the full scope of the problem, the federal government must also do its part to ensure that we have accurate and trustworthy data."

Virginia's Barbara Comstock, a House Republican who authored a resolution in April urging the "Department of Justice (DOJ) and other federal agencies to work to improve the reporting of hate crimes," did not respond to requests for comment.

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OUR VOICE GUEST EDITORIAL

CHILDWATCH

An open letter to the United States Senate

I learned my first lessons about injustice and health as a little Black girl growing up in segregated Bennettsville, South Carolina. I remember my parents' and my sadness over the senseless death of little Johnny Harrington, who lived three houses down from our church who died before he reached

10 because his hard working grandmother didn't know about the need for or have the money for him to get a tetanus shot after he stepped on a rusted nail. I also remember being awakened in the middle of the night after a Black migrant family's car collided with a White truck driver's vehicle on the highway in front of our parsonage, and the horror I felt when my Daddy, my siblings and I witnessed the White ambulance driver and attendants arrive on the scene only to leave behind the seriously injured Black migrant worker after they saw that the White truck's passengers were not hurt. And I remember the loss of a playmate who lived around the corner who died from a broken neck after jumping off the bridge at Crooked Creek nearby where many Black children swam and many Black families fished for food. When I got older, I learned the creek was an outlet for hospital and other sewage.

The sorrow and outrage and sense of injustice I felt as a child at senseless deaths and injuries shaped my life's work. I cannot stand seeing any child mistreated, placed at risk or excluded from essential services because of the color of their skin or the poverty of their parents or grandparents they did not choose. God did not make two classes of children and my Biblical values and my parents' efforts to live up to its teachings enjoined me to believe each child is sacred. During the Civil Rights Movement it was always clear that health care was one of the basic rights for which we were fighting because it could mean life or death. As my friend and mentor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane." I would never have believed that decades later Dr. King's words would still ring true and that after fifty years of hard-earned progress expanding access to health coverage for 95 percent of all children, it could all be ripped away in a heartless game of politics and greed that disregards human life - even the smallest human life. In the wealthiest nation on earth, the fact that we are still unwilling to treat health care as a right available to all regardless of color, income or creed is a disgrace. That child lives are considered political fodder rather than a sacred responsibility by every adult is unjust and shameful.

You, the ever powerful United States Senate, will soon have a choice to make when Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell brings the deeply harmful, flawed, unpopular and misnamed Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) - it should be called the Worse Care Reconciliation Act - to the Senate floor for a vote. This draconian bill will unravel decades of progress fighting for more health equity and justice for all. I hope every voter will stand up for children, the disabled, the elderly, and the most vulnerable among us and make sure those who vote against them are held accountable.

At a time when 95 percent of children in America have health coverage after years of laboriously achieved incremental progress with bipartisan leadership and the percentage of uninsured Americans is at a record low, will you vote for renewed pain and suffering or forward progress? Will you vote to end Medicaid as we know it - a lifeline for more than 37 million children and more than 40 percent of children with special health care needs - to pay for a giant tax cut for wealthy Americans and corporations who don't need or deserve it? Will you vote to rip away health coverage from 22 million Americans and leave millions more paying a lot more for skimpier coverage? Will you vote to undermine coverage for essential services for children and other Americans including those with pre-existing conditions? Will you vote to strip important and popular protections, returning us to a day when discrimination based on age, gender, health status and ability to pay is permitted? Will you vote to deprive millions of Americans mental health and substance abuse treatment in the midst of a national opioid crisis?

You may be wooed with "fixes" being negotiated behind the scenes that tinker around the edges of the cruel, unjust Better Care Reconciliation Act, but make no mistake: it is irreparably flawed and no altering of growth rates and caps, taxes, or creating special "funds" or "risk pools" will fix it. It deserves a swift and decisive death in the Senate if we are to keep any semblance of an American sense of fairness and moral decency alive.

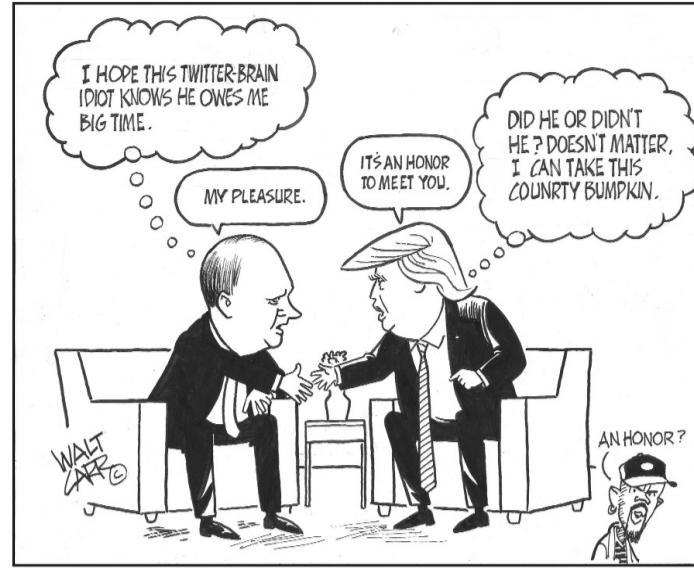
I have just returned from two days in the Mississippi Delta which Senators Robert Kennedy, Joseph Clark and George Murphy visited 50 years ago where they saw children with listless eyes and bloated bellies from lack of food and health care. Mississippi is one of 19 states that turned down Medicaid expansion money their people need. Health injustice still disproportionately affects people of color but those who will suffer come from every race in every state.

Would you vote to deprive your own children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of basic life supports? I suspect not. Denying children essential health care makes no moral or economic sense. Healthy children and adults make America stronger and safer. So at this critical moment in our nation's history, I hope you will stand up for children, the disabled, and the elderly left behind in multiple ways by the politics of greed and self-interest. Please vote NO on the misnamed Better Care Reconciliation Act - a mean-spirited, draconian, un-American step backward that would leave preventable suffering among millions in its wake.

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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DANGEROUS DENIALS

We have been seeing something troubling and dangerous on our television screens since the news broke last week that Donald Trump Jr. took a meeting with Russian nationals a year ago to get dirt on Hillary Clinton last year during the 2016 presidential elections.

Led, no less by the president of the United States himself, there has been a steady chorus of "What's the big deal?" and "So what?" We're hearing these extraordinary pronouncements from various Republican congressmen, friends of Pres. Trump, and of course, some at Fox News.

One glaring example at Fox, however, has been news-

man Shepard Smith, who has called the slimy explanations of why then presidential candidate Donald Trump's son would meet with Russians (along with brother-in-law Jared Kushner and campaign manager Paul Manafort) "Lies, lies, lies..."

Remember, it was Shep's twisted Fox News colleague, Sean Hannity, who had Donald Jr. on his show to offer alibi after alibi for the hopefully dubious world to swallow. It was on that broadcast where Don Jr. said there was nothing else to tell when questioned.

Funny that just days later, there was plenty to find out, whether Don Jr. was telling it or not. Like the fact that Russian attorney he was meeting with had strong ties to the Russian government and was accompanied to the meeting by a Russian counter-intelligence agent, along with at least two other believed to be Russians.

So why does any of this matter to us "simple folk?" Because this is what happens when people who mean us no good take over our government for their own designs. And it is very clear after putting up with Donald Trump's racist presidential campaign, followed by the clowns he's put in his administration to run the government (Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Education Sec. Betsy DeVos to name two of them), in addition to racist policies coming forth like the travel ban against Muslim countries, proposed federal social safety net budget cuts, the elimination of Obamacare and various other rollbacks to Obama Administration policies that helped the poor.

Being black and poor under President Trump is something you don't want to be, because he sees his main mission as getting rid of you, and using your own govern-

ment to do it. But the evidence is clear is that Russian President Vladimir Putin is no friend of Black America either, and the fact that he was willing to influence the outcome of an American presidential election just to put a willing dupe into office, should scare the socks off of everybody.

So here it is, just a few weeks after Independence Day, when we were supposed to be celebrating our patriotism as a nation, and instead, we're watching American citizens getting on our television screens making excuses for what Don Jr. did.

"He didn't break any laws," they say. "What's wrong with colluding with the Russians?" others openly ask. "Hey, what about when the Ukrainians met with the Democrats during the election (Ukraine

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Hugh Price's African American Life: Lessons and blessings

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Hugh Price was the seventh leader (from 1994 through 2002) of the National Urban League, the civil rights organization founded in 1910 to help African American migrants

assimilate into urban life, to provide opportunities for urban migrants, and to eliminate segregation in our nation. Price, an attorney, activist, writer, and foundation executive

was well-suited for that work, for which he may be best known, but Urban League work is only part of his legacy. Price is scheduled to share his reflective autobiography *This African American Life* (Blair; 2017) during the National Urban League convention that begins July 26 in St. Louis. I'm sure that many of his colleagues will enjoy his reflections, much as I did when I read his book.

In his inspirational book, Price weaves his thoughts about public policy with an accounting of his amazing life. His is a life that he might not have imagined -- he came of age at a time when African Americans had access to new possibilities after rigid educational and occupational segregation. So what young man, a product of segregation, would have imagined himself navigating influential and integrated waters, and making a profound difference. Throughout this book, you get a sense that Hugh Price, though well

grounded, is also amazed at the many ways our world has changed. This African American Life reads just like Hugh Price sounds, chock full of self-deprecating humor and tongue-in-cheek reflections.

And while Price takes African American life quite seriously, he manages to take himself somewhat less so. Thus, even in his laid-back way, he is able to convey the excitement he feels at certain high points in his life, such as when he visits South Africa, or when he first, as President of the Urban League, gets a multi-car police escort. I am struck both by Price's humility and by his ability to put himself, and important issues, in context.

Hugh Price is the product of "good stock", middle-class Black Washington, D.C. Reading the first few chapters of his book is like taking a romp through African American history. Price is the descendent of escaped enslaved people, and it is clear that he inherited enough of their hunger for freedom to make that hunger his own. The inventor, Lewis Latimer, is one of his ancestors, and his pride in his legacy shines thorough in his book. Price is not reticent probing race and skin color conflicts when he references a white relative of Lewis Latimer, or when he talks about tensions in his own family when his darker skinned father, a physician, pursued his lighter-skinned mother. Skin color discrimination is still, unfortunately, alive and well; few are as forthright in dealing with it as Hugh Price. He deals with it, as he does with just about everything else, with a sage equanimity. It is clear that he is annoyed by the ignorance of skin color discrimination,

but he is not so annoyed as to produce a tirade about it. Instead, it is simply a factor to reflect on in "this African American life".

Hugh Price's book is extremely thoughtful and transparent. While he expresses extreme joy in the high points of his life, for example joining the Urban League as CEO, his tone is not much different as when he experiences disappointment at missed opportunities. The African American community has gained when Hugh Price felt he "lost", and agrees with his daughter Traer, when she notes that missed opportunities opened doors to new possibilities. Thus, it is engaging to read through his path as youth mentor, New Haven community leader, mayoral appointee, New York Times editorial writer, public television leader, foundation executive, then President and CEO of the National Urban League. In his "back nine" he has been a professor and thought leader, connected with prestigious organizations like Princeton University and the Brookings Institution.

Candid about the ways he lobbied for and secured some of the positions he attained, as well as the ways that some opportunities "fell in his lap", his transparent revelations should be "must" reading for young people with aspirations. Without lecturing, Hugh Price makes powerful statements about the importance of relationships.

Hugh Price has been passionate, improving possibilities for young people through his career. As a young law student and paid mentor to New Haven youth, he learned the importance of consistency. There is no place, he learned,

for drive-by mentoring that takes place only at a mentor's convenience. This is a lesson for the present; so many well-intentioned helpers feel that they can alter the course of a life with well-meaning, but tenuous engagement. Price used his early lessons to develop programs to combat Black youth unemployment, both through the Rockefeller Foundation and through the military. His commitment to youth continued in his Urban League years with his work on quality education and the achievement gap. He describes his work as "Spreading the Gospel of Achievement" in a chapter of his book; it is a gospel he continues to spread.

While I enjoy Price's policy conversations, I equally enjoy the way he recounts his love of family, and the early struggles that he and wife Marilyn faced as they raised their family while he completed law school. Equally enjoyable is his conversation about baseball, a sport he is passionate about. Reading this book made me want to engage Hugh Price is a rambling interview that dug even deeper into his work than the book does. It makes me want to further explore his love for baseball and the ways baseball metaphors reflect contemporary life. For sure, Price hit a home run with this book, but it makes me want to engage him in another inning, another game, and more reflections from this phenomenal man!

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and the elderly left behind in multiple ways by the politics of greed and self-interest. Please vote NO on the misnamed Better Care Reconciliation Act - a mean-spirited, draconian, un-American step backward that would leave preventable suffering among millions in its wake.

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wasn't trying to skew an election; they were trying to get assistance in getting Russian

boots off their necks in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of the country."

This stuff may seem far away, and more "their" business than ours, but make no mistake, we don't pay attention to what "they" are doing with, and to our government, one day we won't have a government to complain about.

Better to have one to complain about, than none at all. *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.*

Trump's lies!!!

I'm a product of the "Southern Experience." Many of my views are shaped by the "mother wit" and logic learned growing up there. There's something unique to the down-to-Earth "common sense" of the "Old Folks" as they reckoned with and evaluated their circumstance and environment.

One of the frequently repeated axioms I distinctly remember goes like this: "If you lie, you'll cheat! If you cheat, you'll steal! And, if you steal, you'll kill!" This evaluation of human character may appear overly-simplified, but it presents a concept of progressive immorality that's not altogether unreasonable. In fact, among many practitioners of these vices, we find the connection between those sins the rule rather than exception.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

RAINBOW COALITION**Trump's cold-hearted agenda is immoral**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Candidates say campaigns are about articulating programs, issues and priorities.

But people vote for candidates based on how that person makes them feel. Consciously or unconsciously, elections are about giving voice to values.

Voters are moral proxies who want to know that a candidate or elected official truly cares about them - that they are authentic - more than they care about what they know.

President Donald Trump and his administration are expressing moral values that have no market value. The Golden Rule has both moral and market value. Trump wouldn't want done to him what he's doing to the majority of the American people.

Trump's values express

reverse gratification. The powerful are suppressing the weak; the rich are exploiting the poor; the elephant is crushing the gnat.

Attorney General Jefferson Beauregard Sessions disavows the Voting Rights Act. He has a history of politicizing it by frivolously charging blacks with voter fraud, and has withdrawn Justice Department support from a voting rights case involving racial discrimination. That's an expression of this administration's values.

Trump has established a voter fraud commission despite having no evidence of voter fraud. He appointed Kris Kobach, secretary of state of Kansas and the "King of Voter Suppression" as its head, apparently for the purpose of finding 3 million to 5 million examples in order to "prove" he lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton because of voter fraud. That's an expression of twisted moral values.

Candidate Trump promised a universal health care system better and cheaper

than the Affordable Care Act (ACA), but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell appointed 13 men (no women) who came up with a plan to repeal and replace the ACA

that would take away affordable health insurance from over 20 million Americans. It would deny money to Planned Parenthood, an organization that provides health services for women; remove billions of dollars from a Medicaid program that serves over 70 million poor people, including children and the disabled; threaten to bankrupt nursing homes for the old and financial security for their families; threaten the existence of rural community hospitals and urban public hospitals; drive up costs and drive down health benefits for the middle class; take away millions of jobs from the people who provide these services; and do all these things in order to give massive tax cuts to the greedy. If Sen. John McCain was poor or middle class and had the Republican plan - i.e., old and infirm - he would be

in trouble, and that's a moral disgrace! The Constitution, like the ACA, was imperfect and had shameful flaws, but we chose to amend it not end it.

Trump wants to close public schools and build private jails. He appointed a secretary of education, Betsy DeVos, who has dedicated her entire life and lots of money undercutting public education and advocating for for-profit private schools. He is weakening civil rights protections that include racial and sexual minorities.

He appointed Scott Pruitt as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a person who was joined at the hip with the fossil fuel industry as Oklahoma's attorney general and who many times sued the organization he now heads. Pruitt is gutting the strong environmental achievements of Obama and led the charge for Trump to withdraw from

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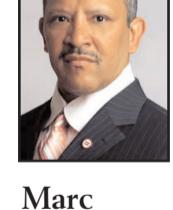
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TO BE EQUAL**Civil rights icon Rev. Barber charts new course down beaten paths**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"This is America's opportunity to help bridge the gulf between the haves and the have-nots. The question is whether America will do it.

There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we now have the techniques and the resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will." — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., American Civil Rights Activist, "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution." March 31, 1968



Marc Morial

and roles, moving him from national stages to the streets.

As the chief architect of what would become the ongoing "Moral Mondays" movement, an extension of the NAACP's Forward Together movement, in the spring of 2013, Rev. Barber stood and protested with impacted people, civil rights activists and community leaders in front of the North Carolina state legislature to challenge discriminatory voter access laws and other state-sponsored attacks on civil rights.

Protestors sang "We Shall Overcome," held signs, blocked the doors to the Senate chambers and got arrested. Described in his own words as the "largest state-government-focused civil disobedience campaign in U.S. history," the first protest would, thankfully, not be the last. Crossing traditional barriers of religion, race, class, political affiliation or sexual orientation, that first Moral Monday has inspired tens of thousands of people to lock arms in solidarity and protest beyond the state of North Carolina, undeterred by the very real threat of arrests, with over 1,000 protestors handcuffed and jailed—including Rev. Barber, several times.

Under the umbrella of Repairers of the Breach—a nonprofit founded by Rev. Barber that develops church and lay people into leaders

who strategize and organize for progressive, moral agendas—Dr. King's Poor People's Campaign will find new life. The new campaign, now the New Poor People's Campaign: National Call for a Moral Revival, will pick up where his assassination left the nascent movement.

A year before his death, Dr. King shifted his focus to economic inequality, and as he did with civil and voting rights, he was committed to making poverty and the plight of all our nation's poor a top priority on our federal government's agenda. Dr. King announced the Poor People's Campaign at a staff retreat for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1967. He described the campaign as a "highly significant event," adding that the campaign was "the beginning of a new cooperation, understanding, and a determination by poor people of all colors and backgrounds to assert their right to a decent life and respect for their culture and dignity." He planned on descending on our nation's capital with scores of poor people to demand fair wages, unemployment insurance and quality education. He would not live to join the protestors who would eventually descend on Washington, erect a protest camp and demand economic justice, but the campaign was short lived, and we continue to fight for

that same justice Dr. King understood was essential to achieve, if our nation was truly committed to giving everyone, regardless of color, gender or zip code, a fair chance at life.

Today, Dr. King's legacy in the fight for economic justice for all Americans has been passed on to Rev. Barber, and I am pleased that Rev. Barber has answered the call to lead this effort in the affirmative.

As a historic civil rights organization dedicated to economic empowerment for the poor and underserved, The National Urban League will honor Rev. Barber and his long-time commitment to civil rights and justice during our annual conference this year. We live now in worrisome times where a robust movement is afoot to limit Americans' access to the ballot box, where millions of people worry that they will not have healthcare next year, and where the stock of private prisons continue to soar as the Trump administration finds more people to criminalize and occupy prison beds. So we are fortunate to have men and women on the side of right, like Rev. Barber, who contemplate action in the face of abuse and refuse to remain silent in the face of injustice.

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

BLACKONOMICS**It's your money**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Yet another report, the Nielsen African American Consumer Report, was released in October 2016. Titled, "Young, Connected, and Black - African American millennials are driving social change and leading digital advancement," it points out various issues related to how Blacks spend our dollars, with an emphasis on our young people. To put it bluntly, this report is about your money—how much you earn, what you spend it on, and how it can be obtained from you in exchange for products and services. Yes, it's your money, but for how long?

Since most of us will not read a 56-page consumer report, I am going to draw heavily from its contents in hope that you, the Black consumer, will learn to teach your dollars how to make more sense. Information is only power if you use it appropriately. The Nielsen Report contains a lot of information, but the question is: Who will benefit from it?

The report states, "African-Americans are exuberant and reflective-optimistic about present-day advances in income, education, entrepreneurship and healthcare, and determined to forge a better future as influential leaders and catalysts of social awareness against discrimination and social injustice. With incomes steadily rising at a rate that outpaces that of the general population, African-Americans' 'buying power' is expected to grow 21.6% between now and 2020, by which time it will reach just over \$1.4 trillion..." Is it Black buying power or Black buying weakness?

Nielsen says, "African-American consumers are focused on 'eating well' and 'looking good,' over-indexing across a wide variety of product categories, ranging from beauty products to fresh foods and ingredients that reflect their proud heritage and cultural traditions...There is a 'clear opportunity' for innovation and new-product development in the convenient-healthy eating space." Are Black people taking advantage of the "opportunity" we have created?

In a section titled, Valuing the Beauty Within, the report states, "Personal image is highly valued and is regarded with an immense sense of pride in the African-American community. African-American millennials have higher buying rates (per household) for hair care products and personal soap and bath products than their millennial counterparts." Do you think they are talking about Black manufactured products?

Another section, Feeling Proud, Looking Good, and Spending More, points out that, "Personal image is highly valued and is regarded with an immense sense of pride in the African-American community. Consumer product companies have long been aware of the 'dedicated consumption' of personal healthcare items by Black consumers. African-Americans of all ages show higher buying rates than non-African-Americans for women's fragrances, grooming aids, personal soap and bath needs, deodorant, sanitary protection, family planning, and feminine hygiene...The long history of personal care spending has led many consumer products companies to offer highly-developed lines of popular African-American cosmetic, fragrance, and hair-care products that cater to the wants and needs of African-American men and women." Is that why L'Oréal has purchased Black hair care and cosmetic companies? As their commercial says, "Because [you're] worth it."

Uh oh, here it comes, the pièce de résistance: "Optimism About the Future". In 2012, for the first time in American history, African-Americans had the highest rate of voter registration and turnout of all races, 66 percent versus 64 percent. And while the majority of African-Americans are optimistic that the country is headed in the right direction, there is an ongoing need in their communities for more affordable housing, healthcare, childcare and higher education." Does that seem a bit oxymoronic to you? Besides, what did we get from all that voting?

The report says, "In 2015, African-Americans 'controlled' \$1.2 trillion in buying power, 8.6 percent of the nation's total, and a 21% increase over 2010...The gains in Black buying power reflect not only African-Americans' population growth, but also their increasing education and entrepreneurship, as well as their advancing into their peak earning years." Our money is "subject" to our "control" but we are not appropriately controlling it; we do not leverage it.

Finally, the report says, "Nielsen has provided these reports to better illustrate the 'unique' qualities of the African-American community, the 'business opportunities' that exist, and the best methods for a productive and successful 'connection.' As business executives look for opportunities to grow their businesses and gain market share, it is critical to measure and evaluate the opportunities."

Dr. James Lance Taylor points out that Black millennials, many who earn \$60,000 to \$85,000 straight out of college, are migrating to the south in record numbers. Armed with that kind of money they must take full advantage of it, collectively, and build something for themselves and their progeny—something they "control."

Black consumers are the most studied segment in this nation, because as Willie Sutton once said when asked why he robbed banks, "That's where the money is." It's our money this report is talking about, Black folks; are we accessing the opportunities therein?

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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the Paris climate agreement, relinquishing America's environment leadership on an issue that will literally cost Americans millions of jobs and economic growth, threaten the Earth's equilibrium and the existence of the human race.

In foreign policy Trump has weakened our international leadership role established over the last three-quarters of a century through the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) that has successfully maintained peace in Europe. He has cozied up to authoritarian leaders, shown little interest in advancing human rights or a free press, and has turned our backs over to the generals, shunning civilian leadership. Trump's "eye for an eye" and "fight fire with fire" policy would leave many

blind and burned.

Trump's most fervent supporters are the same people who sanctimoniously attend annual prayer breakfasts, cite scripture and pray in public. Trump and Republicans see ending health care for millions and giving tax cuts to the rich as victorious. Jesus warned about "religious" people who walk over the sick and past the poor.

Republicans are struggling to keep promises they made—ones they shouldn't have made because they lack a moral foundation. Their values are unhealthy and dangerous—and will lead to calamity and downfall. They can't be exported to the rest of the world by our diplomats, and polls show Americans don't agree with them. It's an immoral agenda with no market value at all.

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

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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 nhcnaacp@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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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

St. John Missionary Baptist Church celebrates 135th anniversary

St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia just recently celebrated its 135th anniversary with Rev. Quan K. R. Steward as its current pastor.

The church has a rich history, which was shared during the service by Deacon Hubert Reaves. The church dates back to a period when free Blacks were still in search for a sense of real independence.

It is common knowledge that slaves were suffering on plantations as they worked from sunrise to sunset with little time to eat and rest. Men, women, and children used mules and other animals to cultivate the soil for cotton and other crops. Cotton was a great source of income for plantation owners, but picking it was hard work. It would take all day to pick a bag of cotton, and there was no room for mistakes. Errors could lead to severe punishment, making the living conditions of plan-

tation life deplorable.

As treacherous as slavery was, freedom also presented its own set of challenges. During the first half of the 19th century, free blacks had increasing difficulties to survive. They had very little or no education and very little or no money at all. Their knowledge of freedom was the basic understanding of being free and independent.

One man in search of such freedom was Lewis Wilson of Greenville. Lewis stole a cow from the master's plantation in order to be used as food to feed a group of free slaves. Lewis had to flee as soon as possible because he would face brutal punishment for stealing the cow. He waited until he could find a safe direction that would lead him away from the plantation.

Interestingly, food and water were not a big problem-the issue was finding shelter and being able to rest and sleep in the dense forest at night with a feeling of safety. Some of the older senior citizens believed he received help from the Native Americans who were great at offering help with directions. In his search for safety and refuge, he found land for sale

in Bolivia at 20 cents a lot or 50 cents for two acres. He managed to get a letter to the free slaves in Greenville, and when they received word, they made preparations to leave at night.

There were seven sisters traveling with the group, and their last names were Wilson, Reaves, Randolph, Johnson, Evans, Fullwood and Smith. They were free and looking forward to a better future. With mules and wagons stolen from their master's plantation, they had to travel at night in such a way as to leave no trails for others to find them. They took only what was needed.

Children who ran away from their parents were also in this group. Interestingly, one of the sisters gave birth to a baby while stopping at a place to rest. The distance was not considered impossible because there was food and shelter to rest. There were also means to care for the animals along the way.

At last they found the place called Bolivia. There were many days of hard labor to build and clear the land by hand. The freed slaves worked together while building a strong relationship and

sense of community. There was a willing mind to accept what they had and make it work to meet all of their needs. They came here and proved how bold and aggressive a human being can be with little or no outside assistance. They could sing songs of glory. This is our land. This is our country. We have helped make America what it is today. We cannot forget the struggles of freedom for which our ancestors fought some 135 years ago and even far beyond.

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.

SOC holds Student Recognition Program

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
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The Save Our Community (SOC) Organization of Southport held its annual Student Recognition Program recently at Mt. Carmel AME Church. Norman Jones, master of ceremonies, opened the program by asking the audience to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Brianna Prevoe (St. James AMEZ) read the Scripture (Psalm 23), Tyana Swain (Friendship Baptist) prayed, and Cassie Pollock (Mt. Carmel) gave the welcome. Aviana Ray (Brown's Chapel AMEZ) read the five original objectives of the organization. She noted that SOC has concentrated on three objectives by sponsoring the Emancipation Proclamation Program in December; the Student Recognition Program in June, and a Bible Quiz Bowl in September.

Mrs. Pamela Ferguson (St. James AMEZ) presented students with certificates for their involvement in church, school, and community activities. Ms. Yasmine Bines presented stu-

dents with perfect attendance and honor roll certificates. Bishop Brown, Davina Daley, and Makayla Simpson were recognized for their perfect attendance. Honor roll students were Bishop Brown,

Cassie Pollock, Jordan Pollock, Deanna Simpson, Brianna Prevoe (L), Alexandria Moore-Plummer, Brayden Jackson-Brown, Josetta Ray, Tyana Swain, William Brown, MyLove Hemmer, Dayshon

Lee, Aryanah Moore, Aniyah Ray, and Aviana Ray.

The SOC Student of the Year Award was presented by Deacon William Flythe to Josettah Ray, a rising tenth grader at South Brunswick High School. Josettah was an



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
Josetta Ray©, SOC Student-of-the-Year, posed with parents Stephanie White (L) and Joseph Ray, grandmother Mary White, and Reverend Avery McAllister.

honor roll student and a member of AVID and the cheerleading squad-junior varsity captain. She is also a member of the SOC Choir and the youth choir at Brown's Chapel AMEZ

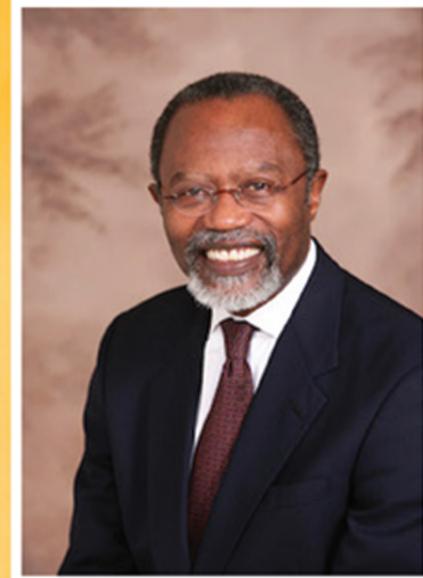
Church.

Musical selections were presented throughout the program by the SOC Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. Lenda Hankins and Corbett Hankins.

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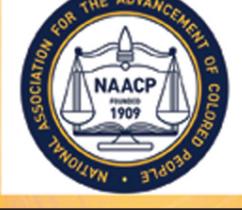
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Jerry D. Harrison

Jerry Dean Harrison, 70, of Wilmington, NC, passed away on July 5, 2017. He died from cancer at his Sunset Park home. A celebration of Jerry's life was held on Saturday July 15, 2017 at Halyburton Park Community Center.

Jerry was born August 15, 1946 in Reidsville, NC, to Vernie Walker Harrison and Kearney Harrison. He was raised in Caswell County.

In 1966 Jerry volunteered for the US Navy and served three tours in Vietnam. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

After earning a degree in electrical engineering from GCTI, Jerry was employed for 40 years with Fluor Daniels Engineering and Construction Company on projects in the Mid-West and throughout the South. The variety of work sites allowed Jerry to pursue his passion, riding his white Harley Davidson, Ghost, through Louisiana bayous, the Shenandoah Valley, the vastness of Kansas and the East coast of Texas. Along the way he hit a lot of bike rallies and rock 'n' roll concerts. In Paradise he's riding the Ghost across a Rolling Stones stage.

Jerry enjoyed building his two geodesic dome homes, gardening, raising chickens and playing chess. At a pool table his laid back demeanor concealed an inner shark. Few beat him at the game.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Royce Harrison.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Penn; her son, Orion Penn, Seattle; their "sorta" daughter, Andrea Sisk, Wilmington; a sister, Judy Harrison; and the family's canine companion, CC Rider.

Memorial donations may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physicians Dr., Wilmington, NC, 28401.

Jerry's family is grateful to the special friends, neighbors, and caregivers who supported and sustained them during his illness and passing. 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.

Charles G. McMillian

Charles Gregory McMillian, Sr. was born on April 26, 1955 to Al Benjamin and Geraldine McMillian in Rose Hill, NC. He passed away at the age 62, at his place of residence, on Saturday, July 8, 2017. A memorial service was held on Monday, July 17, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Janice Faye Evans McLaurin

Janice Faye Evans McLaurin died July 10, 2017 in Woodbridge, VA. Funeral services were held Monday, July 17, 2017 at New

John Lewis died July 8, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Mt. Calvary AME Church, Navassa, NC.

John was born on October 21, 1939 to the late Leroy and Josephine Lewis of Navassa, North Carolina. He was married to Deloris Lewis Lewis. He was preceded in death by a sister, Elsie Bryant and brother, Leroy Lewis, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Deloris Lewis; five sons, John Lewis, Jr. of Wilmington, NC, Joseph Lewis if New Haven, Ct, James (Anita) Lewis of Wilmington, NC, Kenneth (Brendella) Lewis of Newbury, NY and Freddie Carr of Wilmington, NC; three daughters, Jennifer (Derrius) Davis, Quinchele Carr and Kenyatta (Minister Montres) Williams, all of Wilmington, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Thalia Reaves Thomas Dukes

Thalia Reaves Thomas Dukes died July 3, 2017. Memorial services were held Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

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Charles worked in the manufacturing industry for a number of years in New York, before returning to North Carolina. He loved sports but his favorite past time was to sit out on the porch with Friends talking about the good old days. His greatest passion was fixing up old cars.

Charles is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn of 42 yrs.; two daughters, Artilla and Shermelle; and a son, Charles Jr. (C.J.); five grandsons; three granddaughters; a sister, Katie Bell; a brother, Lou; an aunt, Glenda and a host of other family and friends.

Charles was a loving father, husband, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend to all. 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.

Franklin R. Clark

Franklin Roosevelt Clark, age 82, of Hampstead, passed away Friday, July 14, 2017. A celebration of Frank's life was conducted on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Kendall Chapel AME Church. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery. 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.

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worked over 40 years, retiring from both National Linen Service and Coastal Cleaners. Known as "the best seamstress" in the Wilmington Area, she opened up her own alterations business. Ms. Dukes was also preceded in death by two sons, Glenn Dale and James "Leon" Thomas.

She leaves to fondly cherish her memories; daughter, Glorious "Pinky" Corbett; sons, Fleather Thomas, Jr. "Punkin" (Cathy), Jesse "Deddy" Thomas (Carolyn), Tony "Connie" Thomas and Donald "Duck" Thomas (Sonia); step-children, Marie "Rita" Clarkson and Nathan Smith; step-sisters, Ella Gilchrist and Linda Gilchrist; step-brothers, Johnny Lee (Annabelle) Gilchrist and Sammy Gilchrist; daughters-in-law, Carol Thomas and Ruby Thomas; twenty-seven grandchildren; forty-six great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary Butler

Mary Butler died Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Silver Stream Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

John C. James

John C. James died

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Stephanie Powell

Stephanie Powell died Tuesday, Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.



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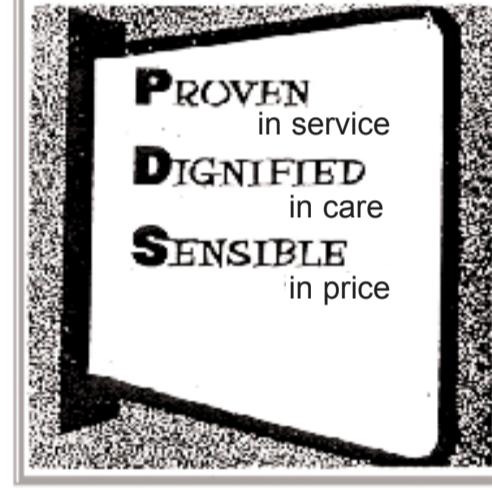
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New Hanover County

Ambassadors of God's Grace Church, located at 1047-C South Kerr Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28403, will be having a 3:30 p.m. program on Sunday, July 30th. The topic will be "God's Little Children" delivered by Deaconess Carolyn Blanding as directed by the Holy Spirit. Light refreshments and a book give away will be after service.



Religious Briefs

Linda Robinson. Music by guest choir. For more information please call 910-550-7475 or 910-795-8543.

Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ will hold a special 11:00 a.m. service on July 30th. The morning message will be delivered by Minister Barbara McCray.

Wilmington College of Theology, a fully accredited Christian Bible College is now accepting applications for the 2016 Fall Semester. For more information call Dr. Lorraine King Cooper at 910-431-7714.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Women's convention, "Women With A Praise, Take Off The Mask" will be held each week night at 7:00 p.m. The services kickoff on Wednesday, August 16th featuring Minister Sherecka Baker of Evangel Temple; Center Road; Dublin NC 28332, Thursday, August 17 Apostle Andria U. Weeks of Greater Works Church of Deliverance Ministries; NC-211; West End, North Carolina 27376, Friday, August 18th; Pastor Tracy Troy of Victory in Jesus Ministries; 631 Todd Alley, Whiteville, NC 28472. There are no services on that Saturday. The convention concludes Sunday morning, August 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Cheryl Moore of Zion Temple United Church of Christ; 508 Sparella St, Durham, NC 27703. The entire spiritual undertakings will be held at Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church; 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate Family and Friends Day on Sunday, July 30th at 11:30 a.m. Rev. James Brown of Light of the World Missionary Baptist Church will render service. Dinner will be served immediately following service. The church Youth Revival will be held Wednesday, August 2nd - Friday, August 4th. Prophet John Langley of Clinton, NC will be the evangelist. Praise service starts at 7:00 p.m.

Graham Chapel AMEZ will observe their Annual Family & Friends' Day On Sunday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m. The morning message will be delivered by Reverend Hardy Ballard, Jr. pastor of the St. Luke A. M. E. Zion Church in Bladenboro and the Mt. Pleasant A. M. E. Zion Church in Lumberton. Accompanying Rev. Ballard will be the both church families, including their ushers and choirs. Following the worship service, the church will serve a fellowship meal.

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**SENIOR MOMENTS****How important is integration to your community?**

My Fellow Citizens:

I just read an article in the *Star News*, written by Cammie Bellamy. Her subject was "Resegregation of Schools in New Hanover County." It was based on a study by Julia Walker, a Laney High School graduate. She spoke of downtown magnet schools as being "hyper-segregated"

Ruth Johnson



Sylvia Hooper

Those who would cringe at the thought of idolatry in our American society should take another look at the changing of the laws of the land. When something has been declared legal and lawful, and is in direct resistance to the authority of God's word, we are legalizing idolatry in the form of rebellion. We, as a society and nation have made many advances, scientifically, socially, technologically, and medically. Yes, glory to God, we have come a long way! But Spiritually, there are some of us who feel, that we as a nation, have "backslid"!

When we pass bills and sign laws that resist and defy or deny the authority of God Almighty, we embrace a form of spiritual idolatry in the

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Miss Walker is to be highly commended for taking on this subject, but, at the same time, it's easy to understand why parents would want their children to attend neighborhood schools. Having your children near home is a good thing.

Therefore the subject of integration should be explored beyond the classroom. What are the problems? If there is misbehavior, or nega-

tive attitudes, this would place a heavy burden upon the teacher. It would also distract from her subject. Problems such as racial con-

flicts between young children should not be placed entirely upon the shoulders of the teacher.

If integration is so important, why don't we start in our own communities? We should have a national association for the advancement of all people. We should encourage integration in our local Boys' and Girls' Clubs, the Masonic Temples and various women's clubs.

Last, but not least, why do so many of our churches remain segregated? If families could attend integrated churches, the children would

benefit by the interaction, and perhaps, this would relieve some of the tension in the classroom.

So if we really think integration is so important, why not start with the church? I'm not saying you should leave your church and go to another, but if we just had "Community Sunday," once in a while, the children would gain from this experience. So what about it, parents? Let's do this and say, "Thumbs up" to the teacher.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY**"Rebellion: Idolatry in America"**

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3 "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." I Samuel 15:23a

Rebellion - resistance to authority

Sedition - Causing of discontent against a government

Seduction -

To persuade

to disobedience

and disloyalty

Idol - An

image; A

false god;

Object of

passionate

devotion

form of religious rebellion!

In too many cases, we see where rebellion started in the home when children were allowed to disrespect the authority of the parents with no discipline, training or correction. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." When some parents rebel, and fail to train their children as God's word decrees, it breeds a generation that knows not about the True and Living God. Sometimes these same children go into society and rebel because they were never taught or "trained" to respect authority in the community, in the school, or even in the House of God. Where rebellion and lack of knowledge coexist, there will be a form of idolatry.

Rebellion has spread across the land because many people in authority have abused their power, with a reckless abandonment of right and wrong, with much prejudice and malice shown towards those they were sworn to protect or to represent. As a result, there are growing numbers of law abiding citizens who are losing hope and respect for a system which protects the guilty and persecutes the innocent. It is the abuse of authority which has created a breeding ground for idolatry, and con-

tempt in the form of rebellion!

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Rebellion in government is escalating with little regard or respect for high office. Rebellion in the house of God is unacceptable. The church must not sway on the side of error which questions the integrity of God's Word. The true church will forever uphold the sovereignty and finality of God's word in spite of society's trend to doubt and unbelief. The true church will forever seek to please the Lord, and not to please men. The True church will walk in love and practice forgiveness. The True church will let its light so shine, that men will see its good works in spite of the spiritual darkness spreading across the land! The True church will praise, magnify, and glorify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! The fact is, that God will always have a nation and a people that will obey him! Jesus said, "Upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!"

I Timothy 2:1,2,3 says, "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, and intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peace-

able life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."

Prayer:

Lord, keep your true church unspotted from the world. Keep our eyes upon you, so we may forever bless your holy Name. Give us a pure heart, and set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the doors of my lips. Psalm 141:3 Give us a praying spirit, and fill us with your love. For your glory and In Jesus's Name we pray, 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!

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On Friday, August 4th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. a waterfront cookout

On Saturday morning, August 5th a 10:00 a.m. a tour of Wilmington and area beaches. The tour will conclude at our new Masjid Tauheed construction site before returning to your hotel.

The all inclusive Unite The Family Package is \$50 and \$25 for children 12 and under.

We encourage and greatly appreciate early purchase or reservation of ticket package.

Our invited Guest Speaker is Imam Talib Shareef , CMSgt. Retired USAF, President and Imam of Masjid Muhammad / Nations Mosque, Washington , DC. Proceeds to Tauheed Islamic Center Building Fund.

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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 28411

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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

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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 Street
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Holding 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 to the undersigned.

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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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Edwin Dale Merritt**, 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 **20th 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 20th day of July, 2017

William Gordon Yopp, Executor
3337 Paramount Way
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2017

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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

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Elizabeth S. Newkirk**, 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 **20th 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 20th day of July, 2017

Karen E. Evans, Administrator
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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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EXECUTRIS' 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, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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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 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 Oleaner 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
Craigie & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
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July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room of the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

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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.

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This the 16th day of June, 2017.

Joy Tatka, Executrix of the Estate of James Knox
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June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2017

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July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

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