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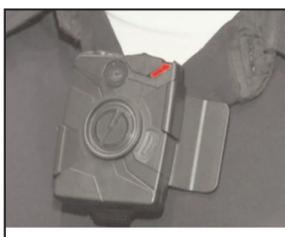
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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts.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

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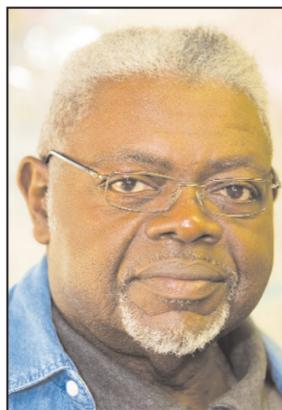
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BERNEST HEWETT

JUSTICE

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What is justice, or where is justice? Is there justice for Blacks or poor Whites or maybe even most minorities here in Brunswick County? Our elected officials here have laid that title of justice to the people coming to the County, that justice is jumping to change Brunswick County because it is what our new people who move here want. This is supposedly true because it is better living here than it was where

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GOP head blasted for saying "Dems murdered Blacks" in 1898

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If NC Republican Party Executive Director Dallas Woodhouse set out to deliberately stir up a hornet's nest of controversy and criticism with his latest racial remarks, he's succeeded. With no less than the Chairman of the NC Democratic Party calling Woodhouse "unhinged," Democrats and activists literally lined up Monday to blast the unabashedly partisan Woodhouse for stating in a series of tweets Sunday that Democrats "murdered Blacks" in the Port City of Wilmington during the

Nov. 10, 1898 Wilmington Race Massacre, when White supremacists attacked and killed Black people, sowing the seeds of the racist Jim Crow era that would last at least a century after. Woodhouse reliably trolls the Democratic Party every chance he gets, but this time, critics say that he's gone too far.

It all started when the NC Democratic Party sent out a tweet Sunday acknowledging August 6, 2017 as the 52nd anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the landmark federal legislation that outlawed racial discrimination in voting.

"On this anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, let's celebrate how far we've come but remember that

we must fight to keep moving forward," stated the NCDP tweet. Accompanying the message was a picture of Former President Barack Obama with his family, marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge two years ago to mark the 50th anniversary of the historic civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

The NCDP tweet included the famous quote from former civil rights activist, John Lewis, now a US congressman from Georgia. "If you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have a moral obligation



DALLAS WOODHOUSE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Justice Department's Assault on Affirmative Action Signals Aggressive Roll Back on Civil Rights

BY BRENDA SHUM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) The Justice Department's recent decision to assemble a team of attorneys to investigate and challenge race-based admissions signals another step forward in this Administration's aggressive campaign to roll back civil rights protections for some of our most historically disadvantaged students, including transgender youth, women and girls, and students of color.

This move must be viewed in the context other evidence that this Justice Department is departing from its core mission of protecting the rights of all citizens including those related to voting, employment, and policing. This newest assault on affirmative action in higher education ignores the law, a growing body of social science research on the educational benefits of integrated learning environments, and our entrenched history of segregated education.

First, let us be clear: just last year the Supreme Court validated the constitutionality of race-based admissions policies when applied in a holistic and narrowly tailored way. In Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, our highest court reaffirmed that a university may institute race-conscious admissions plans to achieve the educational benefits of diversity consistent with the law. Challenging the legitimacy of race-conscious admissions plans turns settled principles of constitutional

and civil rights law on their head.

Affirmative action helps remedy some of the persistent inequities rooted in decades of discrimination. Even so, many question whether it is still necessary today. One need look no further than to college campuses across this country to find evidence that we have yet to come to terms with our troubling legacy of racial discrimination.

From the University of Mississippi, to Princeton, to American University in DC, students are sharing their experiences of racial isolation and distrust. Now more than ever, integrated campuses are essential to breaking down racial barriers. Learning with people from other backgrounds allows students to appreciate a range of experiences, a skill that is essential to their ability to succeed in an increasingly multicultural society. More importantly, a growing body of research shows that these benefit of diversity flow to all students.

Affirmative action has been one of the most effective strategies to expand opportunities for students of color. While socioeconomic diversity is important, empirical data confirms that race-conscious admissions policies remain necessary to reverse decades of racial privilege on our college campuses.

Some argue that affirmative action creates an unfair advantage for unqualified applicants of color to the detriment of more qualified white and Asian applicants. This is simply untrue. There are many low-income and working class Asian Americans and Pacific

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STATE SENATOR BEN CLARK, WITH SENATE MINORITY LEADER DAN BLUE

GOP warned to be fair in redistricting

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

What kind of legislative voting district maps will the Republican leadership of the NC General Assembly come up with by Sept. 1, and what's behind a new House bill designed to redistrict State judges? Those are two of the pressing questions hovering over State lawmakers as many gathered for the third Joint Select Committee on Redistricting today to further consider criteria for new voting maps ordered by a three judge US District Court panel two weeks ago.

Democrats and members of the general public, during a legislative hearing last week, made it clear that they want an above-board process, free of racial (as ordered by the US Supreme Court) and partisan gerrymandering. Today's committee meeting was scheduled to focus adopting the criteria to determine what the revamped maps should look like once redrawn.

Democrats are concerned about the process because GOP legislative leaders have rehired Thomas Hofeller, who drew

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NEWS ANALYSIS

"Trump's proposed immigration policy aims to make America White again"

BY DR. WILMER J. LEON III

"...Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" Emma Lazarus "The New Colossus" 1883

(TriceEdneyWire.com) The Trump administration has expressed its support for a much harder line on legal immigration

into America. These changes are reflected in the new proposed bill called the RAISE Act. It is an attempt to change the standards used for approving green card applications from focusing on an individual's ability create a living for themselves and uniting families, to a points-based or merit system. According to Trump and excerpts from the proposed legislation, applicants will score more points if they are "wealthier applicants...English

speakers" and are "skilled laborers" who can "financially support themselves" and have skills that "can contribute to our economy."

For a politician who wants to build a wall to control illegal immigration, this proposed legislation will only make it worse. The jobs that need less skilled laborers will

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they left. They feel it's time
now to change these people
who already live here and are
raising families here. It is very
important that industry and
jobs come here, but it seems
that wherever we look, there is
a stop light or road circle being
put into place on main high-
ways in and out the County.
When you have major plants
and factories that depend on
heavy traffic, the paths of the
trucks are cut off. This means
that soon we will be without a
job at these places which can-
not be accessed by the trucks.

Who gets justice, the people
who don't need a job or the
young people looking for jobs?
We need to stop letting one or
two people run the County.
There are some of us who were
born here and don't want to
leave or be run away. We would
like to see our children have a
place to live without rent
restrictions in order even to
enjoy what our parents worked
hard for their families to have.

The strength of a man is
measured by the roots he
grows from shallow or deep!

Bernest L. Hewett is immedi-
ate Past President of the
Brunswick County Branch of
the NAACP.

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to do something about it."

Then Woodhouse, for what-
ever reason, decided to
respond to the NCDP tweet
with, "From the party that
ran a racist campaign of
murder and closed the polls
to Blacks who were
Republicans, gaining power
for 100 years."

In subsequent tweets, the
NCGOP executive director
continued, "After they murdered
Blacks in Wilmington
[the NC Democratic Party]
passed what they call the
White Declaration of Inde-
pendence. The Wilmington
Riot of 1898 was not an act of
spontaneous violence. The
events of Nov. 10, 1898 were a
result of the long range cam-
paign strategy by Democratic
Party leaders to regain politi-
cal control of Wilmington - at
that time [the] North
Carolina's most populous city
- and North Carolina in the
name of White supremacy."

For the most part, the facts
that Woodhouse stated are
not wrong, though he admit-
ted in a subsequent interview
that he actually got them
from Wikipedia. However,
Democrats and others blasted

Woodhouse for essential
information he apparently
left out to leave the impres-
sion that the Democratic
Party is still ruled by White
supremacists and that
Republicans are a much bet-
ter political fit for African-
Americans today.

Indeed, until the 1960's,
Blacks were primarily mem-
bers of the Republican Party
because, historically, it was
the party of President
Abraham Lincoln, known for
freeing the slaves. Blacks
shifted to Democrats with the
election of President John F.
Kennedy.

"Woodhouse's statement
failed to mention that the
North Carolina General
Assembly and the N. C.
Democratic Party did issue
formal apologies (in 2007) for
the massacre and the result-
ing official oppression which
was imposed upon African
Americans in North Carolina
from 1898 until 1970," says
NCNAACP Legal Redress
Committee Chairman Irving
Joyner, who also served as a
Co-chairman of the 1898
Wilmington Race Riots
Commission, which re-
searched the incident, and
issued a report in 2007.

"Those apologies did not rec-
tify nor compensate for the

many deaths and destruction
which African Americans
experienced, but they did
acknowledge that a terrible
wrong did occur to our people
and to every North Carolina
citizen," Joyner added.

Woodhouse apparently
also forgot that it was a
Republican, then State House
Rep. Thom Tillis, now a US
Senator, who actively
opposed the official apology
from the Democrat-led NC
General Assembly, telling his
constituents in a letter, "It's
time to move on."

Rep. Deb Butler, a District
18 Democrat, representing
Brunswick/New Hanover
counties, was blunt about the
thinly veiled NCGOP rhetori-
cal attempt.

"The suggestion that the
North Carolina Democratic
Party is harmful to African
Americans is perfectly ludi-
crous," she said. "One needs
to look no further than the
current composition of the
North Carolina House of
Representatives to see that
not ONE person of color
serves from the NCGOP."

Rep. Butler continued,
"Democrats in NC today
embrace diversity in every
way. That side of the aisle
mirrors Trump's cabinet, and
it is entirely homogeneous.

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the 2011 maps that the US
High Court recently ruled
were illegal because 28 North
Carolina districts were
racially gerrymandered.

"That doesn't do much to
restore people's trust in the
process," said Senate
Minority Leader Dan Blue.
At an August 2 press confer-
ence, Sen. Ben Clark (D-
Cumberland), offered crite-
ria that he and Senate
Democratic leadership felt
should definitely be consid-
ered in the mix, including
partisan advantage in
redrawing the districts, no
splitting of voting districts

(except when necessary) to
comply with zero deviation
population requirements and
ensuring that none of the
nine Senate districts and 19
House districts deemed as
unconstitutional by the US
Supreme Court shall have a
total Black voting age popula-
tion higher than that which
existed in those enacted NC
legislative districts that were
in effect in 2010.

In other words, Republican
mapmakers can't "stack-and-
pack" more Black voters into
districts than there were prior
to 2011 redistricting plan.

In response to the three
judge panel's directive,
Republican legislative leaders
vowed to have one day of
statewide public hearings on

the new maps once they're
drawn, though they haven't
said when.

They've circled Aug. 24 as
the date the legislature will
vote on the maps. Sept. 1 is the
court imposed deadline for the
legislature to submit the new
maps, along with any support-
ing documentation, competing
maps, and public testimony to
the three judge panel for
review. Lawmakers are given
the liberty of extending that
deadline to Sept. 15 if they
need more time.

Ultimately, the federal
court wants the new maps in
hand, reviewed and approved
long before November, which
is to when Republican legis-
lative leaders originally
hoped to stretch the deadline.

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Islanders who benefit from and
support affirmative action poli-

cies. In addition, affirmative
action expands opportunities
for many students who are edu-
cated in segregated and
inequitable K-12 schools.

Race-neutral policies alone

do not produce the level of
diversity necessary to achieve a
positive campus climate.
Research indicates that
increasing the number of stu-
dents of color on campus facili-

tates cross-racial interaction
and participation, and that a
negative campus climate com-
promises the learning and
development of all students.

Negative perceptions and
stereotypes can be reduced
through repeated and meaning-
ful interactions with peers
from different groups.
Institutions need to attend to
the historical legacies of exclu-
sion and other factors that may
shape the climate on their cam-
puses. But in order to do so, col-
leges must continue to have
access to affirmative action as
an essential strategy to estab-
lish a diverse campus.

Opponents of affirmative
action claim these policies con-
stitute racial preferences that
undermine merit-based admis-
sion decisions. This ignores
ample evidence that cultural
and racial bias in testing and

legacy admissions deny many
students equal opportunity to
higher education.

More importantly, this rhet-
oric escalates the fears and inse-
curities of white students and
uses Asian Americans as a
wedge to erode support for
such policies. We must not
allow ourselves to be distracted
by these efforts. Instead, we
should continue to expand
opportunities for all students
while addressing the persistent
equity gaps for low-income stu-
dents and students of color.

Brenda Shum is director of
the Educational Opportunities
Project at the Lawyers'
Committee for Civil Rights
Under Law where she oversees
litigation designed to guaran-
tee that all students receive a
quality education in public
schools and institutions of
higher learning.

NCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT EASTWOOD ROAD (U.S. 74) AT MILITARY CUTOFF ROAD, NEW HANOVER COUNTY STIP Project No. U-5710

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting
regarding the proposed intersection improvements at Eastwood Road
(U.S. 74) at Military Cutoff Road, in Wilmington, New Hanover County.
The meeting will take place on Monday, August 21 at the New Hanover
County Northeast Regional Library-Oleander Room, located at 1241
Military Cutoff Road from 4 to 7 p.m.

The public may attend at any time during the hours mentioned above.
NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen
to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit written
comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or
mail by August 28, 2017. Comments received will be taken into consid-
eration as the project develops. Please note that no formal presentation
will be made.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become avail-
able online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

For additional information, contact Michael Bass, NCDOT Division Design
Engineer by mail: 5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne NC, by phone:
(910) 341-2000, or via email: mlbass@ncdot.gov.

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meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tamara
Makhlouf, Human Environment Section via e-mail at
tmakhlouf@ncdot.gov or by phone (919) 707-6072 as early as possible
so that arrangements can be made.

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STATE LAWMAKERS ASKED TO ALLOCATE \$2.6 MILLION TO MONITOR GEN X IN CAPE FEAR

[WILMINGTON] The NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are asking legislative leaders for \$2.6 million to monitor the level of Gen X chemical contamination in the Cape Fear River for the next year...



The Cape Fear is a primary source of drinking water for Wilmington and surrounding areas. The Gen X chemical was found in the Cape Fear in June after it had been routinely discharged from a manufacturing plant. Gov. Cooper ordered that that plant no longer is granted a permit for further discharges. DEQ says it needs

more resources to deploy adequate staff to monitor water quality. DHHS will hire experts in determining if there are any health issues associated with ingesting Gen X, and how to counter them.

GOV. COOPER EXPANDS LAWSUIT, SAYS PARTS OF NEW BUDGET UNCONSTITUTIONAL

[RALEIGH] Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper has no intention of allowing the Republican-led NC legislature to take any more of his constitutional

powers away from him, which is why he expanded a current lawsuit he's previously filed to stop them. Cooper is contending that several portions of the new state budget he's vetoed are unconstitutional, even though state lawmakers overrode the governor's veto in June. In his suit, the governor objects to the legislature ordering his budget director to increase funding to a particular program; assuming authority over federal block grant spending and assuming authority over settlement

areas of the state where alcohol can be sold at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, instead of 12 noon as it had been previously. By a 6-1 vote, the county joined Durham, Chapel Hill and other municipalities across the state, thanks to a new state law passed by the legislature in June. Local governments had to permission before beginning. This is the second vote Wake County had to take in order to authorize liquor sales.

WAKE COUNTY FINALLY APPROVES EARLY SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES

[RALEIGH] Wake County has now joined several other

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not go away and will not be filled by a native-born workforce for the same pay. By focusing on those immigrants with higher skill-sets over those who perform service sector and manual or "stoop" labor jobs; Trump's proposed legislation will result in lower skilled immigrants entering the country via any means necessary, thus exacerbating illegal immigration. It's a solution looking for a problem.

Let's focus on the rhetoric and language being used to rationalize these actions. Behind all of this is not an effort to "Make America Great Again", it's an effort to "Make American White Again".

There has been a lot of discussion about diversity in America and that America is a "melting pot". In the early years of its development, immigrants to America were primarily European. According to Nicolas Evans, "From 1836 to 1914, over 30 million Europeans migrated to the United States." Even though conflicts arose between these European immigrant groups, Irish, Italians and others, they relinquished many of their cultural ques to become "American". Over time they could assimilate into mainstream America because they were white. Today, we no longer differentiate between those European ethnic groups, we simply refer to them as "white".

At a recent White House press conference to explain President Trump's new immigration policy, Trump administration policy aide Stephen Miller very dismissively said, "The poem (The New Colossus) ...which was added later, is not part of the original Statue of Liberty." This ignores the historical fact that the sonnet was written by Emma Lazarus in 1883 to help raise money for the construction of the Statue's pedestal. It's not as though the poem or the placement of the bronze plaque on the base in 1903 was some sort of afterthought as Miller ignorantly attempted to infer.

In reality, this discussion about the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island and immigration is a bit disingenuous because it connotes White or European immigration.

According to History.com, "...close to 40 percent of all current U.S. citizens can trace at least one of their ancestors to Ellis Island...as more and more immigrants poured in from southern and eastern Europe...Jews escaping from

political and economic oppression in czarist Russia and eastern Europe...and Italians escaping poverty in their country. There were also Poles, Hungarians, Czechs, Serbs, Slovaks and Greeks..." References to The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island do not reflect the harsh realities of the 15-20 million enslaved Africans that were brought to the shores of North America through the Middle-Passage and the African Slave Trade. Enslaved Africans and Chinese workers brought here to build the railroads were not, "the homeless, tempest-tost to me..."

Looking back at the rhetoric it is easy to see that when Trump discusses "protecting the American worker" and bringing in highly educated wealthier "English speakers" with "higher job skills" he's speaking to White people about White people. Candidate Trump told us about Mexico, "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best. They're not sending you...They're sending people that have lots of problems...They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people." He led the campaign claiming President Obama was "other", "He doesn't have a birth certificate, or if he does, there's something on that certificate that is very bad for him. Now, somebody told me...that where it says 'religion,' it might have 'Muslim.' And if you're a Muslim, you don't change your religion, by the way." Trump also said, "Donald J. Trump is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on."

While in Poland President Trump gave a not so subtle nod of approval to Poland's authoritarian and anti-immigrant President Duda. Trump, the patron saint of the "birther movement" spoke about defending "Western civilization" and "Western values". He also said, "We must work together to confront forces...that threaten over time to undermine these values and to erase the bonds of culture, faith, and tradition that make us who we are..." We also have Trump supporters and surrogates such as Iowa Congressman Steven King praising the far-right Dutch politician Geert Wilders, who has espoused anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim rhetoric and recently called Moroccans "scum". While in Europe, King said, "You cannot rebuild your civilization with somebody else's

babies...You've got to keep your birth rate up, and you need to teach your children your values. In doing so, you can grow your population, you can strengthen your culture, and you can strengthen your way of life."

To the average American these are innocuous words, standard American rhetoric. To those with another reality who understand settler colonialism, American racism and hegemony, this is White Nationalist code language and this immigration policy is an attempt to put this code language into practice. A 2016 Huffington Post poll of

White Trump voters found that 45% of them believe that Whites are the victims of discrimination, more so than Muslims, Blacks, Jews and Latinos.

The ethnic demographics of America are changing. This change is striking fear in the hearts of a lot of White Americans. Birth rates among Whites in America are dropping. According to Census.gov, America is "Browning" and according to NPR, not only is America "Browning" but this demographic shift is impacting voting traditional voting patterns. "America is at a demo-

graphic inflection point. The crosscurrents of demographic and cultural change are upending traditional voting patterns and straining the fabric of what it means to be American." This is the motivation for Trump's bogus Vote Fraud Panel, another solution looking for a problem.

Trump plays to the fears of many Americans who feel it is necessary to circle the wagons to protect themselves from enemy attack. His racist rhetoric and proposed policies are speaking to these fears. His executive order "protecting the police" makes

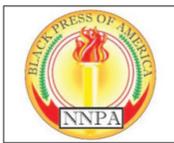
it more difficult for citizens to sue police officers for misconduct even in the most egregious of circumstances. Even though according to The Hill, "the overall trend of violence against police has moved steadily downward for the past several decades, and assaults on police dropped over 15 percent between 2004 and 2013". It's the xenophobia of "them vs. us".

Trump is not trying to "Make America Great Again"; his immigration efforts are trying to "Make America White Again".

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OUR VOICE

Democrats look to 2018

In the same week that it was revealed that the Department of Justice is spearheading attacks on affirmative action, our 45th President indicated his support for legislation that would drastically revive our nation's immigration policy. Instead of providing immigration opportunities to the families of people who are legal residents of our country, the pending legislation would create a "merit based" system for immigration.

According to legislation sponsored by Republican Senators Tom Cotton of Arkansas and David Perdue of Georgia, applicants for legal immigration earn points based on education, high-paying job offers, entrepreneurial ability (including the ability to invest in the US), high-achievement - Nobel Prize winners are welcome, and age (bring on the young). Presently, about a million people are granted green cards, but the Cotton-Perdue legislation would cut the number by half within a decade.

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Forty-five and his colleagues would probably support the same kind of affirmative action in college admissions as they support for immigration. If you have money, are an entrepreneur, or have already achieved, then you deserve admission. If not, that's just too bad. Are we facing the end of affirmative action and the end of immigration fairness? Most likely, unless we resist. Every day it becomes clearer that 45 will attempt to implement drastic structural change unless our legislative process is altered by the 2018 elections. Meanwhile, 45 is throwing red meat at the braying dogs of racism and xenophobia. And the dogs are barking at those of us who believe in justice and fairness.

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Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Trump trains his sights on affirmative action

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Campaigning for the presidency, Donald Trump argued that blacks and other people of color should vote for him. Given their current conditions, he argued, "What the hell do you have to lose?" Since winning election, however, Trump seems intent on proving over and over again just how much African-Americans and other minorities have to lose.

Under Trump's attorney general, former Alabama Sen. Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, the Justice Department has been turned into a Department of Injustice. Sessions, once rejected by a Republican-majority Senate for racially biased actions and statements when nominated to the federal bench by Ronald Reagan, has set about implanting Dixiecrat justice on the nation's minorities.

He has directed federal prosecutors to seek the harshest sentences possible for nonviolent drug offenses, ensuring the continued incarceration of a disproportionate number of African Americans. The Justice Department has retreated from what was an emerging bipartisan consensus on sensible police reform. It has changed positions to support state laws that suppress minority voting rights. It has extended the federal government's power to seize the property of innocent Americans.

Now, as reported in the *New York Times*, the Department is seeking political attorneys to investigate and sue universities "over affirmative action policies that are deemed to discriminate against white applicants." The assault on affirmative action is classic dog whistle racial politics.

In fact, as former University of Michigan president Lee Bollinger has shown, affirmative action has helped to expand opportunity. Campuses across the country have become more representative of the American people. This has not only helped counter centuries of discrimination; it also allows students to learn with and from people of different backgrounds. This helps prepare the future leaders and citizens of the country.

The Supreme Court has ruled repeatedly that a diverse student body is an

educational benefit and a boon to the country that justifies affirmative action. Those who oppose it often assume that university admissions are based upon one objective scale: grade point and standardized test results. This is, in a word, nonsense. University admissions offices labor intensely to create a diverse body of students capable of doing the work necessary to succeed. Grades and standardized tests count, as does the quality of prior educational experience. So does the luck of having an alum as a parent, or wealthy relations who can add to the university endowment, or special athletic or musical or dramatic skills, coming from underrepresented rural communities or from abroad, and more.

Some of these categories - say having parents who are alumni or are wealthy - discriminate disproportionately against people of color, since African-Americans were forbidden to build fortunes under slavery and were often excluded from college admissions until the civil rights movement's reforms. Affirmative action helps to level the playing field.

Another lie propagated by its opponents is that affirmative action policies make it significantly harder for white students to get into

selective colleges. In fact, as Derek Bok, former Harvard president, and William Bowen, former president of Princeton, reported, if selective universities had a completely race-blind admissions policy, the probability of being admitted for a white student would rise from 25 percent to 26.2 percent.

A final myth is that race no longer matters. The right-wing gang of five justices in the Supreme Court argued this in gutting provisions of the Voting Rights Act. States across the country then proved them wrong by enacting new voting restrictions - a revival of Jim Crow voter suppression schemes - that were designed to make it harder for African-Americans and students to vote. America is more segregated than it was at the time of the civil rights movement. Our public schools are too often separate and unequal. Race still matters in this country, big-time.

What do we have to lose with Trump? Equal opportunity, voting rights, police reform, sentencing reform, university admission. People of color are learning that when Trump trumpets America First, he doesn't include them in his America.

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WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR, TODAY!

CHILDWATCH

A child advocate's beatitudes

Below is a prayer for child advocates. Teachers and school administrators are always on the front lines advocating for children so maybe one of them could use this today as s/he is preparing for the new school year. They are not alone. Parents and grandparents and all who care for children and strive to be good role models for them are child advocates. Doctors, social workers and others who work with and serve children are child advocates. Librarians and coaches are child advocates. Political leaders who put children first are child advocates. And all are joined by the millions of



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people, with or without children of their own, who spend time and talent fighting for just policies and practices that help children and families and all who are vulnerable and needy.

A Child Advocate's Beatitudes (Inspired by Clarence Jordan's Sermon on the Mount)

Blessed are the poor in spirit - who do not measure themselves by money or worldly power but who ask God for what they need and are not mired in pride - for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are those who mourn - who are concerned about the needs of children and the poor and others in need who cannot speak for themselves - for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek - who do not seek only their own good but their neighbors' too -

for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness - who do not work for the praise of others or earthly gain or fame and share gladly their talents, energy and money - for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful - who know they are sinners and are dependent on God's and others' forgiveness every minute of every day - for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart - who are not hypocrites but who struggle to live what they preach - for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers - who do not prepare for war while talking about peace, who do not kill others in order to stop killing, who do not love just those who love them but reach out to make their enemies friends - for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are

persecuted for righteousness' sake - who do not run or waver in the face of criticism, threats, or death - for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who speak kindly and not meanly of others - who do not tear down others but build them up for the kingdom's work and children's well-being - for they shall receive their reward.

Blessed are the just - who do not adhere to the letter of the law and regulations for some but ignore them for others - for they will hear God's well done.

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.

TO BE EQUAL

Ferguson employment center a tribute to movement for social change that followed Michael Brown's death

"Ferguson was used by some of America's enemies and critics to deflect attention from their shortcomings overseas; to undermine our efforts to promote justice around the world ...



Marc Morial

But America is special not because we're perfect; America is special because we work to address our problems, to make our union more perfect. We fight for more justice. We fight to cure what ails us. We fight for our ideals, and we're willing to criticize ourselves when we fall short. And we address our differences in the open space of democracy - with respect for the rule of law; with a place for people of every race and religion; and with an unyielding belief that people who love their country can change it." - President Barack Obama

anger and unrest sparked by that shooting came to be symbolized by the image of a burning convenience store on West Florissant Avenue. And it presented one of the greatest challenges of his career for Michael McMillan, who'd been appointed President and CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis just a year before.

Last week, hope rose from the ashes as Michael McMillan and I opened the National Urban League Conference with the dedication of the Ferguson Community Empowerment Center, built upon the foundation of that convenience store.

I could not have imagined a more appropriate way to mark the opening of the National Urban League Conference, or an event more representative of the work of the Urban League Movement.

After Michael Brown's tragic death, activists and advocates from across the nation, activists and advocates converged upon Ferguson, rightly and justly bringing the eyes and ears of America to focus on a violent injustice. When the marchers and the protestors had moved on, it was the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, under McMillan's out-

standing leadership, who went to work, literally building upon that foundation.

Where once the flames of righteous anger burned, lives will be transformed.

The building is shared by the Salvation Army and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, and will house the Urban League's Save Our Sons program, is one of the most successful job placement initiatives anywhere in the nation. While in St. Louis, I had the pleasure to meet Willard Donlow Jr.

A little over a year ago, 35-year-old Willard Donlow, Jr., found himself in a deep depression. A single father, newly divorced, he had lost his job. He was praying for a way out. And his prayer was answered. Through Save Our Sons, he learned new computer skills, how to craft a resume, how to network, how to present yourself in the right manner at an interview. How to find a job, and how to keep a job.

Just three days after completing the program, he was offers a job, and he's hard at work redeveloping abandoned buildings here in St. Louis. Join me in congratulating Willard Dunlow.

Lives are being transformed.

As part of the opening ceremonies last week, we dedicated a memorial to Michael Brown. The concrete slab into which a bench and plaque are set is flecked with pink, orange and yellow. These colors are the shreds of 100 stuffed animals, left as part of a makeshift memorial in the middle of the street where Brown died. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis kept the offerings in storage when the street had to be cleared.

The plaque reads, "This bench and decorative concrete base commemorate the social justice, change and movement towards a more just society that came about after his death. This base contains pieces of his memorial in the Canfield Green Apartments complex brought by people from all over the world."

The Ferguson Empowerment Center stands as a tribute to the Urban League Movement's mission to create a more just society, and the young men whose lives will be transformed there will be a testament to that mission.

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

BLACKONOMICS

Under the Big Top - featuring the Trump-pets

The latest political circus is indeed the "Greatest Show on Earth." Come one, come all! See the trained elephants, dancing, marching in perfect order, and balancing on relatively tiny stools, staying there until the ringmaster directs them to step down. There are monkeys doing all sorts of tricks, raging tigers that are made docile the moment the ringmaster puts his hand up. The fiercest among all the animals is one by the name of "Scary Moochie," a roaring lion, always ready to tear someone's head off. But even he has been tamed to slither off into a corner when ordered. What a circus!

The magician is amazing! Her name is Sarah "Huckster" Sanders; she makes facts disappear quicker than the eye can discern. Her talents are unlimited as she takes what the ringmaster says and turns it into something completely different, all the while saying she is "always honest" which, if that is true, means the ringmaster is lying. She performs exclusively in a small standing-room-only tent filled with reporters whom she treats like third-graders. She can tell them anything in answer to their questions, ignore them as she pleases,



James Clingman

threaten them, and disappear in a heartbeat by abruptly walking out of the room, always leaving them wanting more. They never applaud for her performance though.

Then there are the cabinet clowns; they are so funny. They convened under the big top and made the entire world laugh by taking their individual turns to praise, laud, glorify, and thank the ringmaster for "blessing" them with the privilege and honor of being in his circus. Now that was really funny, strange but funny.

The trained dogs are especially hilarious. They jump through flaming hoops, run around in circles, jump on the back of the dog in front, and bark on command. They can push large heavy balls uphill on a narrow plank, and stand on their hind legs to beg the ringmaster for a treat. There is Spicer the Toy Poodle Lap Dog, Priebus the "blessed" Chiwawa, Conway the "alternative fact" Pit Bull, and Pence the Christian Bull Dog, who refuses to allow his professed morality stop him from salivating in response to his real "master," Trump, otherwise known as Pavlov.

The dancing bears, Don Jr., Eric, and the Kushner's are so cute and lovable, but upon closer observation the audience can see their ferocity, avarice, and their treacherous willingness to attack anyone on behalf of their "Trump-pet master." Nothing is out of bounds for

them; nothing is off the table. If they see something they want they take it, either by portraying their cuddly side or by activating their ferocious side.

The tightrope walkers and trapeze acts, comprising sycophants who just want to be in camera shot, even if it means falling, perform without safety nets; the trained seals do their balancing acts as well. They will lie, cheat, and distort reality right before our eyes; the main culprit in that group is Corey "...I have no clients whatsoever [in Ohio]" Lewandowski. It is a full-blown, three-ring circus, folks, whose purpose is to keep us amused and diverted from the important issues of our time.

The Trump circus characters have mad skills. Instead of a fire-eater there is a fire-breather named Stephen Miller. There are two court jesters to defend the ringmaster on CNN: Jeffery Lord, who has a Ronald Reagan séance each time he is on TV, and "Smiling Jack" Kingston, the former Congressman who cracks himself up trying to defend the indefensible. There are several strong men the ringmaster calls "My Generals," an organ grinder and a dancing monkey named Sean Hannity and Tucker Carlson, a Trump-hater turned Trump-lover, named Nimrata "Nikki" Haley, who performs before the entire world, and there's Chief of Security, Wayne LaPierre,

just in case anyone in the audience gets too close to the performers.

The ringmaster, Donald Trump, is the Jim Henson of politics. Henson had his Muppets; Trump has his Trump-pets. He orchestrates his political circus with the aplomb of a master showman, reaching even into the hinterlands to entertain his Trump-pets in the remote corners of this nation. There are shows on a daily basis, and there is no admission fee.

Now let me give my disclaimer. I don't have love for either political party, so please don't think this is dump on Trump article. I'd write the same thing if Obama had carried on this way. Besides, I love a good circus every now and then. But I say Black people should follow the example of the UniverSoul Circus and establish our own political party and, thus, our own circus featuring our own performers. What say you? Meanwhile, watch my seat; I'm going to get some more cotton candy.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

McCain, cancer and the living God of the oppressed

A common complaint these days is that young people will not go to church. Many former church-goers have left, saying they grew disenchanted with the hypocrisy and judgment they experienced while being part of "the faithful." The Church, which is supposed to represent the living God, a God who is said to be love, has fallen short, it seems, and has fallen short from its inception. Forgetting the fact that God is sovereign and makes not only all that is and has been created, but the rules as well, church people have maligned God throughout history, causing people to either turn away from the Church and God, or perhaps holding onto God with fear, trembling and some confusion and anger as well.

The news recently that Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has been diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor brought the worst of religion to the fore yet again. According to several news accounts, some religious organizations have decided that Mr. McCain's illness is "godly justice" for challenging the current president.

The pronouncement was and is as astounding as it is maddening. What kind of god (lower case "g" intended) do these people serve? I have been studying the phenomenon of the myth of this being a monotheistic culture, and this statement feeds right into my suggestion that we have and live in a polytheistic culture, one where there are at least two gods, if not more.

We have created gods to fit our needs, it seems. The majority culture has its god, a god which shows love to only certain groups of people, a god who sanctions racism and sexism and homophobia and capitalism, a god who has no compassion for the poor or the elderly, but who supports capitalism and its capacity to exclude many. This god stands with the oppressors; this god is the god of Empire, which believes in the power of pharaoh over the power of God. People who honor this god in history saw no problem with lynching someone on a Saturday night and going to church on a Sunday morning, wearing a nice suit and either taking or distributing Holy Communion.

The god of the oppressor is judgmental; that god sees nothing wrong with discriminating against anyone who is not seen to be "fit" or "as fit" as the oppressor deems necessary. This god sanctioned the eugenics movement in the United States and apparently saw little to nothing wrong with the way Europeans have treated people of different hues down through history.

The God of the oppressed is different. This God is the God about whom Jesus the Christ taught. This God is the God of unconditional love, the God who demands that we love and forgive one another, over and over (70 times seven, the Bible says). This god has "good news" for everyone, because this god sees the worth of everyone.

And this God would not inflict someone who challenged a president with a malignant brain tumor.

A young person talking with me recently said she would never go back into a church because church people were phony and mean. Interestingly, an older person said the same thing not long afterward. But the sad thing is that God - the One God - has been given a name by members of a society which creates gods to fits its whims. If I for a moment thought God was One whom would cause a horrendous illness to come upon a person because he or she differed with a political figure, I would denounce and reject that god immediately.

If God was the type that inflicts people because of their political beliefs, then it seems that this society would have been purged of nearly everyone centuries ago, because no matter who a political leader is, someone opposes him or her. The audacity of the alt-right to make such a spurious accusation and statement about God's involvement in McCain's illness goes beyond the pale.

When things like that are said, God - the One God - remains maddeningly silent, which, to those who suppose they know about "godly justice" must seem like affirmation. They continue their arrogant statements and pronouncements, damaging, for many, the entire religious community and casting doubt on the stated "goodness" of God for those who are wavering.

One does not have to agree with a political figure to have compassion, but those who presume to know God and spread their hatred of a person onto God as a way of justifying that same hatred ought to tremble in their boots, it seems. The god of the oppressor has taken up too much oxygen in our lives forever. Would that those who understand and adhere to the principles of the God of the oppressed would step up and make the world know that the god of the oppressor is an imposter which needs to be silenced.

Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith is available for speaking. She can be contacted through evsuekim@sbcglobal.net.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

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

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



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New Hanover County

Lupus Foundation of America, North Carolina Chapter monthly support group in New Hanover County will be held on Saturday, August 19th from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Northeast Regional Library, 1241 Military Cutoff Rd. The group meets on the third Saturday of each month. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

Community Briefs

Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-1754. Learn more about the signs of heroin addiction. If you believe one of your loved ones is abusing drugs, learn how you can make a difference by visiting <http://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/drug-rehab/>

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Highlights from the participation of local youths in the ACT-SO (Afro-American Cultural, Technical and Scientific Olympics) national competition held recently in Baltimore, Maryland and other vital community and state issues will be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. Those attending are also asked to bring bottled water as part of the branch's water drive to bring safe water to local communities in need. 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.

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

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Stop, look, and listen to the needs

When I heard of the news that three teenagers were charged with attempted murder, possession of marijuana, driving without a license, and disorderly conduct in Brunswick County, I began to think about the drop-out rates. There is no doubt that drop-out prevention and crime prevention go hand in hand; therefore, we must continue to fight for a better education for our African American males. With more support from the community, we must fight to

keep our communities safe and drug-free.



Verniece Stanley

spare some change by looking for bargains, sales and

coupons.

Just taking a small step, we can all help improve our communities and secure a better and brighter future for the young people who get discouraged and see crime as a way out of poverty and despair. Volunteer your time, donate goods, and stay informed about the concerns of citizens in your community.

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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.

OBITUARIES

Bernell M. Knowlin

Bernell Marie Troy Knowlin was born on July 9, 1941 to the late John Franklin Troy Sr. and Curlia Grady Troy in Leland, North Carolina. She departed this earthly life on Wednesday July 26, 2017 at the Brunswick Cove Nursing Center in Leland, NC. A celebration of Bernell's life was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Summerville AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Summerville AME Zion Church Cemetery. In addition to her father, she was also preceded in death by her infant son, Kelvin Eugene, a brother, John Franklin Troy Jr. and two sisters: Gwendolyn Troy Lofton and Delores Troy Adams.

Bernell was educated in Phoenix Schools and graduated from Lincoln High school. Bernell was always a fashionista. In pursuit of a career in beauty, after graduating from high school, she attended Winston Salem Beauty College and obtained her beautician's license. She was married to the late Melvin Knowlin Jr. This union was blessed with three daughters and one son.

Bernell loved her family and she had a heart for serving. She worked diligently as a wife, mother and homemaker. She served not only her family, but other relatives and friends in the community with her cosmetology and childcare skills. She enjoyed cooking, watching television, laughing with her grandchildren, talking on the phone with her sister Marion, and shopping for hats! Bernell would give and sow into the lives of others. Whatever she gave always came back to her; and she was again able to bless others.

Bernell loved the Lord! She

was constantly telling others to "have faith in God". She joined Summerville AMEZ Church at an early age. She enjoyed singing and started her Christian walk on the Jr. Choir and the Usher Board. She was an active member of Stewardess Board #1, Women's Foreign Home Missions, Class #2, Kitchen Committee, Homecoming Committee, Senior Choir. Bernell was always delighted to raise money for the church through fundraising! She could be found throughout the community soliciting donations and she was always overwhelmed with joy when the church met or exceeded their project goals. She will forever be remembered in the hearts of those she knew and loved for spreading joy, love and light with her sweet spirit and infectious laugh.

This special daughter of Zion leaves to cherish her memories, three daughters: Stephanie Knowlin of Fuquay Varina, NC, Priscilla Crawley and Sheila Patrick of Leland, NC; mother, Curlia M. Grady Troy of Leland, NC; one sister, Marion Levine of Wilmington; one brother, John Leander Troy of Leland, NC, three sister-in-laws: Mary Lou Knowlin of Hartland, Ida Bell Knowlin of Atlanta, GA and Catherine Troy of Leland, NC; one aunt, Colleen Grady of Baltimore, MD; ten grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Christopher's was held on Thursday, August 2, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

He was born on January 7, 1974 in Winston Salem, NC to Eugene Gladden and Sandra Andrews Gladden. He attended Onslow County Schools and graduated from Jacksonville Senior High School.

His job careers started at Burger King while he was still in high school. He also worked at US Marine Corps dining halls. He then became the owner of CG Entertainment, later CG Dawgs and lastly became an entrepreneur and Executive Regional Manager of NC with Vitae Global.

He is survived by his parents Eugene Gladden and Sandra Andrews Gladden, both of Winston Salem, NC; sons, Connor Westbrook and Cameron Seabrook; siblings, Petina Gladden of Stafford, VA, Latisha Taylor of Winston Salem, NC, Eugene Jr and Kosuke Gladden of Winston Salem, NC; stepmom, Midori Gladden; nieces, Keana Gladden, Lyndsey Gladden and Jalen Gladden-Mildor. He is also survived by his girlfriend, Tomeka Seabrook and a host of family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Christopher L. Gladden

Christopher Lee Gladden (CG) age 43, died on July 27, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. He succumbed to massive strokes and heart failure. A celebration of

William's life was held on Friday, August 4, 2017 at Graham Chapel AME Zion Church. Interment followed in the Dickson Family Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Alice A. whom he wed on August 27, 1960 in Rush Temple AME Zion church in Queens, NY; daughters, J. Yolande of Queens, NY, Ayesha L. Simons (Calvin) of Piscataway, NJ and Jamila K. Deese (Derek) of Ranstein, Germany; son, William D. Daniels, Jr (Deidrea) of Charlotte, NC and grandchildren, Maya, Alea, Sarai, William Hugh and Josiah; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The oldest of eight children, he was born in Columbus County, NC on January 28, 1937, to the late William and Chauncey Dickson Daniels. His siblings include the late Idary Andrews (Willis), the late Elgeravan (Celeste), the late Selma Mae, Anna Ruth Wade of Brooklyn, N.Y., Marva Graham (Robert) of Ashboro, NC, James Eddie (Joyce) of Norfolk, VA, Coyette Brown of Columbus, OH, and Styru (Yvonne) of Sandyfield, NC.

At the age of 17, William enlisted in the Air Force, where he was stationed at Hahn Air Force base in Germany, received his GED, and joined the boxing team winning various titles, most notably: the 12th Air Force USAEF, Britannica Shield, All-Air Force and CISM Champion-ships. A Private First Class, he was honorably discharged in 1958. After winning the Golden Gloves in 1960, he began to fight professionally as a heavyweight in bouts against Cleveland Williams, Doug Jones, Joe Fraizer, Mike DeJohn, and Cassius Clay/Muhammad Ali

William D. Daniels, Sr.

William Dewey Daniels, Sr., known to his family and East Arcadia locals as Avant, to his immediate family and friends as Danny, and in the professional boxing circuit as Billy, was a ranked heavy weight boxer and entrepreneur founder of multiple businesses.

God blessed William with 80 years and allowed him to transition peacefully on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice surrounded by his children and family. A celebration of

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(to whom he lost in a technical knock-out in the seventh round). Many of the fights were televised "Fights of the Week." Billy later went on to be the sparring partner to Muhammad Ali. His record was 23 wins (11 knockouts), 22 losses and four draws.

In 1963, he acquired his contract and became a free agent. He offset the difficulties of being a black free agent and representing himself through the businesses that he developed. His boxing career spanned until 1977 and allowed him to travel the world. His businesses ranged from a barber shop, two fast-food restaurants, "Daniels Afro-American Restaurant" and "Billy Burgers," a guard service and "21st Century Construction Corporation," a paint contracting company that painted St. Johns Hospital, Neimiah Houses, grocery stores, court houses, and other buildings in Brooklyn, New York.

From 1960 to 1994, William and his wife raised three children in South Ozone Park, Queens near her family.

In 1994, they relocated to Hoover Road in Sandyfield, NC where they built a house on land he inherited from his mother. During this time in North Carolina, William worked for an industrial cleaning company and raised his youngest daughter with Alice's support. With his wife, he encouraged all of their children to value education and travel. Having grown up on a farm, in later life, he enjoyed gardening in his free time.

Throughout his life he maintained an athletic training regimen as staying healthy and exercising was always important to him. In 2004, he completed the IMG/NY Road Runners Club Marathon. He was known in the Sandyfield/East Arcadia communities for bicycling, running and walking on country roads. He became ill in 2015, and in 2017 succumbed to atrial fibrillation and Alzheimer's disease. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Cynthia Denise Ballard Bell

Cynthia Denise Ballard Bell departed this life on July 22, 2017. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 27, 2017 at St. Matthews Church, Leland, North Carolina with Rev. Leon Vernon, Sr., pastor and Rev. Acie Robinson, Jr., eulogist. Burial followed in the Robinson Cemetery.

Cynthia, affectionately known as "Nanny" was born March 4, 1957 to Harry and the late Lessie Mae Ballard. She was a member of St. Matthew

Church, where she served as an usher and choir member. She enjoyed being an active participant during worship service. Cynthia was employed at Corning, Inc. of Wilmington, NC for many years. She enjoyed her job and was a team member. Cynthia was very supportive to others and would do all she could to help those in need. She had genuine interest in people and their well being. Cynthia was married to Mr. Warren Bell and to this union they were blessed with one son. Cynthia was preceded in death by her sisters, Pernela Munn, Jennifer Lowery and Ethel Lewis.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her husband, Warren Bell of the home; son, Christopher Emanuel Bell; granddaughter, Miss Adashia Bell; grandsons, Master Onzwell Bell and Master Max Bell all of Charlotte, NC; her father, Mr. Harry Ballard, Sr.; sisters, Ms. Willie Mae Ballard and Ms. Judiette Ballard; brother, Mr. Harry Ballard, Jr.; two aunts; two uncles; six sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law; a very special niece, Ms. Ashantia Ballard; devoted friends, Ms. Vonnie Ballard, Mrs. Betty Washington and Mrs. Rose Terry; other nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jennifer Dean Lowery

Jennifer Dean Lowery departed this life on Monday, July 24, 2017 at new Hanover regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 27, 2017 at St. Matthews Church, Leland, North Carolina with Rev. Leon Vernon, Sr., pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Robinson Cemetery.

Jennifer was born to Harry Lee Ballard, Sr. and the late Lessie Mae Ballard on April 17, 1959. She attended school in the Brunswick County School System and graduated from North Brunswick High School in the Class of 1977. Jennifer was a founding member of St. Matthews Church of Leland, NC. She was ordained as a Deaconess on November 28, 2004. Jennifer served her church faithfully as a choir member, usher, trustee and cake baker until her health began to decline. Jennifer was joined in holy matrimony to Mark Anthony Lowery, Sr. and had two sons, Ricardo Lowery (Pamela) of Burgaw, NC and Mark Lowery, Jr. (Emily) of Raleigh, NC. She was preceded in death by her sister, Cynthia Bell (Warren), Pernela Ballard Munn, and Ethel Lewis.

Her surviving siblings include: Willie Mae Ballard, Harry Lee Ballard, Jr., and Judiette Ballard, all of Leland, NC, Barbara Davis of Wilmington, NC and Reginald Lewis of Fayetteville, NC; four

grandsons, Montriel Boykins, Maric Colson, Amari Smith and Mark Lowery, III; a special niece, Ashanti Ballard; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and a sister by love, Cheryl Lynn Weston and a very special long-time friend, Karen Phinazee. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Brother James Franklin Kelly, Jr.

Brother James Franklin Kelly, Jr., son of the late James Franklin Kelly, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Kelly, was born September 25, 1955, and departed this life Thursday, July 27, 2017.

His family and friends affectionately referred to him as Frank. Frank grew up in Brunswick County and graduated from North Brunswick High School in 1973. In 1977, he graduated from Cape Fear Technical Institute with a degree in Electronics and Instrumentation. Frank was employed by the Housing Authority of Wilmington for a time and then Corning for over twenty years. At an early age, Frank began his walk with the Lord and joined Christian Chapel AME Zion Church. He was a faithful member who worked in many capacities. Frank especially loved giving to the youth of the church. In his free time, he enjoyed sports, music, and movies.

Frank leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Fozer Kelly; step-daughter, Meisha Covington; one brother, Rev. David Kelly (Phyllis); three sisters, Linda K. McAllister (Avery), Dorothy Kelly and Betty K. Jackson; one uncle, Freddie Kelly (Emma); four aunts, Bertha Wilson, Frances Odell Sanders, Fannie Wilson, and Genevieve Thomas (John); two nephews, Deandre Kelly (Vanessa) and Jonathan McAllister (Ariel); four nieces, Vanessa K. Green (Wilbur), Monica Lauderdale, Candace Kelly, and Angela Padgett; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Montez Greene

Montez Greene departed this life on July 28, 2017. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial followed in Marsh Branch Cemetery.

Montez Anterrio Greene, son of Deborah Greene Miller and Michael Anthony George was born in New Hanover County, North Carolina on September 22, 1990. Montez, one of four children was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from New Hanover High School in 2010. He continued his education at Cape Fear Community College. His early training and acceptance of

Christ in his life began in Kendall Chapel AME Church in Winnabow, North Carolina. Montez played football for the Rough Riders and the 49ers Pop Warner Football Teams at the age of 7 and 8. Montez then proceeded to play football for Leland Middle School. He loved to dress very neat and color coordinated from his hats to his shoes. Montez was a very clean and organized person. He loved to clean and cook. Montez loved children no matter what their color, shape, or size. He was a very humble child and loved every person he came in contact with. Everyone took to him at once. He was a leaning shoulder; a listening ear; a helping hand, and a friend in deed. Montez was a very respectful person, loved his family very much and loved to keep the peace. He was a very happy person, filled with laughter, smiles, joy, love and had a great sense of humor. Montez was the life of the party, was silly, a jokester and a very good dancer. He didn't have biological children but he was a good supporting and loving uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Montez worked various jobs throughout his life. He was the type of person who said what he meant and meant what he said. Montez started working at Hardees in Leland, North Carolina at the age of 15 years old. He received an Electrical Degree in 2014. Montez loved his three brothers unconditionally. Clearly they had a close bond, always there for one another, letting no one or nothing tear them apart. After meeting Tonesha Gause, they fell in love and became one. Montez and Tonesha married and were inseparable. Montez's mother called them "Bonnie and Clyde"; that was the love they shared with one another. Their marriage and happiness together was the last chapter of Montez's life.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Theresa D.

Greene, Annie B. Haywood, Ernestine Greene, Davis Haywood, and Eddie George; uncles, James R. Flowers, Donnie R. Flowers, Larry B. Flowers, James H. Jones, Melvin Jones, and Willie L. Jones; aunts, Mildred D. Holloman, Betty J. Jones and Latonya S. Hobbs; cousins, Jimmy L. Hicks, Jr., Ro'Shad D. Jenkins, Al'Quon Flowers, Carlo Harrison and Ronald Love.

He leaves to cherish fond memories of his life: wife, Tonesha Gause Greene and her two children; mother, Deborah Greene Miller; fathers, Michael A. George and Perry Miller; brothers, Maurice A. Greene, Marcus A. Greene and James R. Flowers; grandparents, Otto Green, Sr., Lola Reaves and Reggie McKoy; aunts, Gloria L. Greene (Jolly), Tracy White, Lisa Lennon, Audrey Murphy and Virginia Flowers; uncles, Jimmy L. Hicks, Sr., Michael E. Hicks, Otto Greene, Jr., Anthony Q. Smith (Staci), Charles Greene, Orlando Leggett, Moby Smith and Eddie Brown; cousins, Timothy McMillian, Donald Flowers, Kersha Smith (Rodney), Zanika Stokley, Jamie Stokley, Vernell Bannerman, Willie Bellamy, Shaquanna Gause, Jimeria Smith, Tatiana Smith, Terriq White, Tiffany Gause, Laquetta Smith, Brittany Lennon, Quin Cooks, Hakeem Gamu, Lameek Stokley, Dawayne Walker, Demetrial Harrison, Stevette Levine, Jasmine Flowers, Jameka Flowers, Jaquetta Flowers, Dionte Hicks, Saquoia James, Lyrica Greene, Enchantis Greene, Sharonda Lennon, Kevin Harrison, Gloria Bellamy, Danyell Robinson, Chicara Mitchell, Keymorria Bryant, Ja'miya Hicks, Evelyn Greene, Asia Greene, Ladrell Damon, Marquel Damon and Terry Williams; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral*

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James Theodore Walker

James Theodore Walker departed this life on July 28, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Mt. Calvary AME Church, Navassa, NC with Rev. Gaylian Barbour, Pastor and Eulogist and Rev. Raynard Griffin, officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Calvary AME Church

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Happy Birthday



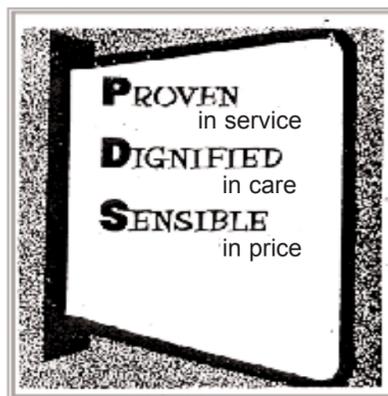
James Albert Green, Sr.
Sunrise: August 10, 1929
Sunset: February 2, 2012

You never said you were leaving.
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it!
And only God knows why. In Life we loved you dearly. In death we love you still. In our heart we hold a place that only you can fill. It broke our heart to lose you but you didn't go alone. A part of us went with you the day God took you home. Happy Birthday Dad, we love & miss you still. May you continue to rest in Paradise!

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Jennifer & Javoke Terrell

New Hanover County

Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 4404 Holly Shelter Road, Castle Hayne, NC, will celebrate "OUR CHILDREN", OF ALL AGES, past and present. Service will begin at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Eric Underwood will deliver the morning message. Afterward, there will be Personal Reflections: "Where Are They Now? Lunch will follow at 12:00 noon. The evening message will be brought by Dr. Patricia Southerland McAllister, Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Columbia, Pa.

Religious Briefs

The Better St. Phillip A. M. E. Zion Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd Wilmington, N.C. in the Wrightsboro Community will hold their Annual Home Coming Celebration on Sunday August 20th at 11:30 a.m. with The Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon delivering the morning message with the Mass Choir rendering the music & at 3:30 p.m. the evening worship service will begin. Dinner will be served at 1:45 p.m. following our morning service. For the evening service the special guests The Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, The Rev. Alexander L. Jones Sr. and First Lady of our District Mrs. Delma S. Jones. They will be accompanied in music by special guest church and Pastor; Rev. Dr. Jermaine B. Armour along with his Praise Team and congregation of St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church. The Better St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church Family also presents and features In Conjunction with 3-n-1 Bail Bonding Company A Homecoming Mini Concert with...Recording Artist, Charles Montague formally of the Mississippi Blind Boys, Recording Artist, Johnny Stringfield & Family, Recording Artist Roscoe Stanton, Soloist Taylor Montague and Praise Dances Gabriella & Jason Lambur. For More information or any details, you may call 910-540-4406 or 910-540-4250. Our Church Office Phone is 910-251-9892.

Union Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the 40th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor James H. Nixon and First Lady Nixon on Saturday, August 12th at 5:00 p.m. with a Banquet Gala. The attire is semi/formal. The Anniversary Celebration Service will be held on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 11:00 am with special guest speaker, Pastor John H. Brown of New Hope Freewill Baptist Church of Leland, NC. Please join us in this very special and momentous occasion. For tickets and information please visit us at www.umbewilmington.org (<http://www.umbewilmington.org>) or call 910 763 3006.

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; Thursday, August 17th Apostle Andria U. Weekes of Greater Works Church of Deliverance Ministries; Friday, August 18th; Pastor Tracy Troy of Victory in Jesus Ministries. 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. The entire spiritual undertakings will be held at Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church; 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

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SENIOR MOMENTS

Let's introduce ourselves to our neighbors

My Fellow Citizens:

There was a time when I wanted to use this column to explore some Bible stories, but I have begun to realize it would be more than I can handle. It would take a panel or roundtable discussion, and even this would not accomplish much. I have heard such discussions in Sunday School through the years. Whenever the bell rang, the members agreed to shake hands and move on. So

I will do the same.

I hope we can use this space to introduce ourselves to our neighbors, to highlight the good things, and bring smiles to our faces. I think of the *Wilmington Journal* as a chain that links our people together; but, of course, it would be

much stronger if we would reach out to one another. Most of us are strangers, living in close proximity. We say hello but that's about it. Why not introduce ourselves and our families? Write a note to The Journal about your plans for Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's or about journeys you have taken and your plans for the future. Tell us about your grandchildren and your aging parents. Tell us about the good deeds you have seen

in the area.

I hope the editor will agree to start such a column and even lay out some guidelines to lead the way. I hope some of our teachers will tell us about their experiences in the classroom, the good things as well as the problems. Reach out and take somebody's hand. Show them a better world when you can.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

Signs of His Coming

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Mathew 24:3

War, Trouble and Tragedy !
Trouble - Danger, affliction, distress



Sylvia Hooper

Tragedy - An extremely sad or fatal event, or course of events

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Mathew 24:6

No man knows the day nor the hour for the coming of the Lord, but there are signs of His coming. These signs are so pronounced that whether you read your bible, read the internet, read your morning newspaper, or watch the daily news rooms.... you will be aware of the signs of the times in which we are living. Sudden destruction is coming upon the land, and we

all need to be aware of the time in which we are living. It should be obvious by now, that our world is not in the hands of man, but in the hands of God. The things that are occurring are in no way accountable nor controllable by man. They are signs of his coming.

Tragedies are common place these days. Right now, according to Wikipedia statistics, there are 27 or more wars going on somewhere around the globe. A declaration of war is formal perorative speech , act, or signing of a document by an authorized party of a government in order to initiate a state of war between two or more nations.. The ravages and realities of war are affecting countless numbers of people around the world right now. Some of these wars are major military conflicts and some of them are smaller scaled armed conflicts.

War, in and of itself, brings trouble and tragedy to our society . Everyone who has lost his or her life in war, was somebody's father , mother,

sister, brother, son or daughter. Countless casualties or shall we say countless souls, have been called into judgement, and the sobering reality of war is, ...It's not over! It is a sign of his coming!

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him. That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand." II Thessalonians 2:1-2

Jesus said in St. John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1 If you do not know God in the pardoning of your sins through His Son Jesus Christ, now is a good time to seek him and be found of him! If we ever needed the Lord before, we surely do need to know him now! We are all witnessing , right before our very eyes, the signs of his coming. Don't be fearful. Don't be afraid. Be encouraged!

Prayer: Father, we pray that

you prepare our hearts and minds to be ready, as we see the signs of your coming. Help us to live a life that is pleasing in thy sight. Save us, and we shall be saved. In Jesus'Name, 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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Cemetery.

James, affectionately known as "PI" was born to the late Willie and Ellen Waddell Walker in Brunswick County on April 24, 1937. "PI" 's transitioned united him with loved ones preceding him: his wife, Cora Lee; daughter, Bernice "Bae-Bae"; grandson, Davelle "Tuff Muff"; parents, Willie and Ellen; siblings, Gaston "Sonny", Alton "Bawly", Willie "Baby", Lawrence "Bubba", Thomas, Lula, Josephine and Ellen "TayTay". James at an early age became a member of Mt. Calvary AME Church in Navassa, NC. He was educated in the Brunswick County Public School System. In November of 1954, at the age of 17, "PI" made the decision to join the US Army. SP4 James T. Walker served three years and received an Honorable Discharge in November of 1957. He lived in Connecticut and New York before returning back to Navassa, going to work on January 2, 1961 at the Bolivia Lumber Company, "The Mill". He worked for 56 years under three generations of Garnes: Lt. Sr., Greg, Thomas, Carol and Tommy May who "PI" called "Boss". He loved them and they loved him back! On January 25, 1961 James married Cora Lee Malone and to this union on girl and three boys, Bernice, Andre', Angelo and Corry were born. James enjoyed sports and loved to cook. He had the silky soft voice of an angel using it many times to lift a stirring prayer, singing in the choir and likewise with a group known for their sharp sky-blue suits, the Gospel Tones".

He leaves to cherish his memories: sons, Kevin Cole (Brenda) of Snowfield, NC,

Andre' Walker of Leland, NC, Angelo Walker (Kimberly) of Riegelwood, NC and Corry Walker (Christy) of Fayetteville, NC; sisters, Maggie L. Roger (Brown) of Baltimore, MD, Shirley Hooper (Ellis) of Leland, NC; sisters-in-law, Jesse L. Walker, Lucille Walker and Willa Mae McKoy (Velinza) of Castle Hayne, NC; brothers-in-law, Harrison Malone (Patricia) of Wilmington, NC, and Charlie Graham of Navassa, NC; son-in-law, Asron Lewis of Wilmington, NC; 11 grandchildren, Tammy (Raheem) of Wilmington, NC, Kevin (Tanjolla) of Raleigh, NC, Charity (Torianto) and Chevon of Greensboro, NC, Toniece of Atlanta, Ga, Quintara of Raleigh, NC, D'Angelo of Riegelwood, NC, children, Charissa of Leland, NC, Joshua, Kyah of the home and Donte of Fayetteville, NC six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grand; one god-daughter, good friends, The Branch Card Crew, Darryl Andrews, Joe "Baby" Andrews, Thurman "PNut" Mosley, Rat, Runt, Leonard Waddell, Glenda "Gator" Andrews and a multitude of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Evola Wilder White

Evola Wilder White, died August 2nd. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Evola, a devoted mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend of Wilmington, North Carolina, departed this life on August 2, 2017. "Vola" as she was known to family and friends entered this life on February 21, 1942, to the late John and Mamie Wilder. In addition to her parents, Evola was preceded in

death by two sons, Alvin and Jerome Wilder.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one son, Terry Wilder; three grandchildren, Cheronna Strong, Terri Richardson and Tashemma Wilder; three great-grandchildren, Aiwon S. Davis, Sa'Niyah Coker and Kyler Wilder; one sister, Toni Shanks; one brother, Charles Wilder; two nieces, Evelyn Harrington and Kamika Davis; one nephew, Charles Harrington; two special friends, Georgia Crumdy and Lecola "CoCo" Washington; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Robert McRae

Robert McRae died on August 3, 2017. Memorial services were held on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Robert was one of ten children born to Willie McRae and Ellen Williams McRae on May 16, 1943 in Wilmington, NC.

He attended Williston High School graduating in the Class of 1963. It was clear early in his life that his journey would someday have him owning his own business. Robert had an uncanny knack for numbers and a strong will for entrepreneurship. Robert worked as a long-shoreman, service station operator, and as a long distance truck driver. Ultimately, his dream of owning his own business was achieved when he relocated to Indianapolis, IN and opened McRae's Seafood. Known as Bob by many of his friends, he was always courteous and believed that his reward in life came from knowing if he treated people with respect and it would always come back to him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Ellen McRae and

his sister, Nella Mae Denson.

Robert is survived by four children, Terrance McRae, Renee McRae, Sandra Solomon, and Robin McRae, and three grand-children, Brad McRae, Letia Solomon, and Millicent Grace McRae; eight living siblings, William McRae, Jr. (Vivian), Michael McRae, Herbert "Reece" McRae (Ermalynn), Anthony McRae (Teresa), Katherine Hall, Hortense Henderson, Ellen Green, and Debra McRae. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Charles Green

Charles Green died August 3, 2017. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at Central Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Pollock Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie "Sleepy Bill" Jackson

Willie "Sleepy Bill" Jackson died on August 4, 2017. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the ILA Hall. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Andrew Jermaine Roland

Andrew Jermaine Roland Funeral services will be 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mozell Hankins Lewis

Mozell Hankins Lewis died in New York. Memorial services will be held 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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
7511 Morningside Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20012

July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Vernon Lee Fash**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th 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.

This 27th day of July, 2017.

James William Fash, Executor of the Estate of Vernon Lee Fash
1528 Radian Road
Wilmington, NC 28405
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2017

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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Adele Maitland (17-E-1056)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **November 8, 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 10th day of August, 2017

Cynthia Wright, Executrix of the Estate of Adele Maitland
701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Rebecca Juanita Hight**, 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 **8th day of November, 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 8th day of August, 2017

Marie D. Kinney, Executrix
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Having qualified on the 28th day of February, 2017, as Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES DOVER COLVIN, JR.**, 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, Martha M. Colvin, at 725 Devon Court, Wilmington, NC 28403, on or before the **18th 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 14th day of July, 2017.

MARTHA M. COLVIN,
ADMINISTRATOR
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July 20, 27, August 3, and 10, 2017

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Brenda Smith (17-E-1114)**, 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 **October 28, 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 18th day of July, 2017

Charles Smith, Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Smith
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Vernon Lee Fash**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th 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.

This 27th day of July, 2017.

James William Fash, Executor of the Estate of Vernon Lee Fash
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July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Chalmers Scott Ross**, 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 **28th 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 27th day of July, 2017

Charles Keith Parker, Executor
808 Santa Maria Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28411

July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2017

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BEFORE THE CLERK
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF: JAMES GERALD MURRAY
FILE NO. 17E 1178**

The undersigned having qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of **James Gerald Murray**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Donna E. Johnson, Personal Representative, at the address set out to below no later than ninety (90) days from the first publication date of this Notice. This notice may be pleaded as bar of any payment recovery of same which is not given to the **20th day of November, 2017**. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either addresses set out below. This the 10th day of August, 2017

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I know that we're meant for each other. I am praying that I may be able to have a miracle baby; I know it happens. I'm 37 and I know if we don't get married now, I never will. I don't want to live my life alone. I want to be happily married and have my husband for the rest of my life. My sister is my maid of honor and she's threatening to tell him. I told her, I will disown her if she does. I think she's just jealous of my future husband and our relationship. How can I stop her from ruining my life?

Signed,
Super Secret

Dear Super Secret,

Um, did I miss a sentence? How is your sister, the one who's telling the truth, ruining your life? Oh no, Miss Thing, you gotta own your decision of deceitfulness.

You're absolutely "azzbackward" in this treacherous portrayal of a

partnership and I promise you that your "azzbackwardness" will come back to haunt you.

Having a child is a sacred bond between two people and should not be taken lightly. I could see if you didn't know you couldn't have children, that's one thing, but to already be aware of this information and not share it with your future husband is vicious and vindictive. Yes, I said it, you're selfish, self-centered, shimmshammy and not to be trusted.

The only happiness you're willing to acknowledge is your own. How one sided is that and who wants to be in a relationship with someone who is constantly tilted to the left? You're so blinded by what you want and what makes you and only you happy. That's pathetic.

I hear you when you say there have been miracle babies, yeah, um, it happens, but it also doesn't happen, more than you want to admit.

Tell your fiance, now, right now. He has a right to know about your medical condition. If you had been up front the entire time, I'm sure he would understand and remain committed to walking this path of life with you. I find the fact that you're comfortable drowning in a sea of "conniving and cunning" quite troubling. In your head, disowning your sister is the "right" thing to do, if she discloses your secret. So, much so your logic is to disown your sister.

Chil' please. You made your bed and now you have to lie in it.

Whatever comes your way is what you deserve. SMDH, I hope your sister does tell him the truth and I hope you keep your promise and disown her, both of them will be all the better for it.

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

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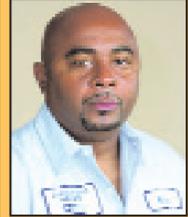


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