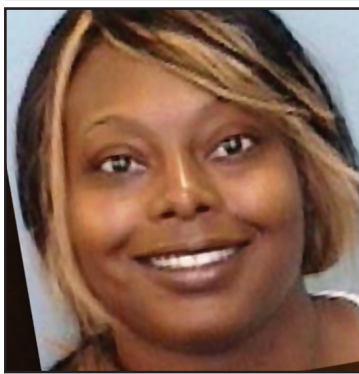


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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A TRAGEDY

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This weekend, in Charlottesville, Virginia a sad tragedy was played out. Three lives {Heather Heyer and two helicopter patrolmen} were lost in a senseless attack on human rights of other people. Angry racists (White nationalists, White supremacists, alt-right protestors, Ku Klux Klan members, and Neo-Nazis) came to Charlottesville, armed and ready for a violent takeover in protest of the taking down of the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee

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LEADERS: "IT CAN HAPPEN HERE"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The searing images of Neo-Nazis and White supremacists battling on the streets of Charlottesville, Va. with counter protesters last Saturday, culminating in the tragic murder of a young White woman when a car driven by an alleged Nazi sympathizer slammed into an unsuspecting crowd, are still in the minds and hearts of most African-Americans almost a week later.

"The hate and violence we've witnessed in Virginia is reprehensible and has no place in our society," said Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-12-NC). "As a nation, we are better than this. It's time we come together to stand up and boldly stamp out bigotry and hate."

Rep. Adams was joined in her expression of concern about the racist violence in Charlottesville by some of her North Carolina Republican colleagues, Representatives Virginia Foxx, Richard Hudson, Patrick McHenry, and Sen. Thom Tillis.

"The hate, bigotry and violence on display in Charlottesville is despicable and represents the complete opposite of what America stands for," Sen Tillis tweeted Sunday.

But some Black religious and social justice leaders, like Bishop William Barber, President of the NC NAACP, say statements of racist outrage from Republican leaders about Charlottesville ring hollow when the policies of these same NCGOP congress people against the interests of African-Americans are taken into account.

"To say you are against White

supremacy without standing up against the policies that embolden White supremacists reeks of a terrible ignorance or deliberate hypocrisy," Bishop Barber said in an interview.

"[Republican leaders] and others oppose the White supremacy in Charlottesville. OK, we all do, but here is the test. Will they call for [White House presidential adviser Stephen] Bannon and alt-right policies to be removed from their agenda? Will they fully reinstate the Voting Rights Act to stop racist voter suppression and gerrymandering? Will they acknowledge the racist voter suppression in 2016 and join [the US Supreme Court] to condemn racist gerrymandering? Will they stop the

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A SPEEDING CAR, DRIVEN BY ALLEGED NEO-NAZI ENTHUSIAST JAMES ALEX FIELDS JR., 20, PLUMMETED THROUGH THE CROWD KILLING HEATHER HEYER.



PHOTO BY RYAN J. KELLY/DAILY PROGRESS THIS WIDELY CIRCULATED PHOTO SHOWS THE MOMENT OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK.

Trump forced to denounce KKK, white supremacy, and neo-Nazi groups -- Then changes his mind

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Editor's Note: Since the posting of this story, President Donald Trump has again reversed his position on the White supremacist violence in Charlottesville on Saturday, August 12. In a Trump Tower press conference on Tuesday, August 15, he stunned Republicans, Democrats and people across the nation by leaning back toward his original stance, also blaming anti-hate protestors for the violence during the march in which White supremacists chanted slogans against Black and Jewish people. His reversal has gained a note of thanks from former KKK Grand Dragon David Duke who earlier warned that the hate marchers represented Trump's base.

President Donald Trump, under pressure from civil rights leaders and his Republican colleagues, finally denounced racist White supremacists after a Neo Nazi march that resulted in the death of a 32-year-old woman in Charlottesville, Va. Aug. 12.

Chanting hateful slogans and attempting to converge on Black neighborhoods in the hometown of the University of Virginia, race hate groups claim to be riled over the Charlottesville City Council's decision to remove a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee

from the city's Downtown. The Aug. 12 rally followed a July 8 Ku Klux Klan rally, also in Charlottesville. Observers say the hate groups are only using the statue removal as an opportunity to spread their White supremacist messages and recruit.

Heather Heyer, known for her activism and standing for issues of social, economic, gender and racial equality, was among hundreds of anti-hate protestors when a speeding car, driven by alleged Neo-Nazi enthusiast James Alex Fields Jr., 20, plummeted through the crowd. More than 19 people were injured. Heyer was killed. Two Virginia state troopers, H. Jay Cullen, 48, and Berke Bates, who would have turned 41 on Sunday, were also killed when their helicopter crashed as they did surveillance work during the rally.

"Racism is evil. And those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans," Trump told reporters at a White House Press Conference Aug. 14. "We are a nation founded on the truth that all of us are created equal. We are equal in the eyes of our Creator. We are equal under the law. And we are equal under our Constitution. Those who spread vio-



HEATHER HEYER

lence in the name of bigotry strike at the very core of America."

As strong as that statement may sound, it came two days after the terrorist attack - far too long for a President who tweets daily attacks against political foes. Trump had issued an earlier, far weaker statement:

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides, on many sides," Trump said during a short statement from his private golf club in New Jersey on August 12, the day of the attack. "It has been going on for a long time in our country - not Donald Trump, not Barack Obama. It has been going on for a long, long time. It has no place in America."

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DR. JIMMY TATE

Dr. Jimmy Tate named NCCU chief of staff

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DURHAM, N.C. -Dr. Jimmy Teriell Tate has been named North Carolina Central University (NCCU) chief of staff. Most recently, Tate served as president of Roanoke-Chowan Community College (R-CCC) in Ahoskie, N.C.

Tate has an extensive career that spans more than 20 years in higher education. While president of Roanoke-Chowan Community College, his leadership led to a 35 percent enrollment increase within the first month of his presidency. Tate was instrumental in strengthening relationships with the community, businesses, industries, institutions of higher learning and secondary-education institutions.

His leadership led to the implementation of credentialing partnerships with Elizabeth City State University and Shaw University, creating a seamless transition for R-CCC graduates to attend four-year colleges and universities. Several other new initiatives

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UPDATE

Dems bracing for new September 1 GOP redistricting maps

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

According to reliable legislative sources, after the Special Session reconvenes Friday. Preliminary redistricting maps may be completed then (or by Monday), with public hearings tentatively scheduled to take place either Tuesday, August 22 or Wednesday, August 23, in six to eight locations across North Carolina. Depending on the location, various

State lawmakers are expected to be present at those hearings.

Then on Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25, there will be committee votes on the new maps. Floor votes the following week (of August 28) in both the State House and Senate are scheduled, each voting to approve its respective redistricting maps and then ratifying the other chamber's version. That is the tentative schedule, with all relevant materials submitted to the three judge federal court panel that ordered them submitted by Sept. 1 for

judicial review.

Given the criteria adopted by the Republican-led Joint Redistricting Committee on August 10, the new voting districts, to be drawn to remedy the 28 of 170 districts which were determined by the federal court to be illegal racial gerrymanders in the 2011 redistricting plan, will use the population figures from the 2010 US Census, employing the data from each legislative district to make them as equal numerically as possible, within plus or minus five percent deviation, as

required by federal law.

The legislative districts will also comply with county boundaries as much as possible, maintaining county groupings and not crossing county lines unless permitted by previous case law.

Using 2010 census data and respecting county lines was all Republicans and Democrats could agree on during the four and a half hour session. The

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racist attacks on immigrants? Will they challenge and stop US Attorney General Jeff Sessions from ending affirmative action? Will they increase and call for support of federal investigation of unarmed Blacks killed by police? Will they repent from how silent they were when Trump used birtherism [against Pres. Obama] to rally White supremacists for his campaign?"

Wilmington native, Rev. Kojo Nantambu says the racial violence the world saw in Charlottesville on Saturday was something the country has been slowly moving towards ever since Dr. King's death and could certainly happen here in North Carolina. White militia groups have been stocking up on weapons, preparing for a race war, especially after the election of the first Black President, Barack Obama.

The only reason they hadn't moved until now, Rev. Nantambu contends, is because the Obama Justice Dept. had clamped down on them during his eight years in office, but, now that Donald Trump is President, the White supremacist movement is beginning to rebound.

What Nantambu rails against most is the difference in how Black demonstrators and White protesters are traditionally treated by police. As

seen on Saturday in Charlottesville, where law enforcement did little to stop gun-wielding White neo-Nazis from parading their weapons in public (Virginia is an open carry state, but since most of those "Unite the Right" demonstrators were from out of state, if they brandished a gun, they were breaking federal law for illegally transporting firearms across state lines). The neo-Nazis were able to push and shove police officers without incident, a stark difference from Ferguson, Mo. three years earlier where police confronted Black demonstrators with tanks and high-powered weapons.

In Charlottesville Friday night, White supremacists even threatened a Black church where ministers and counter protesters were rallying in peace. Again, police did nothing to protect the churchgoers.

"So yes, this is going to get worse, even here in Wilmington," Rev. Nantambu said.

Rev. Nelson Johnson of the Beloved Community Center of Greensboro, has indeed seen Neo-Nazi and KKK violence before, right here in North Carolina.

On Nov. 3, 1979, five protesters in an anti-Ku Klux Klan march and rally were fatally shot by KKK and neo-Nazis. Rev. Johnson was the leader of that rally, and was arrested by police, who curiously were nowhere to be found once the shooting occurred. It was later

determined that the White supremacists went to rally with the soul intention to kill, and yet, after two trials, none of them were ever convicted.

Now, 38 years later, Rev. ohnson looked back, knowing full well, that the "atmosphere" is ripe, for more

racist violence like was seen in Charlottesville and Greensboro.

"Everything that happened in Charlottesville is relevant, and North Carolina should be paying attention to all of it," he said in a phone interview Sunday. Johnson went on to say that there are "political and economic forces that have been out of kilter" for many years, resulting in both Whites and Blacks to suffer accordingly, but, while there are many Whites who have struggled and are struggling economically, the very group that powered Donald Trump's 2016 electoral victory, there is little question that African-Americans have suffered more, and continue to do so.

Rev. Johnson believes that both groups are being manipulated to turn against each other by politicians and the wealthy, with poor Whites being made to believe that African-Americans are to blame for their economic struggles.

"The fact that we are manipulated against each other is rooted in White supremacy itself," Johnson maintains, adding that the solution lies in "raising people's moral and ethical understanding" about

how they are being exploited by the institutional "undergirding economic forces."

Rev. Johnson noted that, beyond the documented fact that White supremacists went to both Charlottesville and Greensboro with violent intentions, another similarity was how public officials in Greensboro and President Trump, after Charlottesville, all tried to equivocate that everyone involved was responsible for the fatal outcomes.

Veteran civil rights leader, Rev. John Mendez, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, agrees with Bishop Barber that denouncing extremist racists is easy for Republican lawmakers, but taking stock of the cultural and institutional racism that laces their public policy when it comes to voter suppression, redistricting, LGBTQ rights or helping poor communities of color achieve equal opportunity, is something they're not willing to acknowledge.

"A lot of people will jump on [what happened Saturday] because they think that's what racism is... extremism, the Ku Klux Klan, White nationalists, Neo-Nazis, etc., but they reject or deny everyday racism that goes on in subtle ways in public policy."

Rev. Mendez agrees that it is not a stretch to conceive of the same events in Charlottesville happening here. The election of President. Donald Trump to office has exacerbated growing racial and political divi-

sions that can only fuel even more confrontations if strong moral leadership does not rise to the occasion.

"It's a national atmosphere now," he said. "What happened Saturday was a strategic run, a test ...to see if [White racist violence] could fly."

Rev. Mendez added that, unlike Ferguson, Missouri, where local police "attacked" protesters after the police shooting of Michael Brown, police in Charlottesville were noticeably restrained against the neo-Nazis and other White supremacists.

Religious and social justice leaders say in light of Charlottesville — and what they say is Pres. Trump's lack of moral leadership — there must be a coming together of people from all corners to help save this nation.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks White supremacist activity across the nation, there are numerous Klan and neo-Nazi groups headquartered in North Carolina, particularly in the western part of the State.

On Monday evening in Durham, anti-racist demonstrators pulled down a confederate statue that previously stood in front of the old Durham County Courthouse, and took turns stomping it. Gov. Roy Cooper tweeted in response, saying, "the racism and deadly violence in Charlottesville is unacceptable, but there is a better way to remove these monuments."

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included a new partnership with Northampton County Public Schools, and the start of an Adult High School Program and an Executive Certificate in Leadership in Ministry and Leadership Northeast Programs. The college's Occupational Prison Programs noted a dramatic increase in FTE by 157 percent and enrollment in the program by 101 percent. With a passion for offering opportunities for more students and as a direct response to the North Carolina Community

College System's Minority Male Success Initiative, the college hosted its inaugural Men Building Leaders

Conference designed to prepare students for 21st century leadership opportunities.

Prior to Tate's presidency at Roanoke-Chowan Community College, he served as vice president for College Advancement and Strategic Initiatives at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville, N.C. He was also executive director of the college's Foundation, where he launched its first capital campaign, raising nearly \$3 million for scholarships and endowments. Additionally, Tate served in the Academic

Affairs Division at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Tate has served as an adjunct history professor with several colleges and universities, including Campbell University, Shaw University and Barton College. He is a former member of the Pender County Board of Commissioners, having served as vice chairman twice while being the board's youngest and only minority member.

He has also been appointed as a member of the North Carolina State Youth Advisory Council, Southeastern North Carolina Educational Advisory

Committee, Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees, Cape Fear Community College Board of Trustees, State Employees Credit Union Advisory Board- Pender Division, Southeastern Economic Development Board and U.S. Congressman David Rouser's Congressional District's Educational Advisory Committee, to name a few.

A native of Willard, N.C., Tate is a graduate of University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. He holds a Doctor of Education degree in Leadership and Manage-

ment and completed additional training with the North Carolina School of Government at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Lee. An opposing peaceful protest march was turned into an ugly reminder of a time in America when slavery, hangings, murders, unjust laws were justified by skin color. It

was a time when there was very protection for Blacks under the law. Both Blacks and Whites paid a price. If a White person complained about the treatment of oppressed Blacks, it was not uncommon for some hate group, particularly the KKK to break down doors of their houses and drag men and women out of the houses and

beat them up or even kill then before their families.

This is the reason, Brunswick County, that we need to vote and know for whom to vote. The power structure now has made it clear that there is no question about what their intentions are. Just read what they have done by their actions and the

rules they have put into place. Let's not drop our guard. We must keep our people educated on the real facts. Let's read, understand, and do all we can to stop these acts of racism.

Discrimination has increased in Brunswick County over the last six years. It's almost as if we were back in the sixties. We Blacks and

poor Whites must stand up for our civil rights before we find ourselves without any rights at all.

My fight is not for racial sameness but for racial equality and against racial prejudice and discrimination.

*Bernest L. Hewett is president emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP*

### NCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW ROUTE FROM 23RD STREET (S.R. 1302) TO 26TH STREET IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY STIP Project No. U-5926

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed new route from 23rd Street (S.R. 1302) to 26th Street, in Wilmington, New Hanover County. The purpose of this project is to aid in the conversion of MLK Jr. Parkway to a fully-controlled access facility and to maintain adequate access to the project area for residents, workers, and emergency services. The meeting will take place on Thursday, August 24 at Rachel Freeman Elementary School, located at 2601 Princess Place Drive from 5 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 September 23, 2017. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

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### 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 consideration as the project develops. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

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**NC KKK LEADER "GLAD" CHARLOTTESVILLE WOMAN DIED**

[PELHAM] The Grand Dragon for the Loyal Knights of the Ku Klux Klan said in a voicemail to a local television station Monday that he was "glad" a 32-year-old Charlottesville woman was killed Saturday

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Trump's second statement - calling out the names of the groups - came only after pressures and demands from civil rights leaders, his family and fellow Republicans who - either by example or direct urging - told him his first statement was not nearly enough.

Among the strongest Republican statements, Sen. John McCain tweeted: "The Nazis, the KKK, and white supremacists are repulsive and evil, and all of us have a moral obligation to speak out against the lies, bigotry, anti-Semitism, and hatred that they propagate. Having watched the horrifying video of the car deliberately crashing into a crowd of protesters, I urge the Department of Justice to immediately investigate and prosecute this grotesque act of domestic terrorism. These bigots want to tear our country apart, but they will fail. America is far better than this."

Others appealed directly to Trump: "Mr. President - we must call evil by its name," tweeted Senator Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), overseer of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. "These were white supremacists and this was domestic terrorism."

Sen. Lindsey Graham told Fox News: "He missed an opportunity to be very explicit here...These groups seem to believe they have a friend in Donald Trump in the White House. I don't know why they believe that, but they don't see me as a friend in the Senate and I would urge the president to dissuade these groups that he's their friend."

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) tweeted, "Very important for the nation to hear @potus describe events in #Charlottesville for what they are, a terror attack by #whitesupremacists".

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other seven voting map criteria were adopted amid fierce partisan debate, including criteria allowing for use of previous election data, split precincts and protection of sitting incumbents who were ironically elected from illegal districts in the first place. Democrats argued that, ultimately, their views and concerns about the process weren't being fairly considered at all.

What seems evident is that there may also be "double-bunking," wherein some districts are redrawn in a manner forcing two current incumbents in separate districts to suddenly be redrawn into the same district, having to compete against each other for re-election. Democrats fear Republican leaders may use this redistricting tactic to punish the minority party.

Of particular concern was the Republican requirement that race not be used as a factor in redrawing the new maps at all. This was a complete about face from how the GOP "stacked -and-packed" Black Democratic voters into as few legislative districts as possible per the 2011 maps for the expressed purpose, according to the three judge federal panel with concurrence from the US Supreme Court, to insure that they had as little influence as possible on surrounding legislative races between White Democrats and Republicans.

The court ruled that race was the predominant illegal reason those 28 districts were drawn. However, now Republicans were swinging the other way, saying that race, which legally can be a contributing factor in drawing maps, would not be used at all. For many current Black elected lawmakers, all Democrat, that meant the percentage of Black constituents in their respective districts could be reduced. There was also concern about the 1965 Voting Rights Act

when a neo-Nazi rammed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters. Grand Dragon Justin Moore said, "I'm sorta glad that them people got hit and I'm glad that girl died. They were a bunch of Communists out there protesting against somebody's freedom of speech, so it doesn't bother me that they got hurt at all. I think we're going to see more stuff like this happening at white nationalist events." Moore and his group were in Charlottesville last Saturday

The responses amounted to one of the few times that leading Republicans and civil rights leaders and Democrats appeared to agree.

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat, was clear: "I have a message for all the White supremacists and all the Nazis that came into Charlottesville today. That message is plain and simple. Go home. You are not wanted in this great Commonwealth. Shame on you," he said. "You came here today to hurt people, and you did hurt people," McAuliffe said, adding, "But my message is clear. We are stronger than you."

The President appeared to be hit from all sides as Merck CEO Kenneth Frazier took a stand, resigning from Trump's American Manufacturing Council in protest of Trump's earlier remarks that did not go far enough. Two other executives followed suit, also resigning in protest.

Civil rights groups chimed in one after another.

"It is a sad state of affairs when it's a news story that the President of the United States condemns racism and white supremacy," said Vanita Gupta, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, which held a phone conference to criticize the President's first response. "Two days after the fact, President Trump has at long last, directly and personally, condemned the white supremacist rallies and violent extremism that occurred in Charlottesville. While today's delayed words are welcome, they should have been spoken on Saturday. This unconscionable delay has undermined his moral credibility as our nation's leader."

The Congressional Black Caucus was quick to point out the so-called "alt-right" (White Supremacist) connections in the Trump White House that may

be violated, thus forcing the federal court to ultimately throw out the new maps, and further delaying the redistricting remedying process.

"We live in the South," said State Sen. Paul Lowe Jr. (D-Forsyth). "When, in the South, has race not been a factor?"

"You're still shortchanging a group of people when you don't consider us," lamented veteran lawmaker, Rep. H. M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr. "The districts were declared unconstitutional because of race. If you don't use race to correct it, how are you going to show the court that they're not still unconstitutional?"

Rep. David Lewis (R-Harnett), Chair of the House Select Committee on Redistricting, who oversaw the 2011 redistricting maps, ignored Michaux's reasoning, replying that he would not respond.

Legislative sources say leaders in the State's African-American community should pay very close attention to how the new maps are drawn, given that race has now been totally divorced from the proceedings.

At the end of the long session, Democrats found little comfort in the outcome. They found even less comfort in knowing that the same Republican mapmaker responsible for drawing the 2011 voting districts found to be illegal because of racial gerrymandering, Thomas Hofeller, has been rehired at \$50,000 to redraw his original work.

So far, the GOP strategy has been to delay as long as possible to protect their veto proof majority,"wrote political analyst, Thomas Mills, in his online PoliticsNC column recently. "Maybe drawing maps under criteria that might not pass muster is part of that strategy. Either they get maps that will heavily favor Republicans again, or they can draw out the suit over the next election cycle, keeping the current districts intact. Seems that's a bad bet, but who knows?"

along with several other white supremacists. "We should have been able to go out there and have our protest and it should have been peaceful but it's the anti-fascist and the communists...continuing to try and stop us," he continued. "So I think there will be more violence like this in the future to come." Moore also later praised the alleged killer police have arrested for the murder in a recorded message at his headquarters.

have influenced his tepid response.

"This is a president after all who has two white supremacists working for him in the White House - Steve Bannon and Stephen Miller," wrote CBC Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.). "Since the campaign, President Trump has encouraged and emboldened the type of racism and violence we saw today in Charlottesville, Va. This is a president after all who has two white supremacists working for him in the White House - Steve Bannon and Stephen Miller. For these reasons, we weren't surprised President Trump couldn't bring himself to say the words "white supremacy," "white suprema-

cists," and "domestic terrorism" when he addressed the nation this afternoon, and that he instead chose to use racially coded dog whistles like 'law and order' and false equivalencies like 'many sides.'"

Trump's second statement came after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced he had opened a civil rights investigation into the killing of Heather Heyer. James Alex Fields Jr will remain incarcerated without bond unless his court-appointed lawyer is able to convince the court otherwise.

Anti-hate rallies in support of Charlottesville popped up around the nation as news of the tragedy spread. More hate rallies are likely to occur as

**GOV. COOPER WANTS CONFEDERATE STATUES REMOVED FROM STATE PROPERTY**

[RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper has asked the NC Dept. of Cultural Resources to determine what the costs would be to remove confederate statues from state property. In a public message, Cooper advocated removing the historic monuments, and also wants a 2013 law passed by the Republican-led legislature

protecting them repealed, saying that cities and counties across the state should have the authority to remove them if they wish.

**PROTESTER ACCUSED OF CLIMBING LADDER TO PULL DOWN STATUE IS ARRESTED**

[DURHAM] Takiyah Thompson, a member of the Workers World Party, was arrested Tuesday a day after she and an estimated 100 demonstrators pulled a confed-

erate statue in front of the old Durham County Courthouse. Thompson allegedly climbed the ladder to put the rope around the statue to allow others to pull it down. Durham County Sheriff Mike Andrews vows that everyone involved in destroying the statue were on videotape, and would be apprehended. "No one is getting away with what happened," he said.

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Confederate monuments to the cause of slavery and race hatred are being removed around the country.

Meanwhile, the National Urban League and NAACP both concluded that the key answer is unified, non-violent action against hate.

"We in the Urban League Movement call upon everyone with a voice on our national stage to condemn these demonstrations and these racist sentiments in the strongest possible terms. This is not who we are as a society and as a nation," said NUL President/CEO Marc Morial in a statement.


NAACP Interim President Derrick Johnson concluded, "This weekend, we once again

saw the familiar faces of hate and bigotry. We saw white supremacists - brandishing torches, Swastikas, and Confederate flags - march through Charlottesville, one of our great American cities. And we felt a familiar frustration as those in our nation's highest office chose not to acknowledge the pain that these hateful symbols bring, but rather chose to blame individuals on "many sides...I say, we must stand strong, arm-in-arm with our neighbors, to speak out in one unified voice. We must use our time, our talents and our resources to assist and to caution against the repeated rhetoric that helps to fuel this climate of division and derision."

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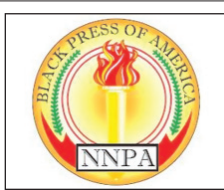
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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## OUR VOICE

### What must we do to help HBCUs?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Will another HBCU "bite the dust?" Truly, it depends on us. Pennsylvania's Cheyney University, the oldest HBCU in the nation (founded in 1837) has been on probation since November 2015. If the Middle States Commission on Higher Education does not accept a sustainability report that is due on September 1, the school may lose its accreditation. Without accreditation, Cheyney students cannot receive federal financial aid like Pell grants and federal loans. Many would be forced to leave school because they can't afford to attend school without assistance.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Cheyney is part of the Stop the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, an organization that took nearly 20 years to settle a lawsuit with the college because (PASSHE) funded predominantly white institutions (PWIs) in Pennsylvania more favorably than Cheyney. While PASSHE provided Cheyney with some money to address the issues of inequality, most say the amount they provided was just a fraction of that due. At the same time, Cheyney has borrowed millions of dollars from PASSHE. Because of the borrowing, PASSHE has assembled a task force that would sell Cheyney's land, slash its academic programs, reduce enrollment (which is already extremely low), eliminate NCAA sports and also cut staff. In other words they would kill the college. Can we afford to lose another HBCU?

Cheyney's detractors say that the college is not necessary, and that PASSHE should merge it with another nearby college, either sister HBCU Lincoln University, or another PASSHE school, West Chester University. Some say it isn't race, but mismanagement, that has plagued Cheyney. But too many HBCU leaders have been accused of mismanagement, when the real issue, especially for state-supported institutions, is a lack of resources and a history of underfunding Black colleges. And most face the challenge of underfunding with some innovation. For example, Cheyney has developed a new business model that includes creating an Institute for the Contemporary African American Experience. They envision this institute as a potential magnet for student enrollment, which will bring more revenue to the college. But with a September 1 deadline nipping at their heels, the survival of Cheyney is in the hands of the accrediting organization.

An organization called Heeding Cheyney's Call (HCC) has held events and urged people to support Cheyney. They say that Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf (D) can intervene before Middle States makes an accreditation decision, and that he can also instruct PASSHE to back off from their plan to sell Cheyney's land. An August 1 event attracted the support of both local and national leaders, including city council members, state legislators, members of Congress, clergy, and others. US Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) is among those supporting Cheyney. That support, commendable as it is, isn't enough to save Cheyney. The college, like so many HBCUs, needs resources and the state can't be counted on to provide them. So will Cheyney be the next HBCU to bite the dust? Or is the African American community, and other concerned folks, prepared to step in the gap for the college?

Cheyney has an abysmal alumni giving rate, at less than 10 percent (one report pegged it as low as 6 percent). It is unconscionable that alumni would flock back to campus for social events or graduations, but not write checks to support their college. To be sure, some alumni get tired appeals that highlight dire emergency situations. But HBCUs are in a state of emergency, when people constantly question their reason for being, and when federal and state dollars are scarcer than ever. Too many believed 45's prevarication about supporting HBCUs. Too many presidents got a photo op, but no more money, when they met with 45.

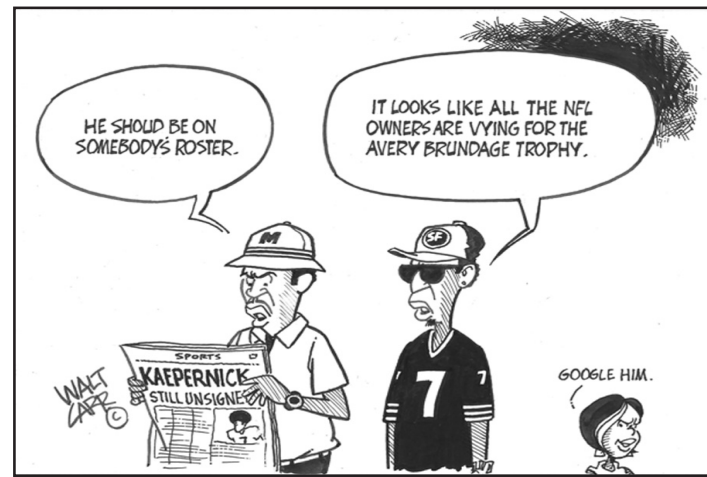
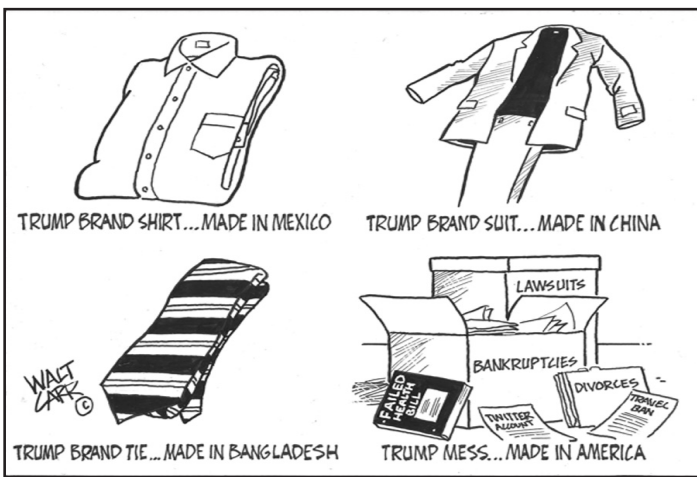
Those of us who wring our hands and decry the state of HBCUs can do more than we are doing now. Whether we attended HBCUs or not, we can support them. We can adopt one and become regular contributors to that university. We can encourage students to attend HBCUs. We can do fundraisers for HBCUs, even in places that don't have HBCUs. In Las Vegas, Nevada, a city councilman stages a football game where an HBCU plays the University of Nevada Las Vegas' football team. The event raises tens of thousands of dollars for the HBCU team that plays UNLV. In addition to fundraising, though, we must also think creatively about HBCU sustainability. If buildings are not fully utilized, why not create summer, evening, and weekend programs for the public? Is there revenue-generating distance learning? Have stakeholders taken time to generate new ideas for sustainability?

With the 45 attack on affirmative action, HBCUs may be more important than ever for African American college attendance. When doors close at other institutions, HBCUs will be there if we support them. I've heard the argument that some HBCUs have challenges and may not provide a Harvard-quality education (few schools do). The quality of an HBCU education is at least partly a function of the resources available to that college. You can't have state-of-the-art labs or media centers without money. Where are the resources?

If we want strong, solid HBCUs, we need to support them. We can only blame ourselves if Cheyney or other colleges close for lack of support. Federal and state funds can make a difference. But individual and foundation contributions are equally, if not more, important. As students head back to school this August, we have to ask if those headed to HBCUs will be able to enjoy their 10th, 25th, or 50th college reunion. They won't unless we all step up.

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## Visual Voice



## Your Voice

### FOOLS RUSH TO WAR. INTELLIGENT LEADERS NEGOTIATE!!

Civics 102-If you have not been involved in politics for whatever reason you need to start tomorrow. Congress is closed for six weeks so they

can come home and talk to us taxpayers. Ask your representative if he or she agrees with the dangerous tough "tweets" and statements Trump is directing to the leader of North Korea? Trump can start a nuclear

war that will kill millions. Only Congress can stop Trump and only we can force Congress to do their job. I will e-mail or call my 7th District Congressman David Rozier and United States Senators Richard Burr and

Thom Tillis tomorrow. You have a "right and duty" to call your three representatives before or after the nuclear war!!!

James J. Hankins—Wilmington, NC

## Matters of Opinion

### RAINBOW COALITION

## After Charlottesville, push for real reforms

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Racism, exposed once more in the terror visited on Charlottesville, Va., still scars America. Hundreds of neo-Nazis, white supremacists, klansmen and other fervid racists gathered - some armed with assault rifles, wearing camouflage. They marched with lit torches, yelling Nazi slogans, looking for trouble. They provoked the violence, terrorized a city, and took the life of Heather Heyer and injured many more. In the reaction to those horrors, character is revealed.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

For Heather Heyer, the neo-Nazi assault revealed her passion for justice. She died standing for what she believed in, and her sacrifice helps to redeem an America that is far better than the haters.

She joined a peaceful demonstration against the

neo-Nazis, standing with African Americans and people of conscience unwilling to be intimidated by the mob. She was crossing an intersection when a 20-year-old man plowed his car into the peaceful demonstrators and took her life, injuring 19 others. She now joins the blessed martyrs of America's long struggle for equal rights. She stands with other angels who sacrificed their lives: Viola Liuzzo in Selma, Ala. in 1965; James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner near Philadelphia, Miss. in 1964; the four little girls - Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robinson and Denise McNair - blown up in the Birmingham, Ala. church bombing in 1963.

As Heyer's mother stated, "Heather's life was about - passionately about - fairness and equality and caring, and that's what we want people to take away from this."

Donald Trump's reaction to Charlottesville will be etched in infamy. He refused to condemn the neo-Nazis and white nationalists, choosing only to decry the "egregious display of hatred,

bigotry and violence on many sides." The haters heard his message. The Daily Stormer, a white supremacist website, exulted that Trump "did not attack us. ... No condemnation at all." His campaign for the presidency purposefully stoked the forces of bigotry and intolerance. Now, as president, he has failed a test of simple decency. He shames a nation that is far better than that.

Some Republicans showed they know better. Conservative Sen. Orrin Hatch tweeted simply, "My brother didn't give his life fighting Hitler for Nazi ideas to go unchallenged here at home." Sen. Marco Rubio spoke forcefully against the haters. Some Republicans even rebuked the president for his failure.

Decrying racism is necessary. Words are important, but actions are needed. Dr. Martin Luther King always warned against being satisfied with words: "Loose and easy language about equality, resonant resolutions about brotherhood fall pleasantly on the ear, but for the Negro, there is a credibility gap he cannot overlook. He remem-

bers that with each modest advance the white population promptly raises the argument that the Negro has come far enough. Each step forward accents an ever-present tendency to backlash."

The terrible church bombing in Birmingham was denounced, but King pushed us to keep our eyes on the demand for civil rights reform. The hoses and clubs of Selma were decried, but King kept his focus on pushing for the Voting Rights Act. Denouncing hatred is important, but we need to focus on who is prepared to act.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe of Virginia denounced the haters that terrorized Charlottesville, and did so with a record of action. As governor of a Southern state, he pushed for voting rights reforms. He called on his legislature to accept the expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare that would have provided health care to poor working people of all races. He personally signed some 200,000 clemency grants of -

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### CASH IN THE APPLE

## Tragic nation

On occasion, I appear on the statewide public affairs program, "NC Spin," produced and hosted by Tom Campbell, a fine man. Among the guests Tom always has on "...to get the correct spin," is conservative John Hood, formerly of the right-wing John Locke Foundation. He does write a column for the Carolina Journal online. John is smart, and isn't out on the fringes like so many of his conservative brethren. He likes movies, and is a prolific author.



Cash Michaels

In short, John may be a conservative, but he does employ common sense more times than not.

So last weekend after the horrific events that took place in Charlottesville, I saw a Facebook post that John authored that left an impression:

The populism, racism, and bigotry inherent in the "alt-right" movement and its more radical sympathizers do not reflect the principles of the modern conservative movement, and in fact are antithetical to those principles. Conservative leaders should explicitly and repeatedly condemn them. To the extent that the Republican Party repre-

sents the political aspirations of most modern conservatives in America, GOP politicians have a responsibility to do the same - to explicitly repudiate alt-right personalities, institutions, and ideas. They should make it clear that they do not want the votes of the David Dukes and Richard Spencers of the world. In the aftermath of Charlottesville, most did some version of this, more or less effectively.

In his initial response, Donald Trump did not. This was, at the very least, gross incompetence or cowardice on the part of the president and his team. That's why they are attracting so much criticism across the board.

When Bernie Sanders, of all people, does a better job of explicitly distancing himself from the violent acts of someone who purports to agree with him, there ought to be a lesson here for conservatives and Republicans who want their movements and policies to survive and thrive.

I appreciated those words from John, but I noticed one thing that was glaringly missing, so I responded.

John, there is only one thing I can add to your otherwise excellent analysis, and you may choose to disagree, but this has been my experience and observation - conservatives and Republicans may not care for white supremacists and alt-right crowd, but they

have conveniently turned the other way, or hidden behind these folks when it suited their purposes. Only when something like the Charleston Church massacre or Charlottesville happens, do conservatives and Republicans feel the coast is clear for them to condemn abhorrent racism that is quite apparent to the rest of us. The fact that it took the murders of nine black church members, including the pastor, to finally remove what had become a symbol of racial hatred from the SC capitol, tells you how convenient it was for Republican politicians to rest on their laurels about the issue, not wanting to proactively do anything until it became too politically untenable.

When people like Trump publicly assaulted the American citizenship of the nation's first black president, people like Speaker Boehner stood by and allowed it to happen for political advantage, instead of standing up for American values and denouncing such hurtful nonsense. As an African-American, these incidents of convenient outrage further deaden me to what investment I have in this nation, or its promise of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." I don't see brave champions of American promise, but crass opportunists jockeying for power at all costs. Oh yes, this is where that old song about

"well it happens on all sides" chimes in. Of course all, or even most Democrats or liberals are not sinless when it comes to the issue of race and justice. Even a cursory look at history tells us that. But given the primary behaviors of those currently in power when it comes to voting rights, redistricting, and overall social justice, the Republican Party has made it very clear that my citizenship and well-being take an extreme back seat to its aspirations of political dominance. So, in closing, John, the question must be asked....will it take another tragic day in America, where a young white woman gave her life for an America she deeply believed in, amid scenes of Americans at a most uncivil war, for conservatives and Republicans to once again gather the GUTS and COURAGE to act like Americans, and denounce pure NAZI hate and bigotry? Because if we have to wait THAT long.....

Of course, several of John's right-wing Facebook friends didn't like my response, and said so.

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



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those who had served their sentences so that they could regain the right to vote and be reintegrated into the political community. His denunciation was important; his actions even more so.

We applaud Republicans who, unlike Trump, call out the neo-Nazis and the Klansmen. But the measure of their sincerity is how they act. The Trump Department of Justice, under former Alabama Sen. Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, has moved consistently to reverse and weaken civil

rights. He's turned away from reforming discriminatory practices of police departments, even as Trump has celebrated police brutality. He's turned civil rights laws on their head, gearing up to investigate university affirmative action programs that allegedly discriminate against whites. He's backed off enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, which he has called "intrusive," opening the door to more efforts to suppress the vote.

Trump has pushed for a selective ban on Muslim travelers to the U.S., and he continues to prey on immigrants and posture on his "wall." The Republican Congress,

with its push to strip millions of health insurance to pay for tax breaks for millionaires, and its budget plans to cut top-end taxes while gutting funding for education and for food and housing programs that support the most vulnerable, only adds to our entrenched injustice. The Republicans' actions speak much louder than their words.

America has come a long way from the horrors of slavery and segregation. We are a better people and a better country for that struggle. Yet, as Charlottesville revealed once more, hatred and racism still fester. Unprincipled politicians can

still play on race and intolerance for their own purposes. Violent hate groups are literally on the march.

These must be denounced, even as we celebrate Heather Heyer and the forces of conscience. We must also act. A good response to Charlottesville would be a massive voting coalition to drive out the forces of division and push for a new era of reform. We must act, change the institutionalization of bias, protect and extend the right to vote, and fight to ensure equal justice and opportunity for all.

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

**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**  
**In search of justice**

In case after case of police officers being accused of shooting unarmed suspects and/or using excessive force, the black community has walked away angry, offended and tired. This country's democracy is under assault now by the current administration, but the fact is, its democracy has never served black people well, nor was it ever intended to.

A story told by Anthony Ray Hinton, a black man in Alabama who spent 30 years on death row for a crime he did not commit brings to the fore all of the elements of how this "justice" system treats people of color, and poor people of any race. When Hinton was arrested by police officers, he recalls, he asked why he was being arrested and the officer said it was for murdering two managers of fast food restaurant during a robbery. A third restaurant was robbed and the manager was shot, but survived. He identified Hinton as the perpetrator and Hinton was arrested, although he was at work in a warehouse 15 miles away at the time of the shooting.

Hinton protested when he was arrested, telling the officer that he was innocent, but he recalls that the officer told him that he was going down. "You are accused of killing two white men, you are being arrested by a white police officer, you will be tried in front of a white judge by a white prosecutor in front of an all-white jury. You are going down." (<https://eji.org/anthony-ray-hinton-exonerated-from-alabama-death-row>)

The officer was right. And even though the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) was able to prove that Hinton had not in fact committed the crimes, he sat on death row 15 years more after that revelation. He was finally released, the charges dropped, but not before his entire life was ruined.

The story was riveting and compelling to listen to, but it was troubling because in this, the 21st century, black, brown and poor people are still fighting to get justice from the justice system, and any gains made in an attempt to procure justice are being eroded by the current administration. In Columbus, Ohio, the Fraternal Order of Police issued a no-confidence vote toward the city's mayor, Andrew Ginther, as a protest against the firing of Officer Zachary Rosen, who was shown on videotape kicking and stomping on the head of a suspect in his custody. This incident followed his having been exonerated of using excessive force in the shooting of an African American male suspect just two weeks earlier.

The structure of our justice system is such that it makes us believe there is "justice for all," but the fact of the matter is that justice is elusive for far too many. From the grand jury to jury by trial, the system is slanted in favor of those who have money, many to most of whom are white. If history is to be believed, our "justice system" has been in violation of the United States Constitution for generations by too often not granting speedy trials, equal protection under the law, and trial by a "jury of one's peers." There is no way anyone can declare that an all-white jury is the "peer" of an African American or any person of color, and yet, the system persists.

In this country, politicians lift up the Constitution as a sort of holy grail, but in the case of it being respected and followed in the pursuit of justice for those who need it most but who can least afford it, their words ring hollow. And now, this nation has an attorney general who is touting his belief in "law and order" which has historically meant the imposition of white supremacist beliefs onto the justice system, resulting in far too many African American males being locked up in prisons for the rest of their lives.

People are concentrating on the tweets being pushed out by the current president, but our energy would be much better spent learning how the grand jury works in our states and teaching people about it, keeping tabs on the prosecutor and working not only to get a troubling prosecutor out of office but a prosecutor more aligned with a belief in real justice into office. All politics is local. It is "we the people" in the cities and states who have to be vigilant in electing prosecutors, judges, and sheriffs who will be more apt to follow the Constitution than their white supremacist ideology.

Someone said in a recent interview "I wish we had never had the coloreds come over and pick our cotton. I wish we had done it ourselves."

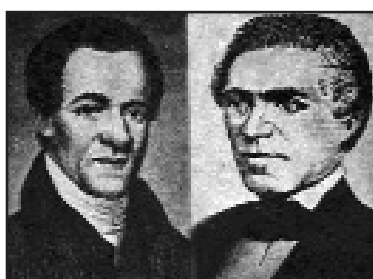
We do too.

But since you did bring us over, and since we are citizens of this country who by our sweat and labor built the economy which makes you comfortable, "you," the American justice system, need to get on the job and follow the Constitution and the words of the Pledge of Allegiance, which clearly says that in this country, there is "liberty and justice for all."

*Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith is available for speaking. She can be contacted through [esusuekim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:esusuekim@sbcglobal.net).*

**"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



**SAMUEL CORNISH AND JOHN RUSSWORM, FOUNDERS**

**BLACKONOMICS**

**Urban One, Inc. - History maker**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"History, when presented well, is transformative; it defines and interprets reality, it gives people hope, it makes us better." - **Lonnie G. Bunch III, Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum for African American History and Culture.**

Urban One, Inc. is the largest African American-owned broadcasting company in the U.S., and the largest radio broadcaster targeting Black listeners. Urban One, Inc., with holdings in radio, cable television, and digital media, owns and operates fifty-five radio stations in sixteen U.S. markets. Founder, Cathy Hughes, is the first Black woman to own a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange. Urban One ranked #9 on the 2016 Black Enterprise 100.

So why is Urban One not included in the National Museum for African American History and Culture? Before writing this article, I called the museum to ask Mr. Lonnie Bunch III that question but was unable to speak with him. I don't know if he has a plan to include Urban One or not, but I truly hope he does. Meanwhile, many concerned listeners of

the popular and highly acclaimed Carl Nelson Radio Show (1450AM WOL in Washington D.C. and [www.woldcnews.com](http://www.woldcnews.com)) have made calls and sent e-mails to Mr. Bunch to inquire about this glaring omission to Black History.

To be sure, this is not just about Urban One and Black history; this is about "Black business history" as well, for which I have advocated and taught for many years. Our young people and older ones too should know our entrepreneurial history. Black people in this country have been entrepreneurs since the 1700's, despite the hardships they faced, and there are few things in our history that are more important than that.

Additionally, Black media have played such an important role in Black history. We have John Russwurm's Journalism, David Walker's Appeal, Frederick Douglass' North Star Newspaper, Garvey's Negro World, to Muhammad Speaks and The Final Call. Names such as Abbott, Sengstacke, Bogle, and John Johnson in print media, to radio stations like WDIA in Memphis, WCIN in Cincinnati, WERD in Atlanta, and radio personalities like Jack Cooper, Jack "The Rapper" Gibson, Dyanne Williams, Bob Law, and Gary Byrd, just to name a few. These media outlets are where many Black people actually learned our history.

Since the first "Black" radio station in 1948, to the first "Black-owned" radio station in 1949, we have seen many positive developments in Black

media, not the least of which is Cathy Hughes' rise to the pinnacle of her beloved industry. Determination, perseverance, tenacity, boldness, and sacrifice remain hallmarks of her journey toward continued success. She is a vital part of our history and is making even more history as we speak.

Howard University recently announced a multi-million dollar gift to its School of Communications from Alfred C. Liggins III, son of Cathy Hughes and President/CEO of Radio One, Inc., which led to the school being named in honor of Ms. Hughes, a former Howard University staff member. The "School of C," from which my daughter graduated in 2015, is now the "Cathy Hughes School of Communications." That accomplishment alone is an excellent reason for Urban One to be included in the National Museum for African American History and Culture.

Cathy Hughes has been and still is a "Quiet Storm" personified, in keeping with her radio show theme song early in her career. She has not been boisterous, self-aggrandizing, or selfish; she just went about her work building a business and preparing to leave a legacy rather than trying to be a legend. Her example is reflective of the "hope" in Mr. Lonnie Bunch's quote at the beginning of this article. When visiting the museum our young entrepreneurs can derive "hope" from the Cathy Hughes chronicle. They will be buoyed by the strides Ms. Hughes made, in spite of the hardships, and some will take up the gauntlet

to continue her legacy of excellence in business.

So why was Urban One omitted from the museum even after, as I was told, generously contributing to that edifice? I don't know the answer, but I am willing to give the benefit of the doubt to Mr. Bunch for not including them in the inaugural year. However, the second year is upon us, and September must not arrive without Urban One having a prominent spot in the National "Black" museum.

As Mr. Lonnie Bunch said, "History when presented well, is transformative." Cathy Hughes and Urban One have "transformed" the media landscape in this country, and Ms. Hughes has "presented" her history quite well. As the Curator of the museum-a Steward of Black history, Mr. Bunch should do whatever he can to "present" Urban One to the world.

If you want to help get Urban One included in the museum, please call Mr. Lonnie Bunch III, at (202)633-4751 and/or email him at [NMAAHC-Director@SI.edu](mailto:NMAAHC-Director@SI.edu).

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**TO BE EQUAL**

**Affirmative action: Dissecting rhetoric from reality**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"You do not wipe away the scars of centuries by saying: Now you are free to go where you want, and do as you desire, and choose the leaders you please. You do not take a person who, for years, has been

hobbled by chains and liberate him, bring him up to the starting line of a race and then say, "You are free to compete with all the others," and still justly believe that you have been

completely fair. Thus it is not enough just to open the gates of opportunity. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through those gates." - **President Lyndon B. Johnson, Commencement Address at Howard University, "To Fulfill These Rights," June 4, 1965**

In a perfect America founded and operating on colorblind meritocracy, admission to selective institutions of higher learning, boardrooms of Fortune 500 companies and access to federal contracts would be determined solely by ability, skill and talent, never having to take into consideration race or gender and certainly never having to take into consideration a moral, national imperative to redress wrongs rooted in a long history of slavery, sexism, structural racism and prejudice. But as we all know,

that is not the America we call home.

We live in an America that has (at some points more fervently than others), perpetually strived for the elusive ideals of freedom, liberty and justice-for all. But as we collectively labor through the mud of inequality and the residue of injustice that disproportionately effects communities of color and women, it is at best cynical and at worst callous that the very federal agency charged with addressing the impact of discrimination on historically disadvantaged groups is now, under the direction of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, preparing to attack those laws, policies and guidelines set in place to end and correct the effects of a discrimination and "improve the employment or educational opportunities of members of minority groups and women."

According to a leaked memo, the Department of Justice is planning to redirect resources from its civil rights division to investigate and sue universities that use "intentional race-based discrimination" in their admissions process because of its purported negative effects on Asian-American applicants. But let's be clear, this is an attack on equality and education for marginalized groups.

This brazen, transparent, counterproductive assault on affirmative action, coupled with other proposed initiatives, would seal the door of opportunity shut for millions of Americans. The Trump administration has proposed slashing the Department of Education's funding by over

\$9 billion; withholding much needed federal money from high-poverty public schools; and reducing funding for federal work-study and Pell Grants, making it harder for lower income and Black and Hispanic students to afford higher education.

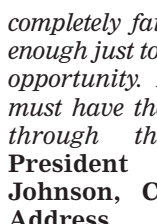
In a nation where education is the most effective tool most of us have to climb the American ladder of success, and is practically synonymous with opportunity and achievement, the executive branch of our government appears driven to keep those who can least afford it away from a quality education at all phases of schooling.

There are a lot of myths out there about affirmative action. The most prevalent one-the one that fires up the aggrieved Trump base-is that hordes of Black and Brown applicants are taking away opportunities rightfully earned by better-qualified white applicants. The truth is, according to the latest data, the primary beneficiaries of affirmative action have been white women. And though the administration insists it is motivated by a sense of fairness, no attention is being paid to the growing advantage socioeconomic and legacy status play in college admissions.

Like race or gender, many selective universities consider an applicant's legacy status as a factor in the admissions process, which puts students from marginalized, low-income and underrepresented communities at a distinct disadvantage. A 2011 Chronicle of Higher Education study found that a



**James Clingman**



**Marc Morial**



## 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](mailto:info@lupusnc.org) or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit [www.lupusnc.org](http://www.lupusnc.org).



## Community Briefs

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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](mailto:nhnaacp@gmail.com).

The Williston Class of 1960 will meet on Saturday, August 19th at 12 noon at Golden Corral Restaurant located at 5130 New Centre Dr. Plans for Family and Friends Day will be discussed.

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

## Pender County

Rocky Point Harvest Festival Pageant will be held on Saturday, August 26th. Participants are needed in all categories between the ages of 6 and above. For more information contact Felecia McIntyre at 910-233-3430 or 910-615-2609. The Harvest Festival and Parade will be held on Saturday, September 9th. Please call 910-615-0170 for information.

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Roads to travel

The history of the Old Neck Road was told to some of us by our grandparents many years ago. The lake was a large place to catch fresh water fish. The Indians had many skillful ways of getting food. That lake is still here today.

Because of the rich history, it is important to improve the conditions of the roads for our citizens today. In the past, they had narrow muddy roads to travel on while riding a mule and cart. It's amazing how memories will linger in our minds and how our great grandparents wanted the best ways of living for their children and grandchildren.

Today, we have made great improvements on Old Neck Road. For instance, homes are built on the right and left side of the road. Today, we have a diverse group of families living peacefully on the Old Neck Road, and their children attend school in Bolivia.

## Verniece Stanley

One improvement that could be recommended is to pave some old dirt roads that still remain in the community. For example, upon entering Old Neck Road, about two blocks down on the left side is

Earle's LP, which sits on a dirt road. This road is used by tax-paying citizens, and should be paved. Many of our senior citizens enjoy taking a short morning walk, and they should be able to do so safely. Also, the Earle's LP is not suitable for an ambulance or an emergency vehicle to provide services.

Through the decades, we have witnessed change in this area, and we are appreciative of the progress. There is still room for improvement, and we should be mindful of all the taxpaying citizens who have made this area home for several generations. We must cherish the memories we are building as a community, and keep them deep

in our hearts.

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

There will be a joint effort for "Back to School" at "The Castle" on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. on 1110 Castle Street.

The WSSDC along with J.L.A. Local #1426, the SENECA AND Chapter of A.P.R.J and 141 North Restaurant and Lounge will distribute school supplies until they are all gone. The event will also feature vendors, games and drawings with music. The purpose of this event is to heighten awareness of the long, overdue multi-million dollar project.

This facility will house businesses, an event center, a culinary school, a cultural arts museum that will exhibit African American history on a local, state, national, and global level.

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**Ms. Elena "Lena" James Fuqua**

Elena "Lena" James Fuqua born September 30, 1934 in Leland, North Carolina to the late Henry and Sarah James departed this life August 1, 2017.

After completing her High School education, she moved to Pittsburgh, PA. There she continued her education and became a beautician. After working in that field for a while, she went back to school and became an educator. She served as a teacher for 35 years with the Pittsburgh Board of Education.

For 25 years, Lena was a faithful member and Usher at St. James AME Church in Pittsburg, PA. Lena was an active member of Victory Chapter #97 Order of Eastern Stars for many years. In 1999 Lena retired from the Pittsburgh Board of Education and relocated to Wilmington, NC and became a member of St. Stephens AME Church.

Lena leaves to cherish her memory one daughter Doris Richardson(Alvin); one son Craig Fuqua(Michelle); one granddaughter Autumn Richardson; two grandsons, Rico Fuqua and Krystopher Richardson; one brother Bennie James Sr.; three brothers-in-law Cleo, Carlos and Herman; two special nephews Willie James Jr. and Mitchel James; three special nieces, Leslie, Lisa Hill and Janice Renay Hall; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, in addition, very special friends Victoria McKoy and Mary Fuqua.

A service was held on Thursday August 10, 2017 at St. Stephen AME Church. Internment at St. James Church Cemetery, Leland, NC. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Ms. Gloria Jean Nixon Lyde**

Gloria Jean Nixon Lyde, Born September 12, 1947 to the late Samuel Nixon Sr. and the late Isabelle Nixon in Wilmington, NC entered into eternal rest to be with the Lord on August 4, 2017.

She attended Williston High School and graduated with the class of 1966. Shortly thereafter, she married and moved to California for a short period of time before returning to Wilmington.

Gloria was employed at the James Walker Hospital

in 1968 before transitioning to New Hanover Regional Medical Center where she worked in the Dietary Department and retired after 40 years of service.

Gloria joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and became a member of the Junior choir and took special interest in the B.T.U. & Sunday school.

Gloria leaves to cherish her memories two loving daughters, Robbie L. Lyde(Tony) of Leland, NC and Brittany Royal of Cary, NC; two granddaughters, Quiniquewa Smith and Chloe Boynton of the city, two great grandchildren, Channing and Lyriq, two loving sisters; Bettye J. Nixon of Wallace, NC and Sandra Nixon-Jackson, two loving brothers, Samuel Nixon Jr. and Crosby Nixon both of the city, a special cousin Barbara Johnson(Thurman) of Fayetteville, NC; longtime friend, Hilda S. Jacobs of Castle Hayne, NC and a host of other relatives and friends.

A service was held on Friday, August 11, 2017 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Mr. Walter "Teddy" Allen Verreen**

Walter Allen Verreen was born to George and Louise Verreen in Jacksonville, NC. He is preceded in death by his mother, father and brothers; William Verreen and George Verreen.

Walter was a dedicated husband and father. He was a faithful member of the Wilmington Police Department where he served for 25 years. In retirement, he continued service supporting the department and community with special assignments.

Teddy was affectionately nicknamed by his big sister Dorothy Gordon who thought he looked like a teddy bear as a child. He was loved by many. He had a deep passion for coaching the football and basketball teams at DC Virgo Middle School and made it his mission to mentor and provide support for the at-risk boys and girls in the community. Spending time with friends and family and cooking were also past times that he enjoyed. He was an anchor to family and friends. All will miss his tremendous heart, his dedication to mentoring youth and infectious sense of humor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Diane Verreen; Daughter, Sharree Verreen; Sister, Dorothy Gordon (Arthur) of New York, NY; Sister-in-Law, Joyce White (Steve) of Charlotte, NC; Brother-in-Law, Harold Simpson of Wilmington, NC; Special friend, Ken Shade and a host of family and friends.

A service was held on Monday, August 14, 2017 at Union Baptist Church. Internment Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Mable L. Ballard**

Mabel Ballard, age 68, born July 16th, 1949 in Wilmington, NC passed away Monday, July 31st, 2017 at Britthaven Nursing Home, after battling the effects of a stroke for several years. A memorial service was held on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Mabel was preceded in death by her parents, Preston and Mamie Ballard; daughter, Coquitta Ballard; siblings, Mary Briggs, Bertha Keyes, Preston Ballard Jr. and William Franklin Ballard.

Mabel is survived by daughter, Fontella Whitaker; three grandchildren, Coquitta Smith (James), Aleah Whitaker, Amiah Whitaker; four, soon to be five, great grandchildren, Marquitta Nicole, Zhaheed Darique, Cortez Isaiah, King Solomon, Prince James; sisters, Willene Hall, Nettie Ware, Glorious Bass (Melvin), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mabel was a humble soul until you messed with anyone she cared about, especially her children & grandchildren. She could mess with or discipline them but no one else could. Before her stroke, she would baby sit her grandson, Cortez, whom she felt could do no wrong. When he started misbehaving she would call Coquitta to come get him but when she got there Mabel would say never mind and let him stay.

In her illness Mabel was taken care of by her daughter, Fontella, and granddaughter, Coquitta, who have fond memories of her making them laugh. Her love of sweets, especially honeybuns, was funny in itself. Due to Mabel's stroke, her speech was impaired but it did not stop her from being Mabel. This was demon-

strated recently during one of her day trips home. Just two weeks before her death Mabel's daughter brought her home for the day for a get together. A goody bag, with all her favorite snacks, especially honeybuns, was prepared. Her daughter pretended to give them out to others who were there. Although Mabel could not speak the LOOK ON HER FACE said it all!!, she was not happy, it was hilarious!! If you've ever visited Mabel in the nursing home you know she wanted her snacks and everybody else's too. When Mabel passed, her grandson Zhaheed, also known as Buster, jokingly said "she is in honeybun heaven now". One of her nicknames was

Mabel Stable, at times her family used to mess with her and say "Mabel Stable are you able" and she would utter "Uh-huh".

Mabel loved her family and her family loved and cherished her, she will be missed! Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneral-homenc.com](http://www.davisfuneral-homenc.com).

**Anna McCall**

Anna Marie (McDonald) McCall was born on October 7, 1952 to Richard Ivey (of Kinston, NC) and Maxine McDonald in Dillon, SC. She passed away peacefully on

Monday, August 7, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Anna landed in Wilmington shortly after marriage to Richard McCall and the birth of their two sons, James and John. Three daughters would follow in the coming years. After the deaths of her daughters April and Evon, she would once again assume the role of mother to their sons.

Anna, also known as Ree to family and many close friends, was known for her bright beautiful smile that earned her friends whenever she went. She was always

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Bertie Brinkley Fillyaw  
Sunset: August 17, 2006



Matilda Mosley Kirby  
Sunset: August 17, 1976



Annie Marie Brinkley  
Sunset: August 18, 2016

**God's Promises**

"When sorrow comes God's Promises are shining rays of hope that break through cloudy skies, bring warmth and help us cope. He promises to love us and to hear our every prayer; to give us strength, to comfort and guide us and to always be there."

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

As some people journey through life they leave footprints wherever they go, inspiration and faith. Even when they are gone, we can still look back and clearly see the trail they left behind. These are such women, the dignity and beauty of an ancient race are written in the features of their faces.

Our roots are entwined in their roots, they connect us, sustain us, remind us that we are part of something bigger; remind us that we are family.

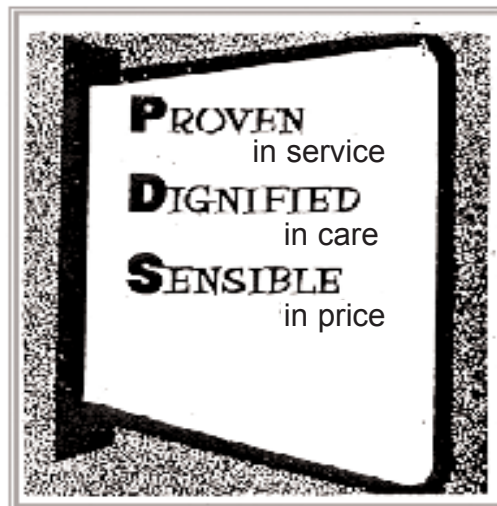
Our Loved Ones leave indelible marks on our should where their names are never forgotten, their names are spoken daily. They are shining stars in our life stories, they are legends in our grieving hearts. No matter how long they've been gone, they flood our thoughts like rushing waves. And after the tears have fallen, the beautiful memories flow in, because memories and love last forever.

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## New Hanover County

**Chords Across America Gospel Church**, 1020 Rankin St., will hold their pastor's anniversary on Saturday, August 19th at 4:00 p.m. The speaker will be Pastor Carolyn Stallings of Wilmington, NC. For additional information please call Pastor Ronetta W. Davis at 910-623-4192.



**Faith Temple Church of God in Christ**, 1119 S. 4th St., will celebrate their Annual Men's Day on Sunday, August 20th at 11:00 a.m.

**Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church**, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their Pastor Bishop Donovan Taylor's 6th anniversary from Friday, August 25th- Sunday, August 27th. Bishop Tommy Nesbitt and congregation of Christian Hope Christian Church, Leland, NC will be the guest on Friday at 7:00 p.m. Musical Joy Night will be held on Saturday featuring Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Choir of Wilmington, NC; Union Bethel AME Church, Hampstead, NC; Elder James and Evangelist Swandella Nixon; The Howard Family of Bolton, NC; Myrtle Grove Men's Choir of Wilmington, NC and other musical guests at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, August 27th at 3:00 p.m. the guest will be Pastor Grabrilla Garrett and congregation of Spiritual Education Outreach Ministries of Wilmington, NC. For more information call 910-200-4648.

## Religious Briefs

**Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church**, 801 S. 10th St., will host the St. Mark AME Zion Church Male Chorus of Whiteville, NC on Sunday, August 20th at 3:00 p.m. Also the church will hold their revival from Wednesday, August 23rd- Friday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Revival speaker will be Rev. David Flowers, Sr. pastor of Central Missionary Baptist Church of Whiteville, NC.

**Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church**, 4404 Holly Shelter Road, Castle Hayne, NC, will celebrate "OUR CHILDREN", OF ALL AGES, past and present on Sunday, August 20th. 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.

**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.

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## 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? What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered, and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you."*  
Matthew 24 1-6

**Deception** : A Sign of His Coming  
**Deceive** - To mislead or trick by falsehood

With the occurrences of so many casualties and catastrophic tragedies becoming common place in the world, many in the Body of Christ may be wondering if the end of the world is near. Others who may or may not be disciples of Christ could also be pondering in their minds, "Are these the signs of the end of the world and also of the coming of Christ?"

If one really wants to know what is going on, and what the future holds, then we must look to, the One who holds the future, the Lord himself. That is what the disciples did, both then, and now! When the disciples (followers of Christ) asked Jesus what would be the signs of His coming and of the end of the world, his first answer to them was, to take heed that no man deceive them. One of the first true signs of the coming of the Lord and the end of the world is the magnitude of deception. We see it in the world, and we see it also in the church! That is why Jesus said to his disciples, "Take Heed!"

The first record of deception occurred in Genesis 3:1-4. When satan seduced Adam and Eve to doubt God's Word...that is when sin and deception

entered into the world. Doubt and unbelief are still among the greatest areas of deception to come upon the Body of Christ. To doubt means to be uncertain about something. Doubt also means to distrust the source of information. Unbelief is not accepting something said as truth. Doubt and unbelief entered their heart and mind, and caused them to disobey the Word of God. When we see doubt and unbelief affecting many in the Body of Christ, then we know that these are also signs of His coming!

Jesus told the disciples to take heed that no man deceive you. He said in Galatians 6:7-9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We have all heard for so long that Jesus is soon to come. Frankly, some of our brothers and sisters believe that, and some don't. The evident sign of doubt and unbelief is willful disobedience to God's Word. That is why we see throughout the bible, the words of warning and encouragement, "Be not deceived!" "BE NOT DECEIVED; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7-8. Deception is a definite sign of His coming!

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor

thieves nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Cor: 6:9-11

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." I Cor: 15:33 "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men." Proverbs 22:24 "Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. Proverbs 24:1 "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? II Corinthians 6:14

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 The bible was not written for the world, it is written to the church, the Body of Christ. The spirit of deception brought in doubt and unbelief. The spirit of unbelief will spawn a spirit of disobedience. Unbelief is a sin with catastrophic consequences (Revelation 21:

As disciples of Christ, we must take heed and prayerfully watch that we do not be deceived by others, neither should we deceive our selves! "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Book of James. So when we see and

hear of a lot of things happening in the world and in the church, think it not strange, it is just another Sign of the Times.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inso much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Jesus told his disciples then, and he is yet saying to them, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24:24 Deception: A Sign of His Coming.

Prayer: Father in the Name of Jesus, I pray that you will keep my heart and mind from being deceived in these last days. Help me to hold fast to my faith in your Word, for I know that your Word is true. 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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able to start up a conversation with others brightening their day with her smile. After experiencing the brightness and warmth of her smile and personality, many quickly claimed her as their own 'momma' or sister.

Anna is survived by her sons, James and John McCall; daughter Donna McCall; and three grandsons, Troy, Angel and Eliseo, as well as a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com

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## Bennie L. Benjamin

Bennie Lee Benjamin, age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, August 8, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Faith Temple Church of God In Christ.

Interment followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery with military honors.

Bennie Lee Benjamin the son of Robert and Annie Benjamin was born on June 28, 1948 in Wilmington, NC. He was pre-deceased by his parents and two brothers, Adolph and Gregory.

He graduated in 1966 from his beloved alumni,

Williston Senior High School. After serving in the U.S. Army and fighting in the Vietnam War where he earned a purple heart and Bronze Star, Bennie returned to his hometown and worked over 15 faithful years at the US Postal Service, from which he retired.

Affectionately known as Poppy, Bennie was known to be a very trusting and loyal friend. Anything he could do to help a person in need he would do it. A true comedian and one of the greatest storytellers you could ever encounter, Bennie created his own music company called "Omni Victor Productions", was the founder of "Salt of the Earth" singing group and was known for his prolific

hits such as: "Hog Pen, Perilous Times, Standing On The Corner", to name a few. Music being his first love, he was blessed to sing with some of the greatest artist that toured on the East coast.

A former Bishop of The Spirit of Truth, Wilmington, NC and Pastor of Agape House of Worship, Whiteville, NC Bennie was a dynamic teacher, mentor, author and spiritual father to many.

He leaves to cherish in special memory, his wife, Patricia Benjamin; a daughter, Benaye Benjamin Burgess (Vincent); a son, Victor Benjamin (Nakesha); step-daughters, Patrice Floyd (Anthony), Latanya Tyson, Samatha McKoy and Ebony McCoy; a sister, Janice Hugie (Willie - deceased) of Wilmington, NC; a brother, Perlie Benjamin (Dorothy); a host of grandchildren (19); a host of great grandchildren (1) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws 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.

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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

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

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 of said decedent 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  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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  
800 Branchwood Dr.  
Kernersville, NC 27284

August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
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BEFORE THE CLERK  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF:  
FLORIS YOLANDA MITCHELL  
Decedent.**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **FLORIS YOLANDA MITCHELL**, late of 2836 Graham Street, New Hanover County, 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 616 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, on or before the **15th day of November, 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 14th day of August, 2017.

Barbara A. Fitzsimmons, Personal Representative of the Estate of FLORIS YOLANDA MITCHELL, deceased  
By and through her undersigned counsel:  
Russell D. Nugent  
The Humphries Law Firm, P.C.  
616 Princess Street  
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August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2017

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Paul George Burton**, 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 **17th day of November, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 17th day of August, 2017

Ashley Wilson, Executrix  
1709 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
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 them to the undersigned 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

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

August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017

Intercoastal Marine LLC is accepting subcontractor and supplier bids for the The Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, J & N pile, Deck, & Misc. Repairs for the S. Wharf, Brunswick Co. NC Bid #W912PM-17-B-008, no later than noon August 29, 2017. Potential subcontract opportunities which may exist on this project include, but may not be limited to Hauling, Concrete Repairs, Rebar Installation, Suppliers and other items not specifically referenced herein. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a bid. Fax to 910-675-9796 or [kevin@imofnc.com](mailto:kevin@imofnc.com). A pre-bid meeting will be held August 21, 2017 @8:00 AM at 6101 Diamond Shamrock Rd. Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

August 17, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

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  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

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 **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  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Zelma M. Thomasson**, 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 **17th 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 17th day of August, 2017

Jeanne-Marie Thomasson, Executrix  
6242 Indian Field  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017 in the office of the Brunswick County Engineering Department for the construction of: FY16 Water System Improvement Project - Contract B: High Meadow, Taft Road & Sea Wynd, and Old Town Creek Road and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. The contract shall be Single Prime. A general description of the work includes:

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Site Visitation: Majority of the roadways within this project are NCDOT public rights-of-ways in Brunswick County. Potential bidders may inspect the proposed project site as desired.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased for \$300.00 at the following location after August 21, 2017(cash or check/money order payable to East Coast Engineering & Surveying, PC):

East Coast Engineering & Surveying, PC  
4918 Main Street, PO Box 2469  
Shallotte, North Carolina 28459  
Contact for Bidders: Alan C. Lewis, Project Manager - [alewis@eces.biz](mailto:alewis@eces.biz)  
Sabrina B. Babson - [sbabson@eces.biz](mailto:sbabson@eces.biz)  
Telephone: (910) 754-8029

No refund for any Contract Documents shall be made and no partial sets of the Contract Documents will be issued. The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

•Brunswick County Engineering Department - Bolivia, NC  
•East Coast Engineering & Surveying, P.C. - Shallotte, NC  
•Carolinas A.G.C. Digital Plan Room - online [www.cagc.org](http://www.cagc.org)

Brunswick County reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals. A 5% bid bond or deposit is required. Brunswick County has implemented a Minority Business Enterprise Policy that requires Contractors to exhibit a good-faith effort to contact minority business subcontractors whose work on the project would represent 10% of the total value of the work. Contractors must be properly licensed. Additional instructions to bidders are included in the Contract Documents.

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The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)  
2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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