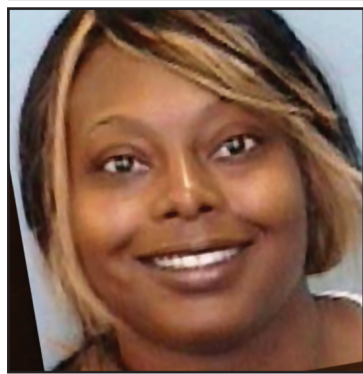


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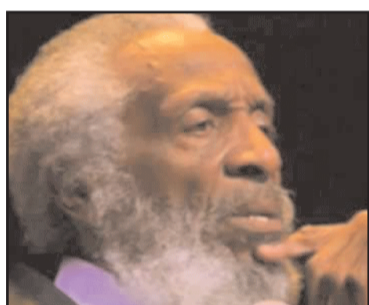
Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington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

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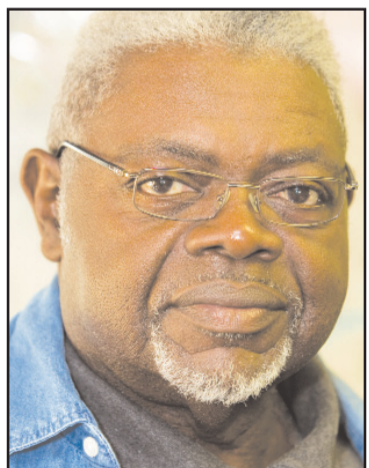
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BERNEST HEWETT

FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, I have been called time and time again about my views on the relationship between the races today as it relates to Blacks and Whites in Brunswick County today. Some people think that Blacks are treated equal in Brunswick County and that there is no prejudice worth talking about. I differ with this notion because, in my time as president of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP for almost twenty years, racism has been more prevalent, and still is now, than

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NCLBC says atmosphere TOO HOT for Freedom Monument Project

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The chair of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus says her members believe the political atmosphere is too racially caustic now, especially after the tragic events of Charlottesville two weeks ago, and subsequent growing controversy surrounding the removal of confederate statues and monuments statewide, to publicly lobby for funding for the long planned Freedom Monument Project.

"The consensus of our group is that we didn't want to conflate the

issue of the African-American monument, and lack thereof, to the confederate monument issue at this point," said State Sen. Angela Bryant (D - District 4), NCLBC chair. "We think [both issues] should be addressed separately. We don't want them to get into a competitive issue."

It was last March when Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, first appropriated in his proposed budget a one-time funding of \$200,000 towards the design and other planning surrounding the Freedom Monument, a State monument to be erected in honor of African-American contributions to the State. The project had been originally planned under the

previous administration of Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, who wholeheartedly endorsed the project as "...an appropriate way to recognize the contributions to North Carolina's history."

Public hearings had been held statewide, and the NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources, along with the NC African American Heritage Commission and NC Historical Commission, was coordinating.

But when Republican legislative leaders unveiled their final \$24 bil-

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SENATOR ANGELA BRYANT



A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A BEAUTIFUL EVENT CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Permission 2 Dream holds Back to School Giveaway

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Giving back is what we do! Permission 2 Dream Youth Powered Philanthropy group's annual Back to School Giveaway on August 20th was a huge success. Director of Philanthropy Aretha Session's goal was to serve the community through awesome networking. Churches, organizations, community and individuals' teamwork made the dream work. God is SO good!

Area-wide youth were blessed with 550 book bags, 13 male haircuts, five young ladies' hairdos, supplies, uniforms, shoes, raffles, food and fun. We could not have asked for a more perfect day and a free-for-all kickball game.

We thank you so much for your love and support to the community. Because of you, many youth were blessed. Thanks goes

out to Empowerment in Pink, Xclusive Chainz, RC of Shallotte, Mount Olive AME Church with Pastor Mills, Warriors of Christ Church w/Apostle Delmarva Johnson, St Andrew AMEZ Church w/Pastor H. A. Gregory, III, Big Ike and "Big B" Brandon Hickman, Suprena Lenise Hickman, Will Bordeaux, Evelyn Harrington, Omar and 13th Castle Street Barber, Childcare Network Crew - Alicia Williams, Quanesha White, Leslie Anderson, 14th Street Family and Friends, Janna Siegel Robertson, Anthony Hardwrich, Skidog Grady, Port City Kickball Traveling Team, Atiba Johnson, Juanita McDuffie, Amya Shaw, Andre Session, Arnetta Session, Aniyah Session, Janya Neil, Jada Neil, and NyQuari White. Thank you all so much for your love.

To the Permission 2 Dream Youth, Team and Parents: Words cannot express the dedication you have for the community, KUDOS to everyone. There are so many others too numerous to



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name, so if we failed to mention your name, please charge it to our heads and not to our hearts. Please know your love, time, support and commitment to making a child smile is appreciated, and the mission was accomplished.

THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY for allowing us to bless you. Permission 2 Dream team loves you all!



SENATOR DAN BLUE

Will the federal court accept new redistricting maps?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

After much ado, the newly proposed legislative redistricting maps were released last weekend, with statewide public hearings held on Tuesday, House and Senate committee votes scheduled for today and /or Friday, and possibly a State House floor vote scheduled for either Friday or Monday. Before the process is completed, both legislative houses are expected to have ratified each other's maps, and Democrats are expected to unveil their own maps.

Unlike in 2011, race was not among the criteria used in drawing the new maps. Democrats, as expected, have already turned thumbs down on the new GOP-leaning maps, which, by order of a three judge US District panel, are supposed to remedy the 28 out of 170 illegal and unconstitutional racial gerrymanders drawn into the 2011 legislative redistricting maps. The three judge

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NAN's Rev. Al Sharpton to lead more than one thousand ministers in 'Dream Busters' March

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In the wake of the horrific events in Charlottesville, The Trump Administration's inability to say the words KKK, Nazis, or White supremacists right away - waiting instead until they were pushed to the following Monday - was simply inexcusable. The National Action Network, ministers, and civil rights

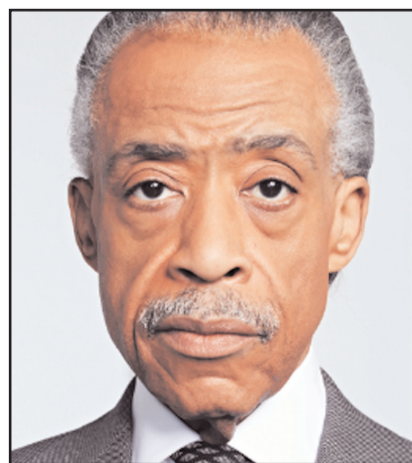
leaders are not only disgusted by the lack of leadership in the current White House, but are also tired of the silence of others.

That is why the Rev. Al Sharpton, rabbis, imams, and other ministers will join together - more than 1,000 faith leaders in total - in the nation's capital on the 28th of August for a Ministers March for Justice.

That weekend, those filled with hate gathered around the statue of

Robert E. Lee; and in late August faith leaders from across the country will gather at the statue of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Under the statue of America's champion for civil rights, ministers will reaffirm their commitment to the social justice movement and hold both the

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lion fiscal budget in June, the
Freedom Monument Project
was nowhere in sight, but \$5
million towards a \$65 million
Civil War Center in
Fayetteville was.With no funding from the
GOP-led legislature, the
Freedom Monument Project
was automatically placed in
limbo."Budgets show what you
value," said NC Democratic
Party Chairman Wayne
Goodwin. "Governor Cooper,
through his budget, outlined
how important it is that ourState remember and honor
our shared history.
Republicans clearly feel oth-
erwise. They'd rather give
their offices an upgrade. I'm
not sure the difference could
be any clearer: Republicans
value themselves and their
power, while Governor
Cooper wants to see our State
remember on capital grounds
our full heritage."Jamal Little, a spokesperson
for Gov. Cooper, said the
Governor still wants to see
the African-American monu-
ment erected near the State
Capitol in Raleigh."The Freedom Monument is
long overdue, and Governor
Cooper still strongly sup-ports funding the project,"
Little said. "Unfortunately,
the same legislative
Republicans who are stand-
ing by North Carolina's
Confederate monuments neg-
lected to include Governor
Cooper's \$200,000 request in
the final budget. That's just
wrong, and Gov. Cooper sup-
ports efforts by the NC
Legislative Black Caucus to
have the program funded."The Governor's strong and
steady support is indeed
important, but given the
events of the past two weeks,
even that is not enough to get
Republican legislative lead-
ers to drop their defenses,
and realize that the FreedomMonument Project is what all
North Carolinians should
share.Since the violent
Charlottesville demon-
strations that saw the murder of a
counter protester by an
alleged Neo-Nazi sympathizer,
and then the taking down of a
Confederate statue by demon-
strators in front of the Old
Durham County Courthouse,
the atmosphere has been high-
ly charged, especially after
Gov. Cooper announced that
he wanted to see all
Confederate statues and monu-
ments on State property
removed because they cele-
brated White supremacy and a
2015 law prohibiting such

repealed.

State Senate President Pro-
tem Phil Berger replied that
that wasn't going to happen
and that those monuments
were important memorials to
North Carolina's southern
heritage.Sen. Bryant says trying to
successfully navigate funding
for the Freedom Monument
Project in these current
treacherous political waters
would be foolhardy at best, so
she and the rest of the NCLBC
work continue to work behind
the scenes until further notice."We still have negative risks
that come with this project
that we don't necessarily
need," Sen. Bryant says.

MAPS

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panel ordered the districts
redrawn a year ago, and the
US Supreme Court affirmed
that decision last June.The judicial panel has
since, after blasting
Republican legislative lead-
ers for deliberately dragging
their feet, ordered them to
produce remedied maps by
Sept. 1 (Sept. 15 at the latest)
or else face having a court
appointed special master
draw them, something that
Democrats and many critics
of the pending new
Republican maps would wel-
come because it would take
the GOP partisanship out of
the process."My initial impression of
the maps is that they're up to
the same shenanigans they
were up to before the court
slapped them on the wrist. So
now, maybe the court will
smack 'em upside the head
and they'll get the message
more clearly," Senate
Minority Leader Dan Blue
told Spectrum News Monday.
Blue added that, even though
the Republicans said they
would not employ race as one
of the criteria in redrawingthe maps, there's little ques-
tion they used it to their
advantage where they could."Speakers at the satellite
public hearings were just as
damning of the maps. In
Raleigh, a young mother
named "Eva" said she was
embarrassed that North
Carolina was "no longer a
democracy." She added that
the process "feels like com-
puterized apartheid."Eva closed by warning
Republicans, "Don't act like
Nazis - gerrymandering is
White supremacy." As they
stand now, 33 of the proposed
Senate districts and 76 of the
proposed 120 State House dis-
tricts could be won by Pres.
Donald Trump, based on
election criteria used to draw
the new maps. Only ten of 50
Senate districts will be com-
petitive, an analysis shows,
with seven of them leaning
Republican.Only 19 of the 120 House
districts are deemed compe-
titive, with 12 leaning
Republican. In effect, the
GOP would retain their cur-
rent super majorities in both
houses for the 2018 midterm
elections (Republicans cur-
rently hold 74 House seats
and 35 Senate seats).

"The map drawing process

was terrible," opined Bob
Hall, Executive Director of
Democracy NC, a non-parti-
san public policy group. "The
end result may be a small
improvement, but, overall,
our quick review shows that
about 90% of the new
General Assembly districts
are solidly tilted to favor one
party or another, mostly to
the advantage of the
Republican mapmakers.""With these new maps, leg-
islative leaders continue to
rig our elections, reduce
competition, and protect
themselves from being held
accountable for their actions
in Raleigh," Hall continued."They want us to pay our
taxes and shut up."Even though there was
double bunking" of a handful
of incumbent lawmakers in
some of the newly redrawn
districts, for the most part,
incumbents were protected.
If the maps hold as planned,
at least three African-
American Democrat State
lawmakers will have to fend
off a Republican incumbent
drawn into the same district
come the 2018 midterm elec-
tions.Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram,
a two-term District 3
Democrat representingEdgecombe, Chowan and
Northampton counties, will
have to face three term
District 1 Republican State
Sen. Bill Cook from Beaufort,
Camden and Currituck coun-
ties in a race for District 3.In the State House, Rep.
Robert Reives II, Democrat
from Chatham and Lee coun-
ties, is double bunked with
Republican Rep. John Sauls
of District 51, currently rep-
resenting Harnett and Lee
counties. Rep. Jean Farmer-
Butterfield, Wilson County
Democrat, has also been dou-
ble bunked against
Republican Rep. Susan
Martin, but that district went
to Hillary Clinton in 2016.Also, Rep. Bobbie
Richardson, a District 7 three
term Democrat, representing
Franklin and Nash counties,
has also been drawn into a
Republican-leaning district.Back to the State Senate,
Sen. Angela Bryant, District
4 Democrat of Halifax, Nash
and Wilson counties and
Chair of the NC Legislative
Black Caucus, is being
moved into District 11, that is
Republican leaning, and
went for Trump in 2016, 56-40
percent over Hillary Clinton.In Forsyth County, Sen.
Paul Lowe's district wouldchange to District 29. Rep.
Evelyn Terry and Ed Hanes
will retain their current dis-
trict designations with few
precinct changes.
Republican representatives
Lambeth and Conrad will see
changes.Still, Rep. Terry, who was
present at the redistricting
hearing in Guilford County
Tuesday, is not pleased at all
with the Republican-leaning
House map.On both the House and
Senate maps there are four
new districts drawn that cur-
rently don't have incum-
bents. In Guilford County,
House Rep. Amos Quick III,
District 58 Democrat, was
also not pleased with how his
district was redrawn, saying
that people he's spoken with
wanted more stability. Still,
regardless of the final config-
uration, he promises to serve
the constituency that he's
given."In the totality of the
maps, they only tweaked, but
did not remedy the reasons
why they needed to be
redrawn anyway," Rep. Quick
said Tuesday, adding that
Black voters have told him
that their voice and vote
should be treated fairly and
constitutionally.

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when I started.

People are bolder and more
outspoken against minority
people and primarily minorityissues. Elected officials who
run this government, (county,
state and federal) have no prob-
lem with the promotion of
ugly racial issues. Talk is
cheap, and actions speak loud-
er than words.

The NAACP Freedom Fund

Dinner will be held September
9, 2017 at the BCC Annex in
Calabash at 6:00 p.m. Come out
and support us. There has
never been a more needed time
for the NAACP and its work for
civil rights as it is now. Poor
Whites and Blacks are treatedvery badly in this County. If a
man refuses to stand for his or
her rights, he becomes a slave
to someone else! Support your
local chapter of the NAACP!
Buy a ticket for the Freedom
Fund Dinner and get a mem-
bership. This organization hasfought for the civil rights of all
people (Whites, Blacks, Native
Americans, Hispanics, etc.)
Help keep America a free
America!!Bernest L. Hewett is presi-
dent emeritus of the Brunswick
County Branch of the NAACP.

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Trump Administration and
Attorney General Jeff
Sessions accountable in the
wake of an increase in hate
crimes, mass incarceration,
and discrimination.On August 28th, the 54th
anniversary of the 1963
March on Washington faith
leaders of all ages will unite
to send a message that while
white supremacists cling to a
statue representing the
racist past of America, we
will unite under the statue
representing America's
inclusive future.At least one thousand min-
isters of all denominations
will convene to reaffirm
their commitment to the
social justice movement and
to stand in solidarity in the
spirit and legacy of Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Clergy will hold the Trump
Administration and Attor-
ney General Jeff Sessionsaccountable in the wake of
an increase in hate crimes,
mass incarceration, and dis-
crimination.The following is the key
information:**WHERE:** Martin Luther
King Jr. Memorial, 1964
Independence Ave SW,
Washington, DC 20024**WHEN:** Monday, August 28**TIME LINE:**10:00 a.m. -Ministers and
March participants gather at
King Memorial11:00 a.m.-Pre-program,
including prayer vigil
ceremony12:15 p.m.-March begins
along specified route2:00 p.m.- March
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who attended the recent banquet, held on August 19, 2017 for their support.The 2017 Freedom Fund Banquet Committee is grateful to our speaker, Professor
Phillip Clay, our outstanding vocalists, Marva Robinson and Grenoldo Frazier for
their contributions. We also extend a special thanks to Xylia Davis-Sparks, for singly
designing and making the beautiful decorations for the banquet for the third consecutive
year.

Freedom Banquet Committee Members, 2017:

Carl Brown, Chairman
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Bernard RobinsonNCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12
FOR A PROPOSAL TO REMOVE MARKED PARKING SPACES ON U.S. 76
(OLEANDER DRIVE) BETWEEN INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND
MIMOSA PLACE AND INSTALL A CENTER LANE IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Oleander Drive[ET]1284

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding
a proposal to remove marked parking spaces on U.S. 76 (Oleander Drive)
between Independence Boulevard and Mimosa Place and install a center
left turn lane in New Hanover County.The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 12, at First
Christian Church** located at **2035 Oleander Drive in Wilmington from
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Interested citizens may attend at any time during the
above hours as there will be no formal presentation. NCDOT representa-
tives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding
the proposed project. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit
comments and questions in writing. All written comments and questions
need to be submitted no later than Monday, September 26.The purpose of this project is to improve the safety along Oleander Drive
by removing marked parking spaces on U.S. 76 (Oleander Drive) between
Independence Boulevard and Mimosa Place and install a center left turn
lane in New Hanover County.For Additional Information prior to the meeting, please contact Alan
Pytcher, Division Planning Engineer, at 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle
Hayne, NC 28540 or by e-mail: apytcher@ncdot.gov , or by calling (910)
341-2000.Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available
online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>. NCDOT will pro-
vide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act
for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone
requiring special services should contact Tony Gallagher, NCDOT
Environmental Analysis Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC
27699-1598, by phone (919) 707-6069 or by e-mail at
magallagher@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be
made.Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited
ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive serv-
ices upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limita-
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pretación si los solicitan de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

August 24, 31, September 7, 2017



ALAMANCE COMMISSIONER CALLS SLAVES "WORKERS"

[BURLINGTON] An Alamance County commissioner said during Monday evening's county commission meeting that he preferred calling slaves who worked for his family while he was growing up "workers."



STATE BRIEFS

Republican Commissioner Tim Sutton, during a discussion about confederate statues, said, referring to his great-grandfather's service in the Confederate Army, "It is my understanding that when he died ... that some guys on the farm, you can call them slaves if you want to, but I would just call them workers, that they raised a good bit of my family. When the time came, my great-grandmother gave them land." Sutton added, "I am not going to be a victim of

political correctness. I am just not going to do it. Label me all you want, say what you will about me." Citizens attending the commission meeting were asking that confederate statues be removed.

THREE ARRESTED AS HUNDREDS PROTEST "SILENT SAM" STATUE

[CHAPEL HILL] An estimated 800 protesters jammed the site around the "Silent Sam" statue on McCorkle

Place on UNC-CH campus, demanding that the confederate soldier monument be removed. Three people were arrested as university officers had trouble controlling the crowd. Earlier in the day, authorities had installed double barricades around the statue to keep demonstrators from doing damage to it. Some protestors quipped that given the barricades, Silent Sam was better protected than the students on campus. Others suggested that the Statue be placed in a museum.

GREENSBORO CITY COUNCIL APOLOGIZES FOR 1979 KLAN-NAZI MURDERS

[GREENSBORO] In an unexpected move, undoubtedly because of the tragic events in Charlottesville, Va. where a young woman was killed by allegedly by a neo-Nazi, the Greensboro City Council voted 7-1 to apologize for the city's role in the November 3, 1979 so-called "Greensboro Massacre." Five anti-Klan demonstrators

were gunned down by Ku Klux Klan and Nazis in the predominately black Morningside Homes community. Ten other demonstrators were wounded. After two trials, all of the white supremacists were acquitted of murder. During a later investigation, it was determined that Greensboro police officers assigned to the area that day were nowhere to be found when the shooting broke out.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Room for improvement in support of NC minority-owned businesses

BY STEPHANIE CARSON OF NCNS

RALEIGH, N.C. - There are more than 180,000 minority-owned businesses in North Carolina, but

growing and sustaining this business isn't easy. This long-held claim by business owners is con-

firmed in a new report by the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center. Policy analyst for the

North Carolina Justice Center, William Munn says on average, even when they do qualify for a loan, minority-owned businesses receive half of the funds their white counterparts receive.

"It's really hard for minority businesses to secure loans and when they do secure loans, they're for lesser amounts and then, for higher interest rates," he explains. "Minority businesses have less capital from which to pull from."

According to a University of Michigan study, among businesses with annual sales over \$500,000, 41-percent of the minority-owned companies received loans, compared to 52 percent of white-owned businesses. The report recommends more outreach to minority business owners to ensure they're aware of the resources available and creating a state fund for small-business lending.

For almost 20 years, North Carolina has operated a Historically Underutilized Business or "HUB" program, but the rate of participation varies



A new report says North Carolina has room for improvement in its support of minority-owned businesses.

by county - ranging from only one to three percent. Munn says it's hard to ensure that minority-owned businesses engage in the process.

"We found that there's a very healthy base throughout the state, and they just don't know or aren't really seeing the return on investment," he adds. "They don't see it worth their time to be engaged."

Once businesses are certified as HUB vendors, they're offered greater exposure to opportunities such as state contracts. The report also recommends simplifying the certification process.

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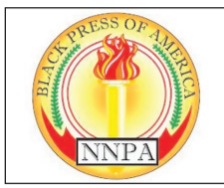
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OUR VOICE

Please take sides:

This is no time for silence or inaction!

"I remember: it happened yesterday, or eternities ago. A young Jewish boy discovered the Kingdom of Night. I remember his bewilderment, I remember his anguish. It all happened so fast. The ghetto. The deportation. The sealed cattle car. The fiery altar upon which the history of our people and the future of mankind were meant to be sacrificed.

"I remember he asked his father: 'Can this be true? This is the twentieth century, not the Middle Ages. Who would allow such crimes to be committed? How could the world remain silent?'"



Marian W. Edelman

"And now the boy is turning to me. 'Tell me,' he asks, 'what have you done with my future, what have you done with your life?' And I tell him that I have tried. That I have tried to keep memory alive, that I have tried to fight those who would forget. Because if we forget, we are guilty, we are accomplices.

"And then I explain to him how naïve we were, that the world did know and remained silent. And that is why I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe."

This passage (emphasis mine) is from Holocaust survivor and human rights champion Elie Wiesel's 1986 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech. Elie Wiesel spoke with a moral authority and clarity that is as obvious to even the smallest child watching a playground bully as it is to a witness of an unbearable genocide. Yet this plain moral truth has now been shamefully denied and trampled upon by the holder of our nation's loudest bully pulpit - the Presidency.

There are not two sides to Nazism. There are not two sides to White supremacism, bigotry, and racial and religious hatred and intolerance. Heather Heyer - a nonviolent protester against racial intolerance - is not as much at fault as the man who violently and deliberately hit and killed her with his car on a Charlottesville street. What must our children be thinking and learning from this? How can we equate an evil and violent act that took a life to a nonviolent protest? How do we encourage our children to stand up and fight back nonviolently in the face of evil when morally blind leaders can't tell the difference?

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) is currently tracking 917 hate groups across our nation. Lecia Brooks, SPLC's director of outreach, said, "The ugly bigotry and hate on display in Charlottesville underscores a growing sickness in our country - one that's become all too commonplace and increasingly lethal." They are among many groups and leaders and individuals calling on President Donald Trump to take responsibility for his role. SPLC says in a new petition: "President Trump's campaign and presidency have energized the white supremacist movement in unprecedented ways. We saw it in the support he received from the likes of David Duke during his campaign. We saw it in the surge in hate crimes committed in his name after his election. And we saw it in the deadly gathering of white supremacists in Charlottesville..." At this point, it's not enough for Trump simply to condemn bigotry. He must take responsibility for the surge in white supremacy and hate that he has unleashed."

While Americans wait to see whether that happens, it is up to parents and grandparents and faith leaders and educators and all those committed to building a more just nation to step into the void. We must teach our children the truth about our history and the importance of speaking and standing up nonviolently. We must exemplify the actions we want our children to follow. We must refuse to raise historical and amoral children who ignore or support evil. We must not raise another generation who choose violence as a way of life and cannot respectfully disagree without it. Remaining silent is not an option. Our children must know right from wrong and be willing to stand up and take sides thoughtfully and nonviolently. And adults at all levels beginning with our president and political leaders have a responsibility not to ever condone intolerance and violence.

I hope we will teach children how to respect the sacred lives of every human being and end with this prayer:

O God, help our children to feel love and appreciation for all Your gifts of life.

Grant each of them a passion for peace and justice.

Kindness for those who are weak and needy and sad and afraid.

Courage to stand up for right and to struggle against wrong.

Friendship and kinship with all who share the world You have created.

Grant our children faith to open the door of their souls wide to life and love as You intend.

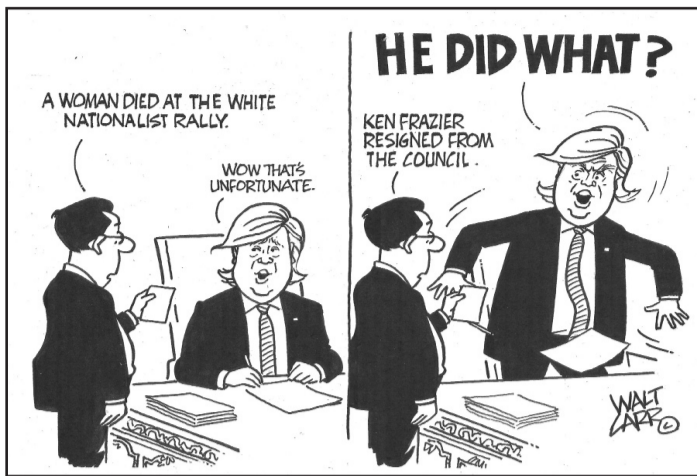
Protect them against the worms of hate and the weasels of selfishness and envy.

Help our children to sing their own songs and to hear and respect the songs of others in the spheres of our earth's firmament.

Dear God, help us to live what we preach so that we may be worthy of our children's respect.

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Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

CASH IN THE APPLE

For whom the bell tolls? It tolls for White Supremacy!

Pick up any newspaper, or turn on any news program within the past two weeks since the Charlottesville tragedy, and you'll swear that white folks were the ones who discovered white supremacy. Seriously. There was a time that to hear a white person on TV say anything about white supremacy without denying that it existed was virtually impossible. And yes, Bill O'Reilly comes to mind. He never accepted that white supremacy existed, and he never will.

Of course, the current impassioned conversation about white supremacy comes at a price, namely the precious life of 32-year-old Heather Heyer, the young woman who was senselessly

assassinated by an alleged neo-Nazi coward who killed her with his car.

I don't care what color you are, your human heart had to bleed for this young woman who came out to take a peaceful stand against those spouting, and promoting hate in this nation. White supremacists. In case you're new to the country, white supremacy, to put it bluntly, is when those of Caucasian European descent believe the age-old lie that GOD made them superior to other human beings, especially those of color. To add insult to injury, these deluded folks believe GOD has given them dominion over other People...to rule the Earth, as it were.

What idiots! Common sense tells us that Almighty GOD has made us all His children to be equal in His sight. But of course I guess we can blame this on Adam and Eve for committing the Original Sin, causing greed, envy and a thirst for unfettered power,

among other sins

But not to be outdone by the Bible, naturally white supremacists have taken GOD's Word and twisted it to justify their superiority beliefs, thus, killing and raping people of color, let alone each other, for hundreds of years. Indeed world wars have been started because of this sickness. Anyone ever hear of a man called Adolf Hitler?

So to hear white people today talk disparagingly about white supremacy today as if they have always been against it is startling indeed. And yet, I'm glad it's happening. And I'm especially glad it's happening among white young people who have studied their history, and are now putting that knowledge to good use.

You see, right-wing conservatives are always complaining about what is taught on our liberal arts campuses, and the fact that there is little diversity of thought in our colleges and universities.

But let me ask you this...

when is the last time you heard Tucker Carlson, or any of those other bright-boy conservative know-it-alls ever so much as admit that white supremacy even exists? In fact, does Carlson and the rest of his dim-witted crew on Fox work over-time trying to prove that Black Lives Matter is responsible for all of the ills of the world?

And the very fact that Fox (even though it is being trounced by MSNBC everyday) still has an audience after all of the sexual harassment that goes over there, tells you that there are still plenty of white supremacists left in the world.

And they all depend on Fox...especially the one in the White House!

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RAINBOW COALITION

Confederate statues are falling, not economic racism

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Cheers to New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, one of the first mayors to take Confederate statues down and to make the strong point that these statues represent nothing but oppression. (Watch his May speech at <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/watch-new-orleans-mayor-mitch-landrieu-defend-removal-of-monuments-to-heroes-of-a-four-year-historical-aberration-2017-08-15>)



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

(also known as "good people" according to 45) and those who oppose them.

And though he does little that I agree with, in the interest of equal praise, I must lift up Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, who had the statue of Roger Taney removed from the Maryland state house. Taney was an especially vile racist who authored the Dred Scott decision in 1857. He wrote that Black people had no rights that whites were bound to respect, and provid-

ed justification for enslavement even as many in the rest of the nation were clamoring against the unjust institution.

As the statues are falling, economic racism is not fading. African Americans still earn just 60 percent of what whites earn. We have just 7 percent of the wealth that whites have. We have double the unemployment rates. Even with equal incomes, we find it more challenging to get mortgages or other access to capital. And our economic rights are being challenged every day.

It is important to note that these statues were not erected immediately after the Civil War. Of course the South - a bunch of losers - was too broke to build statues. They were still trying to recover from the devastation of the Civil War. How did they plan to recover? They needed a captive labor force to work their fields, just as enslaved people had before the war. So they ensured quasi-captivity through intimidation. That need was partially responsible for the emergence of the KKK. They inspired fear, suppressed resistance, and, through Black Codes and Jim Crow, engineered the near-re-enslavement of Black people.

Black people who wanted to leave the South after the end of Reconstruction had to do it in the dead of night. Black people who had land were often forced to concede it or be killed. The Emergency Land Fund, a now-defunct organiza-

tion that documented the Black loss of land, indicated as Black folks lost as much as 90 percent of their accumulated land by 1970, at least partially due to trickery and intimidation.

The origins of the wealth gap lie in this loss of land, and in the intimidation that kept African American people in near-slave status in the South. Confederate statues, flags, and Klan activity appeared whenever there was resistance - during and after the reconstructions, in the 1920s after the Red Summer of 1919 and the return of Black men from World War I, men who were men, men disinclined to step off sidewalks or defer to white people. Again, we saw the rise of this activity, these statues and these flags, in the 1950s as the Civil Rights Movement pushed hard for equality. When people talk about taking "their" streets back, what they really mean is they want Black people (and other people of color) in their place, in their economic place. And that place, for them, is subordinate.

So while Confederate statues are falling (not quickly enough - there are more than 700 of these odious symbols still standing), and Confederate flags are waving less frequently, the economic racism the Confederacy established is alive and well. Just ask the young Black couple redlined away from a banking opportunity, or the innocent arrested person who can't pay

bail. Ask the Black student whose loan burden is nearly twice that of her white counterpart, or the Black woman who pays more, and at a higher interest rate, for a car loan.

Sure, we have come a long way since those ugly days of enslavement or stark segregation, but some power comes from the Benjamins. And, according to some estimates, it will take more than 200 years to close the wealth gap. The statues may be falling, but economic racism is alive and well.

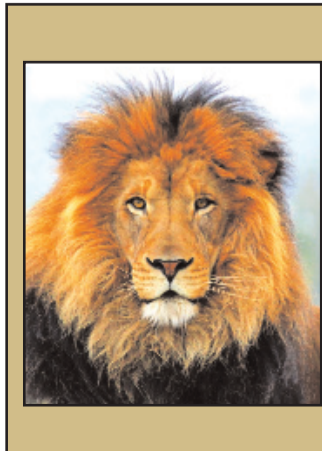
While I commend Republicans Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott, John McCain and so many others for condemning their President for his abject and ugly racism, I wonder if any of them would be so forceful in condemning economic racism, or in advocating for reparations. Absent their willingness to do that, they are making very important stylistic points, but they do not seem prepared to change the harsh realities of Black life in our country today.

I challenge those who would tear down the statues and take down the flags to show equal zeal in turning down the walls of economic racism.

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"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB



TO BE EQUAL

The right side of Charlottesville

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe." - Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech, December 10, 1986

President Donald Trump usually is quick to share his immediate response to any event - usually on his preferred platform, Twitter. And he usually is reluctant to back down, once he's made a statement. So it was significant from the start not only that his initial response to the racially motivated violence that took place at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville was slow to come but also that it was revised several times. And none of the versions have been satisfactory.

In his eagerness to remain neutral and build a bridge of equiva-



Marc Morial

lence between hate spewing white nationalists and counter-protestors united against the cancer of racism metastasizing in our country, President Trump-whether through callousness or political calculus has emboldened white supremacists and signaled tacit, if not clear support, to hate mongers.

Let's be clear. There were not "many sides" in Charlottesville.

There were alt-right adherents, nationalists, neo-Nazis, and whatever new-school euphemisms are out there to describe devotees of old-school racist ideology. And you can put them all on one side-or if you prefer-a basket of deplorables. There were also people there who put their lives on the line, including 32-year-old Heather Heyer, who lost her life while fighting for civil rights, human dignity and the promise of a better America for all its citizens.

Trump's refusal to denounce the side that advocates terror and violence and came to Charlottesville armed to the teeth to provoke hostilities is a colossal failure of leadership. It is a dangerous, precedent setting green light to hate groups and an open door to the return and re-legitimization of white supremacy.

Though the rising tide of disappointment over Trump's muted response rightfully continues to swell, there are those encouraged by his words. And as you might have guessed, they are white supremacists. The

Daily Stormer, a neo-Nazi website, released a statement praising Trump's response as "good," adding, "He didn't attack us. When asked to condemn, he just walked out of the room. Really, really good. God bless him."

Former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke made an appearance at the rally before the violence erupted and explained the event's significance by saying it "represents a turning point for the people of this country. We are determined to take our country back. We're gonna fulfill the promises of Donald Trump. That's what we believed in. That's why we voted for Donald Trump, because he said he's gonna take our country back, and that's what we gotta do."

Rule of thumb: when hate groups, and KKK grand wizards, former or otherwise, support your words and actions, recognize that you are doing something entirely wrong. And you must know now, if you didn't know then, that you are absolutely not on the side of right and need to make your way there sooner rather than later.

Horrifying expressions of white supremacy and Nazi sympathies are not novel to our nation or the 21st century. What is shocking, however, is that these kinds of demonstrations and displays of naked hatred can happen on American soil without clear condemnation from the highest levels of government. Trump has not lost his power

to communicate clearly and quickly. When Merck CEO Ken Frazier resigned from Trump's business council after the president failed to unequivocally denounce white supremacists, it took Trump less than an hour to hop on Twitter and clearly denounce the pharmaceutical company's African-American CEO. Compare that to the near 48 hours it took for Trump to release any statement that condemned white supremacy after Charlottesville.

During Trump's inauguration speech, he promised to be a president for all Americans, yet almost six months into his presidency, that promise has not been realized for vast swaths of people. The presidency is not a parochial endeavor. True leadership cannot be realized when the next election and pleasing your slice of American supporters animate your decisions and policies. True leadership would not demonize Americans who put their lives on the line for equal rights and racial justice for all, and it would not cast these people as the equivalents of white supremacists and neo-Nazis. There should be no room for this brand of vicious hate in our society. This requires a leader who unequivocally stands against the surging tide of hate, not one who steps aside and allows the detritus to wash ashore.

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

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

The more things change

Many thought we were done with raw racism, the kind of racism that erupted in violence on the streets during the 60s. Poll after poll showed that many whites believed there was no more racism. When Barack Obama was elected president of the United States, many joyously declared that the United States was post-racial.

Many, but not all. Too many people were still dealing with racism, in spite of the heroic actions of President Lyndon Johnson, passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. While many whites believed that the laws - as odious as they were to them - marked the beginning of the end of even the need to talk about racism.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

It was over. The law said so.

But the law could not and did not touch the hearts of Americans who had grown up with racism as a constant companion. The law could not erase the inbred feelings and beliefs that African Americans were inferior to whites and the resentment many felt because they believed black people were being given too much.

The law could not budge even pastors from their racist beliefs, and so they did not talk about racism in their sermons, or teach about racism as a part of their Bible studies. Pastors, charged with bringing a message of love and morality to their members, avoided the subject. The idea of African Americans being "equal" to whites had always been distasteful and, they believed, just wrong. The law could not change their feelings about that. Black people were a sore to be tolerated, not human beings to be treated with dignity and respect.

The law could not change those feelings. Some whites struggled with what they were feeling and how to get past it, but other whites just dug their heels into their anger, an anger made worse because they felt like they couldn't even talk about it. They believed that America had been created to be a white man's country, and these laws were messing with the natural order of things. They were resentful that blacks were in "their" country, resentful that some black people were able to go to school and get jobs, resentful that "the law" prohibited segregation and discrimination in housing, education and employment.

They avoided "the law" that made them go against their spiritual inclinations as much as they could; they held their noses in other cases and dealt with integration when it absolutely could not be avoided. But they hated what they were being made to do.

That resentment bubbled up from time to time. No matter what "the law" said, they knew what black people were: lazy, shiftless, whining crybabies who wanted something for nothing. This, in spite of the fact that these black people had worked the fields in the South and the drudge jobs in the factories in the North to help build America's economy. They were "allowed" to serve in the military - but were often prohibited from fighting. Their "place" was to serve white people, and the effort was made in all segments of life, including the military, to keep things as they were supposed to be. Whites hated the interference of the federal government, which had the audacity to require that their children's schools had to be integrated, so they broke the law and many school districts shut their schools down rather than integrate.

God would understand, they believed, and so would the state. Some things were just wrong.

Meanwhile, blacks made gains in spite of white resentment. Black culture is one where people learn to "make do," and black people in America had been "making do" since they landed on these shores. Their schools were not good; state governments did little to protect them and their rights, but black people pushed on and took advantage in the lull of the abject violence and lack of dignity they had lived with. Blacks kept on pushing in spite of lynching, in spite of not being able to get loans for schools and cars and education. They kept on because they knew that the more things change, the more they remain the same. They expected backlash after the Civil Rights Movement of the 60s because there had been backlash after the Civil War and Reconstruction.

White people were infected with racism, and the infection had not been treated. The symptoms never went away. In the same way that the HIV virus can become full-blown AIDS, black people knew the AIDS of white supremacy was never far away.

And so when Charlottesville erupted, with angry, young, white men with torches carrying out a threatening march outside of a church where people were praying for peace, black people knew. America's AIDS was back, helped along by a man in the White House who fed their rage and resentment. Black people knew the script. It was familiar and not familiar at the same time, because many black people had not experienced the violence caused by white resentment, not like their grandparents and relatives had.

The angry, young white men are on a roll, just as were their ancestors, who raided the countryside by night, setting homes afire, shooting innocent black people just because they could, and working as hard as they could to snatch their country from the hands and lives of black people. They are on a roll, emboldened by lawless federal leaders.

The more things change, the more they remain the same. Once again, black people are going to have to fight for dignity and humanity, theirs by virtue of them being American citizens and human beings. The young white bucks who are bound and determined to bring racist terrorism back into the center of American life don't care one iota about what their actions will cause.

They are busy "making America great again," following a leader who has said to them, "Do what you need to do."

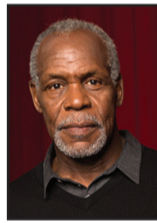
We are not even close to being a post-racial society.

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NNPA NEWSWIRE EXCLUSIVE: AIRBNB offers economic opportunities for communities of color

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

The history of housing in America is a history of discrimination. Even as people of color have made strides in countless other areas of American life, home ownership—and the intergenerational wealth that comes along with it—remains out of reach for far too many. Even Frederick Douglass, when buying his first home in 1892, noted the importance of home ownership in building community wealth for African Americans. While being committed to economic justice we must also rethink how we cultivate strong dynamic communities of inclusion and belonging.



Danny Glover

That is why I have started working with Airbnb and will be serving as an adviser for their efforts to engage communities of color, ensuring members of these communities are taking advantage of the economic opportunity of hosting on the Airbnb platform. I know Airbnb has had its own share of challenges in this arena—but working with them, I've seen first-hand how committed they are to getting it right. And I have been incredibly heartened to see the resources, desire, and drive they are directing towards ensuring that their service is used fairly and inclusively.

Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity of meeting numerous African American and Latinx Airbnb hosts, each of whom has impacted me deeply. There are more stories than I could share, but I do want you to know about a couple of the hosts I met.

In Brooklyn, I met Michelle—who has seen the cost of living in the rapidly gentrifying Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood increase tremendously since she moved there twenty years ago. Ordinarily, Michelle would have had to move to another neighborhood. But by renting out her

garden apartment on Airbnb, she could not only afford to stay in the neighborhood, but could also help pay her daughter's way through college.

Cia, a host I met in San Francisco, raised her children as a single mother—and is now raising a granddaughter as well. Today, Airbnb helps her make ends meet for her whole family, and in the years ahead, Cia says Airbnb will make it possible for her to retire.

These are just a few of the many stories I have heard—with people from all different backgrounds using Airbnb as a bridge to financial stability and even homeownership. These stories are not the exception either. In the U.S., the typical Airbnb U.S. host earns \$6,100 every year they share their home—supplemental income that can cover expenses like food, rent, caring for a sick relative, and education for their children.

In many cases, Airbnb can even be the difference between hosts having to give up their homes and earning income from them. An estimated 62 percent of United States hosts report that home sharing has helped them afford to stay in their home, while 12 percent of North American hosts say that it actually saved them from eviction or foreclosure.

Airbnb also allows communities traditionally underserved by the tourism industry to reap the financial rewards of travel, with the share of Airbnb bookings in communities of color in some major cities exceeding the share of local hotel rooms that can be found in them.

Yet, Airbnb's potential benefits also go beyond finances as the service can bring people of diverse origins and walks of life together in a context geared toward hospitality and sharing. The bonds that can form in these interactions are indispensable to the greater project of breaking down the social barriers that make all forms of discrimination so intractable in the first place. These spontaneous interpersonal relationships are the laboratories for transforming rela-

tionships among people; the sites at which we begin to implement our highest ideals in practical yet poignant ways.

I recently met Ron, an Airbnb host in San Francisco. Ron and his wife, Renee, have hosted over 200 people in their home over the years through Airbnb. Among their many guests were a husband and wife from Germany. When Renee recently passed away, the German couple she and Ron had hosted were able to reach out online to express their heartfelt condolences. When the husband returned to San Francisco on a business trip, he and Ron went out for a drink and remain in contact.

For hosts like Ron, hosting on Airbnb became a gateway to new passions and a sense of community that is simultaneously personal and global. By melding travel, housing, and the potential for meaningful personal exchanges, Airbnb represents a host of possibilities for marginalized communities, particularly those of color.

African American, Latinx, and other communities of color are some of Airbnb's fastest growing host communities in the U.S., which is a step in the right direction. But the underlying housing market is still fundamentally unfair—and, disappointingly, even as we have made progress in other areas, the Airbnb community can sometimes reflect the broader discriminatory realities of present-day American society.

Working with the Airbnb community first-hand—which includes its executive leaders, employees, and hosts—has allowed me to witness just how committed they are to addressing these issues proactively. They have issued a report on building inclusion and engaged with civil rights leaders across the country. I see this as a continuation of the work I have done throughout my life, fighting for fairness and equality for working people, including hotel workers and supporting union workers, which both of my parents were.

In March, Airbnb unveiled its Economic

Empowerment Agenda—which established the goal of doubling the size of its U.S. host community in urban majority-minority districts and underserved areas within the next two years. This will be achieved through partnerships with national and local organizations and on-the-ground events and trainings to help more people understand the economic opportunity that home sharing can provide. This agenda also includes: The Friendly Buildings Program, bringing landlords and their tenants to the table to jointly set home sharing and revenue sharing terms; and, the creation of a living wage pledge—which will enable hosts to designate that the people who clean their homes are paid at least \$15 per hour.

Airbnb and the NAACP have also established a partnership to increase the participation of hosts of color and increase tourism to neighborhoods of color; to diversify Airbnb's workforce, and to commit a share of Airbnb's revenue to supporting civil rights initiatives.

Working with partners like the NAACP, we will host information sessions and run online and offline campaigns aimed at engaging the people who can benefit from home sharing the most. As an adviser, I will be on the ground doing whatever I can to promote these efforts—participating in trainings and events, working with local organizations and faith-based leaders, and getting to know more of the hosts who empower our communities.

The fight for fairer housing won't be easy—and it won't be over anytime soon. But you can be part of making a difference right now. So I hope you'll consider investing in your future, signing up to host on Airbnb, and helping us work towards housing equality—one listing at a time.

And I'll be working closely with everyone at Airbnb to help more people of color benefit from home sharing.

Danny Glover is an actor, director, producer and humanitarian. You can follow Danny Glover on Twitter @MrDannyGlover.

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New Hanover County

Lower Cape Fear Hospice will offer a no cost six-week grief program. Living with Grief: Growth and Education for Adults Coping with Grief. It will be Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11 from 3:00-5:00 pm, at Phillips LifeCare & Counseling Center, 1414 Physicians Drive in Wilmington. Pre-registration is required, call 796-7991.



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The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SE-HEC 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.

Brunswick County

The Town of Sandyfield will hold its 20th Annual Parade and Fun Day Celebration on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 11:00 am. The parade line up will begin at 10:00 am at the intersection of Hoover Road and Bowen-Blanks Drive. The Fun Day will continue at Sandyfield Town Park located at 1811 Woodyard Road, Riegelwood. There will be food, games, bounce houses, water slides, vendors, and more. Please contact the Town of Sandyfield for additional information, (910) 655-9877.

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

Visting the sick and shut-in

Visiting the sick and shut-in on a Sunday can prove to be an enjoyable experience if you simply sacrifice the time to help others. Just recently, I went to visit Minister Helen Boynton of Bolivia and Mr. Lofton Hewett of Cedar Grove in Supply. Along with her sisters and other visitors from St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia, I was able to



Verniece Stanley

sit with Minister Boynton and enjoy her words of kindness and hope. She is well known in the community with a reputation for helping others seek a better life.

I was also delighted to sit with Mr. Hewett, who likes to sit in his special chair under his garage. He too, also has regular visits from family and friends who come by to check on him. Joined by his family and friends, we sat around in his living room discussing issues that we face in our world today. We are living in changing times, and our youth may not understand the complexity of current events that are

unfolding in our nation. As senior citizens in the community, we think a lot about the future generation and hope that the youth are preparing for the future by receiving a quality education.

Just as we think about our youth, it is important for the community to remember the elderly and the sick and shut-in. Stop by to offer them strength as they may be able to offer you wisdom in areas where you fall short. Let us continue to uplift each other in a way that gives comfort to those who need it.

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.

McNeill Family of Maxton, NC holds 55th reunion



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MCNEILL FAMILY

BY LILLYE DUMAS
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The Willie Bee and Maggie Fairley McNeill Family Reunion of Maxton, NC celebrated their 55th Family reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC at The Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort, July 27th- July 30th.

The reunion was hosted by Reverend Warren McNeill and wife Wanda McNeill of North Wales Pennsylvania who are members of the second generation of the family. Several family members and friends

attended along with two Aunts, Maggie McNeill-Howard of Wilmington, NC and Lillye McNeill Dumas of Maxton, NC and their immediate family members. The oldest member Mrs. Estella Taylor was unable to attend but she is well and still resides in Plainfield, NJ. It was a great reunion at the beach.

The family awarded \$1600.00 in scholarships to family members who graduated high schools this year and have already been accepted into college. Each recipient received a

\$500.00 award for academic achievement. The recipients were, Jendya McNeill, granddaughter of the late Cleveland McNeill and Joan McNeill of East Orange, NJ; Jazmine McLaurin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John and Patricia McLaurin of Piscataway, NJ; Ke'Andra Brewington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brewington of Wilmington, NC. Ke'Andra received an additional \$100 award for outstanding extracurricular activities and academic excellence. The family

awards scholarships based on performance each year.

The 56th reunion has been planned for a Bahama Cruise on July 19, 2018- July 23, 2018 by Ervin Carelock of Springfield, Mass.

The family is looking forward to a special day for Ranita Holland's 16th birthday celebration. She is the granddaughter of the late Reverend L.R. Dumas, former pastor at Warner Temple AME Zion Church in Wilmington years before her birth.

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Ms. Frances Sarah Ellison

Frances Sarah Ellison was born June 20, 1934 in Rimini, South Carolina, to the late Benjamin and Victoria White. She entered into eternal rest on Friday, August 11, 2017, at Lower Cape Fear Hospice, n Wilmington, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Ellison, Sr., Her son, Joseph Ellison, Jr., and two daughters, Suessa and Geneva Ellison.

Frances attended school in Rimini, South Carolina. She married Joseph Ellison in 1952 in Rimini, SC. They later moved to Wilmington, NC in 1967. Frances worked at New Hanover Hospital for many years in Environmental Services. She was a devout Christian who prayed without ceasing for her children, family and community. She was faithful member of St. Phillip A.M.E. Church for 50 years. She was a member of the Floral Club, the Usher Board and a member of Class Number 12.

Frances leaves to cherish her memory: nine children, Lee Ellison(Anna), Josephine Gottfried (Richard), Frances McDonald, Victoria McKoy(Gerry), Louise Fields, Benjamin Ellison (Julie), all of the city; Glendell Smith(Doug) of Chesterfield, VA; Nancy Ellison, and Michael Ellison, also of the city. She also leaves twenty-four grandchildren, fifty-three great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members. Special recognition to Nancy Ellison and Michael Ellison for the special care, love and attention giving to their mother during her illness.

A service was held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at St. Phillip African Methodist Episcopal 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.*

Mr. Alfred Tennyson Lee, Jr.

Alfred Tennyson Lee, Jr. was born on August 8, 1954 to the late Julia Bell and Alfred Tennyson Lee, Sr. After the death of his father, his mother married Oscar Brown and they continued to raise and love Alfred unconditionally. Alfred transitioned from these earthly shores on August 15, 2017 at his residence in Riegelwood, NC. In addition to his parents preceding him in death, Dyneisha Lee, his daughter passed at an early age and a

brother Jeffrey Lee.

Alfred was educated in the New Hanover County School system graduating from John T. Hoggard High School in 1972. Alfred furthered his education at NC Central University and graduated in 1976 with his Bachelor's Degree. Once he relocated to New York, Alfred attended New York University where he obtained his Master's Degree in Education. Alfred was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. Alfred eventually was hired by NYU with a teaching position and would retire and return to Wilmington to be near his family and start his farm. Alfred attended Mt. Pleasant AMEZ Church in Riegelwood, NC until his passing.

Alfred leaves to cherish his precious memories, his wife, Denise Lee, a daughter, Chanel Lee and a son, Dayyon Lee all of New York; a devoted step father, Oscar Brown, a sister, Caroline Smith both of Wilmington; two very special aunts, Margaret Simmons and Eloise Nixon; seven grandchildren; special friends, Michael Nixon of Virginia Beach, VA, Michael Davis of Wilmington, NC and Joshua Jacobs of Riegelwood, NC; and a host of other relatives, cousins and friends.

A moving memorial service was held on Wednesday August 23, 2017, at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Dr. Bridget V. Burns

Dr. Bridget Veronica Burns was born July 1, 1960, to Deaconess Louise Burns and the late Deacon Alfred Burns. She received salvation at an early age, at Myrtle Grove A.M.E. Church, Leland, North Carolina and was baptized. She was a faithful member there until she moved away. She departed this life on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery.

After attending and graduating from A&T University, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia. She was a faithful member of Believers Bible Christian Church under the leadership of Pastor Allen McNair for over twenty years. She loved her Pastor and church family dearly and hated to move back to North Carolina.

In 1991, she was diagnosed with MS. From that day until her passing, she never complained. Whenever asked how she was doing, the answer was always "FINE" even though she was experiencing pain.

Finally in 2005 she returned home and became an active member of Uplifting Faith Ministries, Inc. under the leadership of Apostles Ricky and Sandra Randolph (her brother in law and sister). Bridget attended every class that was offered. She even attended the Bread of Life Classes and was known at "Car Hopper" because she would ride to class with one member but go home with another one. She was ordained Evangelist under UFM because she was genuinely concerned about souls. She received her Doctorate in Ministry in 2011 from Bread of Life, Wilmington, NC location.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her mother, Deaconess Louise Burns of Leland, NC; three brothers, Bernard Mckoy (Judy) of Leland, NC, Councilman Milton Burns (Betty) of Leland, NC and Dr. Gary Burns (Gwen) of Garner, NC; two sisters, Apostle Sandra Randolph (Ricky) of Wilmington, NC and Elderess Janice Slade of Leland, NC; five aunts, Jackie Ballard, Gladys Mapson, Helen Mapson all of Leland, NC, Jeanette Mapson of Bronx, NY and Virginia Burns of Cheapeake, VA; three uncles, Walter Ballard of Leland, N.C., Edward Mapson of Bronx, N.Y. and Earl Burns of Columbia, SC; special friends, Geraldene Samuels, Angela Worrell and Grayland Bryant; a special caregiver, Karon Quince; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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Broadcaster, publisher, Jim Rouse dies



JIM ROUSE

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GREENVILLE- Jim Rouse, a pioneer of radio for African-American voices in Eastern Carolina, has died.

Jim Rouse who started the first black-owned newspaper, "The Minority Voice", and WOOW, Joy Radio 1340 AM in Greenville, NC, passed away on Sunday.

Rouse started the gospel radio station in 1987 and in the 1990s he founded the newspaper, along with WTOW in Washington. Through both mediums, he created a platform to discuss issues in the minority community and a place to tell those stories.

Throughout the years, Rouse received countless awards from churches and organizations for his contri-

butions to the community and was a member of the North Carolina Black Publishers Association.

Family members say he died Sunday afternoon at his home, and that Rouse suffered from Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, and had diabetes.

A viewing is scheduled for Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Progressive Freewill Baptist Church, Greenville, NC. The funeral service will be held on Friday at noon at Community Christian Church, 1104 N. Memorial Drive in Greenville.

Family contact: c/o Mrs. Kay Rouse, 853 Olivia Drive, Greenville, NC 27834.



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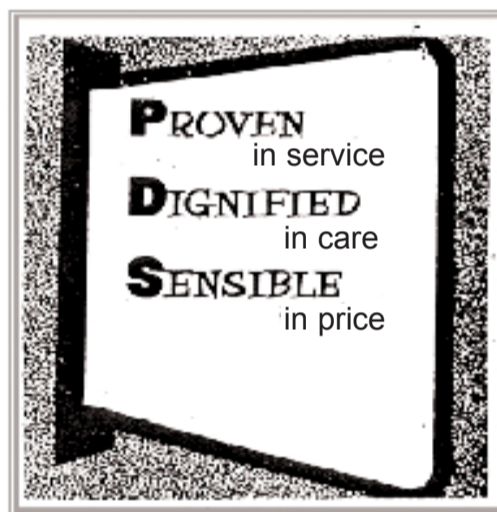
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New Hanover County

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;

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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. On Sunday, September 3rd the church will hold their Men's Day at 5:00 p.m. The speaker will be Evangelist Ann Campbell. For more information call 910-200-4648.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, August 27th at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be the Reverend John Stevenson and congregation of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Kelly, NC.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church ushers and greeters will be jointly celebrating their anniversary on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Baldwin Branch is located at 40417 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

Brunswick County

Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Zion will hold their 143rd Homecoming on Sunday, August 27th. the evening guest at 3:00 p.m. will be Rev. Henry Gregory along with St. Andrew A.M.E. Zion of Wilmington, NC.

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Signs of His coming: Hatred of the Saints

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

Hate - Intense Hostility
"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." Matthew 24:9b,10
"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." John 15:18

Jesus taught his disciples, the reality of serving him in the last days, and enlightened them about the signs of his coming. Suffering for Christ is one of the conditions of the last days. Hatred and persecution are on the list of things that the Saints will have to suffer while in this world. Jesus forewarned his disciples of what was to come their way because they carried his name in their hearts and called upon his name with their lips.

Even now, the name of Jesus is an offense to many. This is nothing strange, for it was so in the beginning, when the disciples began to preach the Gospel of Jesus

Christ with so much power that signs and wonders followed them. The sick were healed, souls were saved, the lame were made to walk, and yet this was still an offense to some. The disciples were even threatened and beaten, and warned not to preach in the Name



Sylvia Hooper

of Jesus, because his great name was so powerful. For His name's sake, his disciples were and still are hated.

There is a reason, that no other name is feared and hated, as the name of Jesus! Phillipians 2:9 - 11 says, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Spiritual blindness causes men to hate one another. Jesus taught his disciples to return good for evil. "Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it." I Cor.

4:12B "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you." Luke 6:27 Hatred is indeed, an enemy of the soul, and is condemned by Christ for this reason. There is no room for hatred in the heart of a Christian disciple. This is why so many millions of people have come to embrace the Christian faith. God has forgiven us of all our hateful ways, so we have no reason to hate anyone else. As God has forgiven us, we must forgive others, and pray for strength to walk in obedience to the lord's command.

When you have a Christian spirit, you must never allow hatred to find a room in your heart. It is a challenge to do this, when you are treated in a hateful manner. Truthfully, it is not always as easy as it sounds. Fact is, it is not easy, but it is worth it!!! We can do all things through Christ that strengthened us. Yes, we will be hated, for His name's sake, but we do not hate in return.

Romans 12:17-21 sums it up quite well. "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Prayer: Father I pray that you will touch my heart and deliver me from the spirit of hatred. Keep me with a mind to obey your Word in spite of how I feel. Help me to do what is pleasing in your sight. Help me to live so you can use me. In Jesus's Name I pray. Amen." Tell Somebody!!

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

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

Making racism bad for business

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In 2015, CNN reported that 49 percent of Americans thought that racism was a big problem in the United States. Not surprisingly, people of color and whites had significantly differing views regarding the subject. 66 percent of Blacks and 64 percent of Hispanics



Dr. E. Faye Williams

thought that racism was a big problem, while only 43 percent of whites saw it that way.

In reflection, two thoughts come to mind. The first - the oppressor and the oppressed rarely see oppression in the same light. The second - logic and deduction suggest that, with the events of the past several years, the percentages of the population considering racism as a big problem have increased. The recent circumstances of Charlottesville, VA seem to support my second assumption.

Sadly, the person who most Americans have come to

expect to shepherd our nation through situations of racial strife and division (the President of the United States) has proven himself impotent in the matter and incapable of making cogent decisions regarding the nature of human/race relations. Although I consider him completely lacking, I won't attempt to debate #45's general fitness for office. I will, however, state that I unequivocally consider him completely unfit to render reasoned judgment in race-based matters.

We're reminded that Maya Angelou stated, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time." #45 has given us an ample number of opportunities to assess who he is:

In 1973, the Trump organization was charged with Federal housing discrimination. In 1989, when five Black and Latino youth were coerced into admitting rape, #45 was conspicuous in his condemnation. In 2016, after DNA testing exonerated them, #45 still called for their execution. And then there was the seven-year 'Birther' attack on President Obama. Few details remain undisclosed about that except that

it provides great insight into the racial animus inherent in #45. That's why, when #45 tried to justify the actions of the KKK, neo-Nazis and Alt-Right in Charlottesville, I was not surprised.

What surprised me was the swift, almost immediate resignation of Merck CEO, Ken Frazier, from #45's Manufacturing Jobs Initiative Council. His bold and principled resignation demonstrated his refusal to turn a blind eye to racism and hatred, and led to further CEO defections. This ultimately led to dissolution of both the Manufacturing Jobs Initiative and Strategy and Policy Forum. This series of events was a catastrophic defeat for #45's administration, political agenda and, more importantly, his fragile ego.

Although I will not question the altruism of Mr. Frazier's decision or those of any of the other CEOs, one lesson is clear: Racism and hatred are not good for business. They may satisfy the needs and ignorance of small, petty minds, but are counter-productive in business.

Collectively, the annual buying power of Blacks and Hispanics exceeds 3 TRILLION

Dollars, and this does not include any of the other groups targeted by the hate groups in Charlottesville. The facts of OUR economic power does not go unnoticed to business or stockholders. Legitimate business leaders recognize that their businesses cannot thrive in an environment that supports discrimination and division. Moreover, they realize that violence and the lack of social order are destructive to their businesses and our nation's future.

The greater lesson taught by this experience is that OUR DOLLARS MATTER. Next to our votes, our dollars matter most. Our challenge is learning how to best leverage political, public or corporate opinion and action with our economic power. You've heard it before, but it's worth repeating - we must support those businesses that support our interests AND we must let them know why we support them. While not solving all of the social ills we face, our effective control of our resources will take us a long way in that direction.

Dr. E. Faye Williams, President of the National Congress of Black Women. 202/678-6788. www.nationalcongressbw.org.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church-Women to hold annual Women's Day Service

All are welcome to join St. Mark's Episcopal Church-Women in their celebration of Women's Day on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with Ms. Sabrina Hill-Black, Principal of D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy guest speaker.

A quote from Ms. Black biography, "To teach is to use talents, skills, and abilities to reach into the minds of our students and encourage them to be powerful leaders of tomorrow. While each child is unique, educators embrace their individuality and encourage them to become EMPOWERED through learning. While we continue to embrace 21st century learn-



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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**

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This the 8th day of August, 2017

Marie D. Kinney, Executrix
800 Branchwood Dr.
Kernersville, NC 27284

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
17 E 1107
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF:
FLORIS YOLANDA MITCHELL
Decedent.**

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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
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-332-0721 xt 4

August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2017

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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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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

The undersigned having qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of **James Gerald Murray**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Donna E. Johnson, Personal Representative, at the address set out 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

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

Mike Kozlosky
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August 24, 2017

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested MBE & WBE certified firms for the Town of Duck- Fall 2017 Multipurpose Path Improvement Project bidding on 9/7/17. There will be pre-bid conference at 3:00PM on Monday 8/28/17 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Signed, Disgruntled co-worker

Dear Disgruntled,
It is what it is; don't make a fuss. I promise you, you'll have your day. This happens all the time, and leads to one of two scenarios.

No. 1: This situation will come up again and they'll look to him to lead the team.
No. 2: Questions will be asked and they'll look to him for answers. What I would do is better prepare myself. From now on, after making suggestions during a team meeting, you should come out and send an email reiterating what you said. That's right, add some "Loco" to your "Motion," so you'll be heard and seen the next go-round, otherwise you'll look petty. This game is played all day, every day from corpo-

rate America to the family owned drugstore on Main Street.

To ease your pain, I'll tell you what my mama use to tell me: "God, don't like ugly." LOL. So trust me, your time will come. I like the Michelle Obama quote: "When they go low, we go high." That's a good one, keep that tucked in your back pocket.

No doubt, on the back end of this two-faced co-worker coup, I can't stress enough the importance of you taking the high road and continuing to be the best you can be. I know it doesn't always look like it, but hard work and determination never goes unrewarded. Believe you me, managers and supervisors are always eyeballing, watching when you least expect it. They know who's doing what and what's doing who.

Truth is, we all strive for kudos, compliments, fist bumps and high fives, accompanying a big thanks from the boss. When that doesn't happen, it's cool. What I've found on the other side of 50 is, I was rewarded more when I didn't get a pat on the back, no acknowledgement at all. It always worked out in the end. I've experienced and learned a conference room full of cheers is fleeting; it's my confidence, fortitude and purpose that matters most. Those qualities will never leave you; they'll always propel you to achieve your highest goals.

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

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