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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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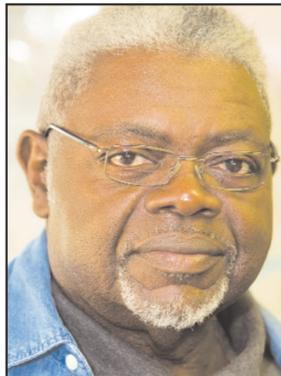
Conyers resigns from Congress calling for "complete disclosure" of records on sexual harassment



CBC CHAIR CEDRIC RICHMOND

CBC members met with FBI director Christopher Wray about the FBI's controversial "Black identity extremists" report.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

Bernest Hewett is on vacation and reminds all "to remember the reason for the season".

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FIFTY CENTS

AFRICAN-AMERICANS TAKE THE REINS OF LEADERSHIP IN NORTH CAROLINA

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If the local elections of November 2017 in North Carolina will be remembered for anything in history, it will be for the number of African-Americans who were elected to positions of leadership in at least three cities, and the county commission of the State's capital county.

Three of the four newly elected Black officials were sworn in Monday night in their respective cities and counties. Their victories are generally being seen as a significant step forward for African-Americans state-wide.



CHARLOTTE MAYOR VI LYLES

If there is a perceived "star" in the group, it is



KINSTON MAYOR DONTARIO HARDY

Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles, the first African-American woman to lead the Queen City in its history.



FAYETTEVILLE MAYOR MITCH COVIN

best mayor to create opportunity for all of us," Mayor Lyles told a packed City Council chamber moments after she took the oath of

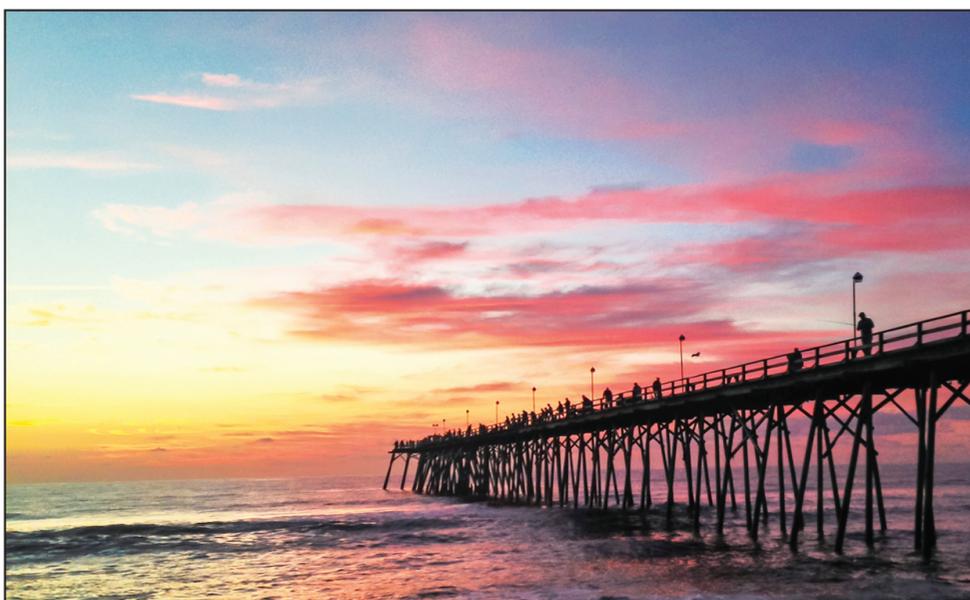


WAKE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR JESSICA HOLMES

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"MY LORD WHAT A MORNING"



KURE BEACH PIER

PHOTOGRAPHY OF VENITA JENKINS

Upperman Center hosts silent auction to support students

BY ANDREA WEAVER OF UNCW OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

The Upperman African American Cultural Center will host a silent auction on Monday, Dec. 11 to raise funds for the Upperman Trust to support students.

The auction begins at 6 p.m. in the Upperman Center. Proceeds from the auction will help provide funding for an alternative spring break through the Gullah coastal region. The center will auction photos from an exhibit that has been on display at the Upperman Center since August.

The exhibit showcases the photography talent of Venita Jenkins, a content and communications specialist in the UNCW Office of University Relations. She captured the dynamic, colorful sunrises presented in "My Lord, What a Morning!" along the coastline and waterways of New Hanover County, which is a part of the Gullah Geechee corridor. The exhibit serves as the introduction to the Upperman Center's theme for the



VENITA JENKINS

year, "A People by the Sea." Jenkins donated her images to the Upperman Center for inclusion in the auction.

Jenkins, a passionate amateur photographer, hopes the exhibit encourages viewers to see each day through a lens of opportunity.

"Sunrises mark the beginning of a new day, and they symbolize the gift of new possibilities," she said. "Yesterday may not have gone as you planned, but now you have a whole new day to try again."



PHOTOGRAPHY OF VENITA JENKINS TRAILS END



CASH MICHAELS PHOTO NC NAACP Pres. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, at a Nov. 27th press conference surrounded by ministers and officers of the NCNAACP State Conference.

Governor, GOP legislative leaders not responding to NCNAACP invite to meet

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It has been a week since The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the NCNAACP, sent a Nov. 27 letter to Gov. Roy Cooper, Speaker of the NC House Tim Moore, Pres. Pro tem of the NC Senate, Phil Berger, and NC Chief Justice Mark Martin, requesting a meeting to discuss "...seeking new approaches to overhaul the criminal justice system....and explore other issues our members are concerned about."

"Today, while our Nation and State are in the midst of great political turbulence, caused at least in part by racist voting and criminal justice policies and practices, there is a great need for honest political leaders to speak directly with each other and listen carefully across the table of civility," Dr. Spearman wrote.

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Bishop Barber calls for a "Moral Revival" for the poor

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Bishop William J. Barber, President, Repairers of the Breach, a national social justice organization, and Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival, announced Monday that, for 40 days, starting on Mother's Day,

May 13, 2018, there will be "...a season of direct action civil disobedience and voter registration power building...."

NIMRODed people, moral leaders, academics and advocates must build a coura-

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FUSION FILMS PHOTO BISHOP WILLIAM BARBER, SURROUNDED BY FELLOW SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVISTS AND SUPPORTERS.



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There's little doubt that Lyles comes to the job prepared and ready. She's spent the most of the last 30 years working in the City's budget office, also serving as an assistant budget manager.

"I'm anxious to serve as your instrument of change," the new mayor told those gathered Monday evening.

In Kinston, not only did cit-

izens in November vote to elect a new African-American mayor, but remarkably voted in an all-African-American City Council.

On Monday night, new Kinston mayor, Dontario Hardy, was sworn-in by NC Associate Supreme Court Justice Cheri Beasley, along with the rest of the six-member Kinston City Council.

"I stand before you, filled with great joy, and as a beneficiary of the vote of the people," Mayor Hardy told yet another packed City Council room.

"I stand here today to say, as mayor, I am more than your leader. I'm your leader with a servant's heart," Hardy, whose

November upset of veteran popular incumbent, Mayor B. J. Murphy, was a true surprise, added.

Hardy is the second Black mayor in Kinston's history. Johnnie Mosley was the first, serving two terms in the early 2000's.

The third Black NC mayor who was elected last November, Fayetteville City Councilman Mitch Colvin, will be sworn in next council meeting. Monday night, Colvin watched as his colleagues bade farewell to outgoing Mayor Nat Robertson, who gave keys to the city to council members with whom he served, and wished Colvin, who defeated him, well.

Mayor-elect Colvin, in turn, gave Mayor Robertson a key to the city.

"We have had our differences publicly and privately, but for the most part, we knew our intentions were the same and that was what was in the best interest of the city," Colvin told Robertson, as the audience applauded.

Finally, a year ago, she actually resigned from the Wake County Board of Commissioners, frustrated with the lack of board progress on issues she felt were important to the citizenry. A day later, supporters convinced her to rescind her resignation.

Monday night, Wake

Commissioner Jessica Holmes was unanimously elected by her colleagues as the new chairwoman of the board for the next year. Nominated by the outgoing chair, Sig Hutchinson, who will now serve as her vice chairman, Holmes becomes the youngest African-American woman ever to chair the Wake County Board of Commissioners and only the fourth to ever serve.

"Sometimes leaders lead from the front, and sometimes leaders lift up other leaders," the Pender County native and UNC - Chapel Hill Law School alumna said. "I thank you for that opportunity today to lead this board."

NCNAACP

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Collectively addressing them as the "...leaders of three co-equal branches of NC government," Dr. Spearman did give them until Dec. 15 to either call the NCNAACP office or contact him to respond "if you are open to such discussions..." but as of Dec. 5, according to Spearman, it's been crickets. None of the principals have replied.

Apparently, neither the governor, House speaker,

Senate president pro tem nor the chief justice of the NC Supreme Court, wants any part of a sit-down meeting with the NCNAACP. On the same day of Dr. Spearman's press conference, announcing his willingness to meet and releasing the letter he wrote to them, this reporter sent an email to everyone except Chief Justice Martin, asking if they would be willing to meet with the NCNAACP to discuss serious issues affecting the community.

They had until Friday, Dec. 1, to respond to the press request, but thus far, as with

the NCNAACP, nothing has come by way of a response.

What the new NCNAACP president is asking for is not unusual. On the national level, presidents, both Democrats and Republicans, have been meeting with civil rights leaders for decades. President Kennedy met with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Whitney M. Young, of the NAACP, and other Black leaders of the 60's civil rights leadership. So did President Lyndon B. Johnson.

On the Republican side, Dr. King met with President Dwight D. Eisenhower, while

President Richard M Nixon also took time to meet with Ralph D. Abernathy, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and other Black leaders.

On the State level, Gov. Jim Hunt met with various civil rights groups during his terms in office, including a group of ministers from the United Church of Christ, who were lobbying him in the late 1970's to pardon the Wilmington Ten.

So what Dr. Spearman, who is also President of the NC Council of Churches is asking for is not unheard of.

At his Nov. 27 press conference at the NCNAACP's new headquarters in Raleigh, Dr. Spearman was asked what will he do if Dec.15 comes and he still gets no answer from the "leaders of ...NC government."

"We are hopeful that we will get a response to our letter by the 15th of December, but...you can mark me by this, that if we do not receive anything, we are geared up to move forward, as we have been doing, to do rallies, whatever needs to be done, for such a time as this," Dr. Spearman vowed.

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geous, fusion long-term, agenda-based movement, rooted in nonviolent direct action and voter mobilization. We will stand for a third reconstruction."

Just back from an international conference at the Vatican in Rome Thanksgiving week, where the focus was on speaking out on issues affecting the poor and working poor, Bishop Barber also assured that the movement for which he's calling falls right in line with the message of Pope Francis.

"With fierce determination and revolutionary love, we commit to fill the legislatures of this land with a cry for love and justice. We are committing to put our bodies on the line to save democracy and reconstruct America."

Speaking from Washington, DC Monday, near the US Capitol, Dr. Barber, surrounded by supporters and fellow activists, went on to state that twenty-five states, including North Carolina, will be the focus of the nonviolent "direct action" against poverty, systematic racism, expenditures on war and ecological destruction.

Many observers liken the Moral Revival for which Dr. Barber is calling next year to the memorable Moral Monday demonstrations he led as President of the NCNAACP in 2013, when thousands of demonstrators from across North Carolina came to Raleigh to protest

what they felt were repressive policies from the Republican-led State legislature in 2013.

Approximately 1,000 demonstrators were arrested, but they ultimately inspired similar protests across the country, and as Dr. Barber recently found out during the Vatican conference, even around the world.

After twelve years, Barber stepped down from NCNAACP leadership in October, though he is still a member of the Executive Committee. As Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, Barber is now traveling the nation, recognized as a national civil rights leader, preparing for the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1968 Poor People's Campaign.

"And now, if anything, with the new [Trump] administration, we have seen extremism and policy violence towards the poor go on steroids," Bishop Barber said Monday. "Extremists who've hijacked the Republican Party are pushing tax cuts for the super rich at the expense of the poorest among us."

"The President continues to loudly pit us against one another while quietly deconstructing the government he swore to protect," Barber continued.

"This campaign is about America's hearing the cry of the poorest among us."

"Our problem isn't that we don't have enough money," Dr. Barber continued. "It's that we don't have the moral capacity to face what ails our democracy."

FAMILY OF HUNG BLACK TEEN FIGHT TO GET HIS BELONGINGS BACK

[BLADENBORO] The family of a black teenager whose body was found hanging from an outdoor swing set, which was investigated by federal authorities, but determined not to involve foul play, say they are getting the runaround from Bladen County authorities who apparently have not given back the teen's belongings. The teen, 17-year-old Lennon Lacy, was found dead in August of 2014. An attorney for Lacy's family says the Bladen County district attorney is not cooperating, but the DA counters that he's

asked for a list of the items to be returned, but so far the family has not complied. The attorney, Mohammad Shyllon, says a list isn't possible because only authorities know what Lennon was wearing when he was found hanging. At press time, the two sides were still at a stalemate.

UNC CENTER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS BREAKING AWAY FROM UNIVERSITY

[CHAPEL HILL] THE UNC Center for Civil Rights, founded by late civil rights attorney Julius Chambers, has decided to move away from the UNC System and operate independently in the aftermath of the all-Republican UNC Board of Governors halting its legal work, and the staff attorneys being terminated recently months ahead of schedule.

Attorneys Mark Dorosin and Elizabeth Haddix were terminated Nov. 30th. However, they have renamed the non-profit law firm after Chambers, and will continue to represent poor people, and accept law school interns.

NCNAACP BLASTS PASSAGE OF SENATE TAX BILL

[RALEIGH] The NCNAACP is pleased at all with passage of the Senate tax reform plan. "The bill is a scam and a sham," the civil rights organization said. "To reform something means to improve it. The bill improves the lives of the ultra-wealthy, and of the massive corporations who have funded the campaigns of many who occupy seats in the government. As has been proven by the current North Carolina Jim Crow supermajority legislature, when legislation is rushed through, "rammed through" as reported in the Washington Post, giving lawmakers and experts little or no time to review the contents, its results are devastating for The People-Of, By, and For whom the government exists. In the law, deliberately concealing facts is prima facie evidence of fraud." **COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS**



PHOTO COURTESY REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH
BISHOP WILLIAM BARBER LEADS A MARCH AT THE US CAPITOL MONDAY IN WASHINGTON, DC. BARBER ANNOUNCED A 40-DAY CAMPAIGN OF NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION TO COMMENCE IN MAY, 2018 TO PROTEST SYSTEMATIC RACISM AND POVERTY IN AMERICA.



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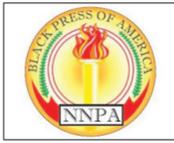
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GUEST EDITORIAL

CHILDWATCH

An abominable massacre of poor children's futures

The United States Congress and Trump Administration are engaged in a morally abominable massacre of the hopes, dreams and basic survival and development needs of millions of babies, children and youths in America - 13.2 million of whom are poor. Many are hungry, homeless, unequally educated, and denied the basic protections most privileged children and youths enjoy. Children of color - soon to be a majority of our child population - are disproportionately poor, at risk of dying and being denied the basic necessities of life. While a just nation would protect them, our Congressional leaders seem bent on hurting them as much as possible through massive budget cuts in survival programs including child health, nutrition and education investments. Why? In order to give massive tax cuts to billionaires, millionaires and powerful corporations at their expense and at the expense of every taxpayer as a result of the nearly \$1.5 trillion deficit hole they would create. Their morally reprehensible tax give away bill must be rejected and all of us must stand up and say no to these un-American and inhumane policies. I thank those who are protesting unjust tax and budget priorities and hope you will continue until our leaders come to their senses about what America stands for.



Marian W. Edelman

Just keep demanding that the rich and powerful should not be enriched more at the expense of the poor and powerless. *Oh God, I am not smart enough to debate monetary, fiscal, or budget policy with the Federal Reserve, the Treasury, or the Congressional Budget Office. But I know injustice when I see it. I know You told us when we give to the poor we lend to You. So when we take from the poor we steal from You.*

Help us to stand up courageously and without ceasing against unjust tax and budget policies at every level of government which increase benefits for those who have too much and decrease benefits for those who have too little. Help us to stand up for political choices that close the gap between the rich and poor and to stand up against choices which widen that gap.

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Ten Well-Paid Pathological Liars Om Our Payroll!!

There is rumor floating around Washington, DC about a young catholic priest, Fr. Job Paul Jude, who resigned/burned out after 45 weeks and took a job as a used car salesman. Fr. Jude was assigned to hear the weekly confessions of TRUMP, Mike Pence, Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell, Jared Kushner, General Michael Flynn, General John Kelly, Jeff Beauregard Sessions, Kellyanne Conway and Sarah Huckabee Sanders. If we all made an effort to register one progressive person each time those self-proclaimed "Christians" told a lie, we

would win the U.S. House and Senate back in 2018. Register, research and vote like your life depends on it, because it does!!!

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

I feel sad when I think about our education and what we as a People do not have that keeps us from wealth building and ways that it is done...

I was looking for a *Wall Street Journal* newspaper on some library selves and I have not found one in the neighborhood that I live. During my young days living in Harlem, I recall a Brother by the name of Mr. Sherman who owned a furniture store on 125th St. and he

had a ticker tape and other stock market and investor information right in a front area of his business, but most of our People did not show interest as we still do not.

Our children have no early on knowledge about financial literacy other than "sneakers cost a lot of money and being an athlete is the best route to success." Our leaders do not advocate for summer jobs in the investment firms and investment firms seldom offer these summer intern positions to our youth. Isn't there a need for having our youth really learn to understand how corporate America works against us until we learn that system to make Corporate America more responsive to our needs or will

we just go to many of the Corporate folks and ask for funds to develop respective programs and say that we are helping to prepare our youth to attend college so that they can work for those in Corporate America and not for themselves. Would learning about financial literacy help our People or is it too late? This is written not to say that or youth want to work in the world of fiance or even go to college, but shouldn't they know what Corporate America does or can do? Just asking.

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MATTERS OF OPINION

RAINBOW COALITION

The American plutocracy gets tts immoral tax bill

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

“I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep forever.” Thomas Jefferson said that about slavery, but he might well have been talking about what is now happening in Donald Trump’s



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Washington. Republicans are putting the finishing touches on a tax bill that takes from the poor to give to the rich. Then they plan to turn to savaging federal programs for the poor to make up for the deficits they’ve created.

Millions of vulnerable Americans will suffer for their greed and their folly. The tax bill — cobbled together in secret meetings without a public hearing, passed with hand-written amendments in the columns, legislators forced to vote without reading it — is simply a disgrace.

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, lower-income people will end paying \$5.3 billion more in taxes, while those earning \$1 million or more will

pay \$5.8 billion less. The Tax Policy Center reports that nearly the top 1 percent will pocket two-thirds of its tax breaks. Ten years from now, when all the measures kick in, those earning \$75,000 or less per year will end up paying on average more in taxes.

This is a brazen expression of money power, as the St. Louis Post-Dispatch put it, an example of American plutocracy — a government of the wealthy, by the wealthy, for the wealthy. The vulnerable will suffer the costs. An estimated 13 million will lose health insurance. Those workers who get their insurance in the state exchanges will be hit with 10 percent increases in rates or more. Graduate students will be faced with massive tax hits, as the bill taxes tuition that universities waive (money that the students have never seen). Ten million low-income parents will be stripped of the child tax credit.

This while the top one-tenth of 1 percent, who make over \$4.5 million a year, pocket an average tax cut of \$127,000. The plunder has become immoral. Now, the Republican Congress will turn to savaging programs for the poor to help pay for the tax cuts. Next “we’re going to go into welfare reform,” Donald Trump threatened at a rally last week. Sen. Marco

Rubio reassured business leaders not to worry about deficits; the next step will be “reducing spending.”

That will mean instituting structural changes to Social Security and Medicare for the future.” The House Republican Budget Resolution makes their priorities clear: It projects 40 percent cuts in programs for low- and moderate-income Americans by 2026. This includes cuts in Medicare, which will be turned into a voucher, losing value over time; more than \$1 trillion in cuts from traditional Medicaid; and 30 percent cuts in food stamps, leaving millions without food assistance.

Hit hard will be Pell Grants that help low-income students pay for college, child nutrition assistance for the very vulnerable and SSI benefits for the disabled and impoverished elderly. Domestic services — everything from education to transportation — will be cut. Spending on low-income programs is already as low as a percentage of the economy as it was in 1970. Trump, of course, pledged that he would not cut Social Security and Medicare during the campaign.

That pledge seems no longer operative. He promised a health care plan for “everyone.” Not true. He said

the rich would not benefit from the tax cuts. Not true. He said that he would not benefit. A lie. Republicans claim the tax cuts will produce growth and jobs. They claim the spending cuts will reduce deficits and help sustain growth. These are but excuses for the immoral. The moral calculus is clear: We will be judged, the Bible says, by how we treat “the least of these.”

In Isaiah 10:1-3, it is written: “Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless. What will you do on the day of reckoning, when disaster comes from afar? To whom will you run for help? Where will you leave your riches?” But politicians respond not to what is moral but to what is popular. What will be the reckoning at the polls? Will Americans fall for the smoke and distractions? Or will they vote in large numbers against those who impose this folly? Only a political reckoning will curb the damage that is being done to this country.

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

The Trump trick bag - Stacking the courts

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Two people reported to work at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on November 27, both expecting to lead the bureau. Leandra English, who had been chief of



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

staff to former Director Richard Cordray (he resigned before Thanksgiving to return to Ohio to run for governor), was appointed to the director position by her old boss. Simultaneously, 45 appointed Mick Mulvaney, head of the Office of Management and Budget, to hold the job. Reportedly, Mulvaney arrived at the office bright and early Monday morning, carrying a bag of donuts. Both Mulvaney and English sent memos to the entire staff asserting their leadership. Mulvaney rolled his sleeves up and got to work at an agency he had previously ridiculed. English headed to court to assert the right to her job.

Now, here comes the trick bag. Leandra English found herself in Judge Timothy

Kelly’s courtroom. The judge, in the US District Court, was appointed by 45. Is there any coincidence that English did not prevail in her suit? Mulvaney is right when he says that anyone who expected the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to operate the same way under 45 as it did under President Obama. “Elections have consequence,” he crowed. With that smug bragging, he illustrates why other relatively (I use the word advisedly) principled Republicans put up with 45 and his antics. While too many of us are focused on 45’s foolish antics, flippant verbal attacks, and downright dangerous international behavior, the “Buffoon-in-Chief” and the Senate are quietly packing the courts. 45 is moving faster than President Obama, Bush, Clinton, and Bush have, with as many as 200 positions already filled. Further, 45 is appointing younger and more conservative jurists than ever before. Kelley, for example, is in his late 40s.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was established by the Dodd Frank legislation of 2010, the Congressional reaction to the horrible abuses that banks engaged in to cause the Great

Recession. It regulates the rules relating to mortgages, credit cards, insurance, and other financial instruments. It is the only agency that stands in the gap for consumers, the only one that has the ability to stand up to banks and force them to be responsible. In its short existence, tens of millions of dollars have been returned to consumers, and thousands of bad actors have been outed on the CFPB web page.

The election of 45 put this agency’s integrity in jeopardy because his election was the triumph of predatory capitalism. While 45 swore he was for the working class, which was campaign mumbo-jumbo. Instead, he always planned to gut the agency that was unpopular with Congressional Republicans, and the preponderance of bankers in his cabinet certainly guarantees the agency’s destruction. But the court’s swift finding against Leandra English reminds us that we can expect to find the tenets of predatory capitalism and consumer exploitation to be upheld by these newly packed courts.

Court appointments have generated little attention. On at least one occasion, the American Bar Association has described a nominee as “unqualified”, something that

they rarely do. On another occasion a man who has a law degree but who has never tried a case was nominated as a judge. Really? Less than political patronage, 45 is systematically presiding over a massive ideological shift in our nation. It’s a trick bag, one that many did not anticipate.

Consumers who care about the protections we need against big banks and credit card companies need to write their elected representatives and urge them to strengthen the legislation that authorized the CFPB. And, progressive lawyers must pay more attention to these flawed judicial appointments that 45 is making. These are absolutely frightening times, with 45 running amok at the People’s House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. He is running amok, and his foolishness is guaranteed to generate commentary and revulsion. But we can’t be so absorbed by the foolishness that we ignore what he is doing with the courts.

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It's about the power

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Let's begin with the truth—something rare in Washington, DC. While Sexual Harassment/Assault may result in physical injury, it is almost certainly, damaging to the psyche of the victim. Most victims say that being the victim of Sexual Harassment is a life-altering experience.

Although some will debate this point, it's been determined that Sexual Harassment is not about sex. It's an exercise of power! In truth, I must say that perpetrators of Sexual Harassment can be either male or female, heterosexual or homosexual and that anyone can fall victim. As it happens, men are most frequently identified as perpetrators and women as victims. The most common element is a disparity in power - real or perceived. Often it's about physical power, but it can also be about the power to deny a benefit.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

If not before, by now, we all have an elementary understanding of Sexual Harassment, but how far must we look back to find a cause or reason for acts of Sexual Harassment? Going back, can we stop at the Women's Lib Movement? Or, can we begin our examination with the Suffragettes? Is it more correct for us to reach back to the Founding Fathers and inquire as to why women were not referenced in the Constitution and why the rights and privileges of citizenship were not conferred therein? Even white women had to fight for the right to vote, and the men preventing them from voting were their fathers, brothers, grandfathers, uncles, husbands, etc! Still many of these are men who are opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment for women!

While it's common to see the TV Talking Heads expressing shock and dismay related to the increasing reports of Sexual Harassment, I haven't heard one give, what I believe to be, an honest determination of cause. Most will agree that the acts signal a use of power, but I've heard none use the word CHATTEL.

Throughout the history of western civilization, women have held a subordinate social position to men. Until the 1940's, married women in America were assigned to work in the home. Although there was work for single women, they were encouraged to marry and take their place in the home. Accordingly, men assumed responsibility for household and family decisions, and for initiating sex. It was considered permissible, even required, for men to beat their wives "to show their love." Give me a break! This gender dominance carried over to the workplace and Sexual Harassment was the ultimate result.

Thus far, only very few have learned anything new with this reading. More than a historical perspective, we badly need a remedy. I'll offer my thoughts.

WE NEED CLARITY: In the heated environment of recent disclosures, it's been easy to assign the same degree of egregiousness to all acts of Sexual Harassment. I believe that each violation must be evaluated independently. Although examined in the light of Sexual Harassment,

Roy Moore's violation of juvenile females was more criminal in nature than others that have been reported. Verbally suggestive language can be Sexual Harassment, but injurious physical contact elevates the violation to another level.

WE NEED STANDARDS: As with the existing uniform structure between them, Federal, state and local governments should establish simplified uniform policies regarding the adjudication of complaints of Sexual Harassment. Private sector protections should be established under the EEOC or state provisions. When people know better, they're charged with doing better.

I have numerous nieces, sisters and female friends. I want them to have equal opportunity to work in any area they choose and feel that they can do so without fear of sexual harassment, sexual abuse or sexual discrimination. No one who prevents them from doing so should get a pass—not even #45.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES On using God's name in vain

It has been spectacular and disturbing to watch Roy Moore, Republican candidate for Senator in the state of Alabama, navigate and manipulate religion for his own purposes.

Moore, accused of sexual misconduct against at least nine women, some of whom were teens when the alleged assault, has taken to defending himself on "moral" grounds," saying that he represents "Christian values." God is against the policies and beliefs of "the liberals" and "the socialists," he says, and even challenged late night show host Jimmy Kimmel to a fight over "Christian values," a challenge Kimmel accepted with enthusiasm.

Some supporters are making him the victim, saying that he is being attacked because he is a Christian. It is a charge which is as sickening as it is inaccurate.

Whose Christian values is he representing? To what "Christ" is he referring?

What has happened in this country and all over the world since the time of Jesus' life here on earth is an appropriation of what Jesus stood for and taught. Wes Howard-Brook, in his book *Empire Baptized: How the Church Embraced What Jesus Rejected, 2nd-5th Centuries*, clearly argues that the "religion of empire," which the world practices for the most part today, was from the beginning different from the "religion of creation," which Jesus taught.

"Christianity" as we know it today, says Howard-Brook, a state religion, was "almost the exact opposite in nearly every respect from what Jesus had proclaimed and for which he was killed." Early Christian writers, including Origen and Clement and Tertullian, among others, "generated a Christianity that almost completely inverted the gospel of Jesus."

Evangelicals have had a history of using Christianity to sanction their cultural beliefs and desires. What Southern Christians, and Christians from the North as well, were most interested in was preserving their "way of doing things." White supremacist beliefs made them adhere to a belief in the rightness of segregation and discrimination against people of color. In the name of the Christianity which they practiced, they worked hard to preserve the "Closed Society" of the South. Blacks were not welcome and God, they said, made that clear in the Scriptures.

To go against those who believed in white supremacy, then was to go against God. Christian values included buy-in into racism, and indeed sexism. The Constitution protected wealthy, white, male Protestants. In the belief system of early American Christians, only those people were fully human; blacks, Native Americans, women and other non-white, non-Christians, were not fully human and therefore not eligible for freedom or dignity or respect.

That Roy Moore is acting like a victim is problematic, but the fact that he is couching his racism and sexism in a so-called adherence to "Christian values" crosses a boundary that has for too long been accepted.

God, the father/parent of us all, was not a bigot and neither was God's son, Jesus.

Jesus taught that all people were worthy of love and acceptance, forgiveness, grace and mercy. Moore has been using the language of the "religion of empire," as he has said that the enemy is the "Liberals," and the belief of too many in equal rights for LGBTG individuals, for Muslims and immigrants. He has vilified those whose beliefs are different than is and which seem, for the most part, more in line with the words found in the Gospel, as "the enemy."

He pushes a theology of separation, bigotry, sexism, xenophobia, Islamophobia and more. He is of the ilk who believe that "freedom of religion" only applies to Christians, since, he erroneously believes, Christians were the only religion in the land at the time of the writing of the Constitution.

His religion is cultural relativism, far removed from the words spoken by Jesus in the Gospel that says that those who love God must love, protect and take care of "the least of these."

In the name of Christianity, "Christian values" of many whites sought to justify segregation, calculating everything that happened "in this life to give advantage to white people and to saddle blacks with corresponding and unyielding disadvantages," said Carolyn Renee Dupont in her book, *Mississippi Praying: Southern White Evangelicals and the Civil Rights Movement, 1945-1975*. Religion then and religion now - specifically Christianity - was used and is still being used to engage in behavior which is a far departure from what Jesus taught and from what dignity for all would look like.

It is abominable that Moore is denying his alleged pedophilia by acting like a wronged man of God, and it is even more abominable that people are falling for the hype. In the Decalogue, it clearly states that we who believe in God are not to use God's name in vain. My mother would say that any time one lies about someone - or lies on or about God - that that person is using another's name in vain, or in the case of manipulating God's words for our own purposes, using God's name in vain.

Roy Moore is an insult to decency; this Congress and the evangelical Christian community are an insult to decency as well. The God of us all must be weeping as this masquerade goes on, threatening to cast this country deeper into a maelstrom of destruction in which it is now swirling.

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Rev. Susan K. Smith

CASH IN THE APPLE TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF (PART 2)

Last week I shared part of a long Facebook testimony I gave on how I've combined my renewed faith in GOD, with increased physical activity (working out at the gym at least six times a week, 45 minute each day), and a much better, thoughtful diet (no breads, only fruit for my sweet tooth, no cakes or pies or candies), no soft drinks or ice cream) consisting of fresh Romaine lettuce salads with either fish or chicken for protein, fruit smoothies, and lots of water.



Cash Michaels

As a result, I've lost over 50 lbs in the past five months, I feel better, work better, and behave better.

And because my faith in GOD has been renewed, I'm compelled to share the blessings GOD has given me after having a stroke three years ago, being diagnosed with leukemia last year, and also suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure.

Today, I look and feel ten years younger than I am (and

I'll be 62 in four weeks).

So, here's Part Two of my testimony, and hopefully you'll find something in it help your rescue not only your health, but your spirit, too!

Earlier today as I was preparing to go to the gym for my daily workout, a biblical phrase kept ringing in my head.

(I'm paraphrasing) "your body is a temple."

To me, this means that our bodies, the living, breathing, heart-beating, blood-flowing shells our human spirits live and work in, are temples for GOD, and specifically the Holy Spirit to live in. Thus, they are NOT meant for us to abuse in anyway.

And yet, we ALL do, because our temples (bodies) are also where our hopes, hurts, dreams, sadness, joy, ambitions, love, pain...pain...PAIN...also reside.

So, in reaction to ALL of that which resides in us, and more, we either consciously, or unconsciously, abuse ourselves, assuming that we can handle it, and will still live to see another day.

It's only after we learn that we have high blood pressure, or diabetes, or a heart attack, or even cancer, that we real-

ize that we've gone too far...and all of a sudden, our temples have a shorter expiration date stamped on them than GOD originally planned.

That's our fault...PERIOD!

So what do many of us do? We go on diets to lose weight. But some us still keep smoking, or drinking "just a little" we tell ourselves, because after all, you "have to have a little vice, a little 'fun,' right?"

You see, we've equated slowly but surely destroying our bodies (temples) with harmless "fun," when in fact the person we're hurting IS OURSELVES, and ultimately the people who love us, but now have to stop their lives to help us return to normal after we spent time in the hospital, rehab, etc.

In my life (yeah, I'm going to switch to beating up on myself now, because I know THAT better than anything else), I was an emotional eater...which is another way of saying I was an addict. Cakes, pies, fried foods, big slices of beef, gallons of sugary soft drinks, sugar, sugar, sugar...that was me, because THAT kind of food became my "friend." I knew instinctively that I could find comfort in that stuff, that it would NEVER say "no" to me. I was

ALWAYS welcomed into my freezer to eat some ice cream, and join with that some cream soda and a slice of cherry pie slightly warmed!

Let me sit down at the table...or worse yet, in front to the TV set, with all of that in front of me, and I...WAS...IN...HEAVEN! Didn't care about the aftermath, or what that kind of destructive eating would ultimately cost me...I was IN THE MOMENT, and that's all that mattered.

And I artfully justified it...dealing with stress, problems, anger, fear, anxiety, fractured love, tension...whatever. Bad food was emotional "medicine," I thought, and it was my own, personal way of coping, so "mind your own damn business!"

Yeah, but eventually, "...my own damn business" became very SERIOUS business.

[LEARNING SOMETHING SO FAR? GOOD. THEN COME BACK FOR PART THREE NEXT WEEK]

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The Christmas gift of no more tears

"I saw the helpless Cherokee arrested and dragged from their homes, and driven at bayonet point...The sufferings of the Cherokees were awful, the trail of the exiles was a trail of death."

So wrote Private John Burnett, one of 7,000 soldiers accompanying the 16,000 Cherokee Indians



Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley

on their forced march from the southeastern United States to the eastern half of Oklahoma designated Indian Territory. "Nun-na daul Isunyi" the Cherokee called it, "the trail where they cried," the Trail of Tears.

From May 1838 to March 1839 an estimated 4,000 died on that journey. My maternal grandfather, born in 1890 in Indian Territory, grew up with aged relatives who made that forced march, one of whom bore the scar of an impatient soldier's bayonet because she wasn't walking fast enough.

What Private Burnett didn't mention in his diary was the presence of some 2,000 African slaves owned by Cherokee who also endured this harsh and merciless walk, whose descendants are today known as the Cherokee Freedmen.

Thus theirs is a collective history and a shared tragedy, the tears of African slaves and Cherokee Indians indistin-

guishable in composition and cause. For the Cherokee it was a new and unknown experience of removal and relocation, but for their African slaves it was a repeat of their own history of the Middle Passage from Africa to America marked by tears of grief, fear and pain of multiple kinds.

Very few records exist of the Middle Passage from the experience of a slave, but one, written by Olaudah Equino, a Nigerian transported to Virginia in the 18th century, gives us a glimpse into that tear-stained journey:

"I was soon put under the decks, and here I received such a salutation in my nostrils as I had never experienced in my life: so that, with the loathsomeness of the stench, and crying together, I became so sick and low that I was not able to eat."

The Cherokees, the most Christianized of all Native American tribes, sang hymns on their 'Trail of Tears'. One sung more than any other was written by John Newton, who until his conversion to Christ made his living transporting human cargo from the coast of West Africa to feed the slave trade. The most familiar and popular hymn in the English speaking world today, *Amazing Grace* came from the pen of a man responsible for the shedding of countless tears of those transported and those left behind.

While conveying a message about a personal, life-changing

experience with God's amazing grace, one verse in particular testified for both Cherokees and their African slaves to a shared faith in God's grace as both a saving grace and a keeping grace on their horrific journey of removal and relocation.

Thru many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home

While none of us have endured the Trail of Tears or the Middle Passage, there is a trail of tears that runs through every life, tears shed over the loss of a loved one, tears shed over a family member destroying themselves through wrong choices, tears shed over marriages that have known betrayal and failure, tears over chronic illnesses and pain, tears over what others have done to us and tears over what we have done to ourselves. No one escapes the shedding of tears.

The Christmas narratives in Scripture conclude with an oft neglected portion involving the Wise Men - and tears. Being warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod who wanted to know where this new born King could be found, they returned home by another route. Enraged, Herod ordered the slaughter of all baby boys up to two years of age, a direct response to the manger scene of that first Christmas, fulfilling a painful prophecy from Jeremiah:

"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning,

Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

And so today Christmas is a time of looking backward and remembering those who 'are no more' and tears are shed. But it is also when we look forward to a time when, in the words of the prophet Isaiah often read during Advent, "The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces."

It is a trustworthy promise from God's trustworthy Word in the Book of Revelation, a promise which will touch all human tears, from the tears of the mothers of Ramah to the tears of the millions traversing the Middle Passage to those on the Trail of Tears to our own tears from our past to our present, that as we celebrate His first Advent someday earth will experience the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, and then it will be that "God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away," God's Christmas gift of no more tears.

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



SAMUEL CORNISH AND JOHN RUSSWORM, FOUNDERS

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

New Hanover County

Community Conversation For Cervical Cancer Prevention will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 10 am - 11:30 am at 801 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Guest Speaker: Dr. Lucybeth Nieves-Arriba, MD, MPH. Join Us In Talking About and the Importance of:
" Cervical Cancer Screens
" Cervical Cancer Facts & Myths
" Vaccines

" The Role Parents Play in Preventing Illnesses
Community Members are encouraged to attend! Refreshments will be served! No Cost to Attend; For more Information Please contact: E. Bryant at 910-408-2511.

Free Community Kwanzaa Expo Empowering Black Entrepreneurs and Black Owners, A recurrent event scheduled December 26 thru January 1, 2018, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm nightly, at Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Drive, Wilmington, NC. Save the date! Ujamma (oo-jah-mah) the fourth Kwanzaa principle, to build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together. For Your Table, Pre-Registration Required By December 15, 2017, Contact spellerislah@yahoo.com or call (910) 795-8597.

The New Hanover NAACP will hold its Winter Meeting Thursday, December 14th 6 to 8 pm at Mt. Olive AME Church, 1007 Wright Street, Wilmington. The meeting will include a review of 2017 and plans for 2018, followed by a fellowship potluck dinner. Members and friends are invited to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

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

Brunswick County will begin accepting applications for LIEAP, the annual energy assistance program, from adults who are at least 60 years old or disabled on Dec. 1. Applications will be accepted at Social Services Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at Brunswick County Senior Centers (specific dates and times are below). Beginning Jan. 2, anyone may apply for LIEAP funds, regardless of age or disability.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Old memories of traveling

My first memories of traveling by Greyhound Bus Lines go back to the year of 1947, when I experienced my first trip from Wilmington, North Carolina to Swedesboro, New Jersey. I remember that I had to have my ticket ready, and my luggage was securely stored in the proper place for safety reasons.



Verniece Stanley

I can remember that the bus made stops all along the way to discharge some passengers and take on others and to exchange drivers. Since the trip took several hours, I took the opportunity to sleep "on and off."

I traveled with one of my aunts, who, even though those were days of hardship, was a person of strong faith that brought much hope. She felt we would be successful in finding work on the asparagus farms and peach orchard/plantations. We needed the money to buy food and

other necessities, as well as to save to help us return to North Carolina. This was an experience I will remember for a long time.

There is another trip which I will long remember. This was the first trip I ever took to Baltimore, Maryland. This trip was also made by bus, and I recall it with fondness. I remember the smile I had on my face as I traveled. I remember looking the crowd over, and other Blacks who were also headed to where they believed they would find better life with greater opportunities. It was easy to reach out to those around us and be friendly to those with whom we came into contact. I was excited to be able to pass the time of day with those sitting near me on the bus.

I remember that the bus stopped at a bus station in Richmond, Virginia, and, in that bus station, there were homeless persons, trying to keep warm. It made a great impression on me as I watched a night watchman putting these homeless persons out into the cold. I thought to myself how great it would be if there were help available for these people.

When I arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, I was greeted by the Bostic family. They made sure I was made comfortable and was afforded the proper rest. They also made sure that I attended religious services and engaged in religious activities at First Christian Community Baptist church. It was here where I was always greeted and embraced with lots of love. We enjoyed going shopping, bowling, and spending time with young people. It was a plus for young people to have good, respectful, and respectable behavior, especially in the Bostic family. Good behavior is a trait which has run through all the generations of the family and continues to grow. The seed has been planted by the earliest generations and been cultivated by the generations which have followed.

Eventually, I was excited to be able to travel to Trenton, New Jersey, where I learned to love like home. It was a less-than-three-hour trip from Baltimore, and, while in Trenton, I was privileged to be involved with a special program to assist low income families and homeless people.

It was sponsored by the Jerusalem Baptist Church in Trenton, New Jersey.

When I left Trenton, New Jersey, I was glad to return home to Bolivia, North Carolina. When I think of folks I met while in other places, particularly senior citizens, I am reminded how much they are really like my friends at home. It's good to know that, wherever we travel, warm, close friendships can always be a part of our lives.

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.

New Hanover County students receive access to public library resources

NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC – New Hanover County (NHC) Public Library and New Hanover County Schools (NHCS) have partnered on a new initiative called CLASS Project (Connecting Libraries and Schools for Success). Starting December 1, 2017, CLASS Project will provide more than 26,000 public school students with virtual library cards to enable easy access to library resources

from home, school, and any NHC Public Library branch.

"This is a first for New Hanover County, and is a great collaboration between the public library and school system," said County Manager Chris Coudriet. "CLASS Project will give students greater access to early literacy opportunities, provide free educational resources, and promote the progress of knowledge, bene-

fitting students in pre-k all the way through high school."

"This new initiative will assist the district in meeting our goals with students' academic achievement and expanding their access to some excellent educational materials. We are excited about our students having these additional resources through this partnership between the NHC Public Library and NHCS,"

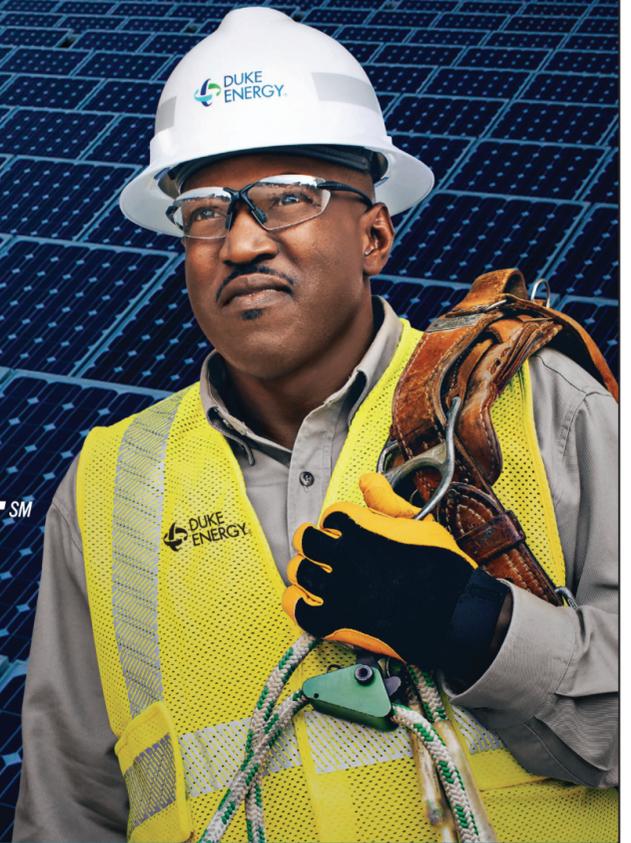
Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley said.

Students enrolled in NHCS will automatically have public library accounts issued using their NHCS student ID numbers beginning December 1, 2017, allowing them to connect to the library's website to access over 100 databases and eResources, and borrow up to two books, audiobooks, or magazines at a time.

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Mr. Thomas Travis Mitchell

Thomas Travis "Tommy" Mitchell, the son of Alice Mitchell Newton and George A. Mitchell, and his "bonus parent" Leroy L. Newton, was born on November 6, 1951 in Wilmington, North Carolina. On Wednesday, November 22, 2017, Tommy answered the call to "Come with me" at Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, North Carolina. Until his death, Tommy resided at The Village Lighthouse Center; Jacksonville, North Carolina, where he was well-liked and where he received special care from Monica Chapman and the staff.

During his younger life, Tommy was employed with several construction companies as a handyman. Tommy attended Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church during his younger years under his mother's supervision.

Tommy was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Arthur A. Wade and L. Lawrence Newton, Jr.; his sister, Emellen M. Harris; his grandmother, Betsy L. Moore; his brothers-in-law, Willie Duncan and Riley Harris.

Tommy leaves to fill the void of his love and legacy: his daughter, Tawanna (Tonya) A. Fennell; his grandchildren, Portia Grady, Darrin Daniels, Jr. and Devin Daniels; his sisters, Betty Jo Mitchell, Mary M. Irving (Edward), Betsy M. Smith (Anthony), and Patricia N. Duncan; his brother, A. Dwight Mitchell (Edna). Tommy's nieces and nephews will continue to remember him: Rita M. Holloway, Ryan K. Harris, Mitchell J. Irving (Nicola), Kenya M. Bullock, Shauna M. Gilchrist (Kevin), Travis R. Mitchell, Anthony M. Smith, Alan M. Smith, Monica Smith, Willie Duncan, Jr. (Janinah), ShaKia D. Murdock (Jimmy), his grandnieces and nephews, and lots and lots of cousins.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mr. Anthony Robinson

Mr. Anthony Robinson, aka Rick or Tony, was born December 1, 1957 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He entered into eternal rest on November 24, 2017. He was preceded in death by his son, Joshua Robinson.

Rick entered the US Air Force after graduating from New Hanover High School. He trained in Computer Technology in Omaha, Nebraska. He returned to North Carolina in 1980 and

moved to Durham, North Carolina where he was employed with Burroughs-Welcome, G.E. and Motorola. He was a member of New Life Christian Center in Durham, North Carolina. Many years later he traveled to Korea to work for Boeing on Apache Helicopters.

In 2012, Rick returned home to Wilmington, North Carolina after his health failed. He was an avid fisherman, artist, and musician. He excelled in computer animation which can still be viewed on his Facebook page. Rick is well known for his great sense of humor. He loved to tell stories that made people laugh.

He leaves to cherish his memory two children, Joyce Harris and Jason Robinson, three grandchildren, Cameron Robinson, Jalen Harris and Jaden Harris; parents Claude DeShields and Joyce DeShields; sisters Carol DeShields and Dianna McKenzie; aunts, Betty Lou Brown, Mary J. Graham and Fran DeShields; uncles Jeff Graham, Charles Graham and Calvin DeShields; special friends and family, Milton Brown, Arthur LeBoo, Starlin McKenzie and Prince LeBoo, numerous cousins, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Burial in Coastal Carolina Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, North Carolina. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Ms. Carol Ann Ripley

Carol A. Ripley was born August 30, 1936 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late George Ripley and Jessie Mae Hansley. She peacefully passed away surrounded by her family and friends on November 25, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Carol was a faithful member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Point, North Carolina, where her Pastor is the Rev. Raymond Hayes.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Larry Ripley, Calvin Walker and brother, James Ripley.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughter, Valerie Costin (Delton); two sisters, Lillian Ripley, Gloria Hansley. And sister-in-law, Mildred Ripley; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A funeral service was held on Friday, December 1, 2017 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Burial in Masonboro Sound Cemetery. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street,*

Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Ms. Arelia Smith Mitchell

On November 26, 2017, in his infinite Wisdom, God deemed it necessary to call his daughter into His Kingdom, Arelia Smith Mitchell, affectionately known as "Rita."

Arelia Smith Mitchell was born August 19, 1957, in Wilmington, North Carolina, to the late Olden Smith, Sr. and Willie Deloris Smith being the third oldest of her siblings. Arelia joined Holy Trinity United Holy Church at an early age she served on the usher board and was a faithful member for years until her health failed; she was also a member of the Shining Light Club, Choir, Sunday School Teacher and Mother of the church. She was educated in New Hanover County Schools, Class of 1975. She worked for New Hanover Memorial Hospital for 37 years until she retired. "Rita" as she was so lovingly known, was a very kind, loving, caring Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend who loved family. Arelia loved her family and friends dearly and never was stranger to anyone. She had so many lifelong friends (to many to mention) that loved her conversations on any topic that you can imagine, especially her favorite book, the "Holy Bible." Arelia was a very proud, intelligent, Christian, loving woman who loved people and would do anything for them.

She leaves to remember her great love and affection: her son, Antonio J. Smith; nine grandkids: Antonio J. Smith, Jr., Deanna Stewart, Omar Hooper, Tatyanna Spencer; Atlantis Beatty, Jasmine Austin, Miaya Smith, Mahogany Smith and Jaden Smith; sister: Antoinette Smith (David Smith); brothers: Olden Smith, Jr., Anthony Smith, and William Smith; a special niece: LaTaya Smith; three other nieces: Malynthia C. Smith, Kendra Smith, Kamela Smith; great nephew: Kejuan Smith; great nieces: DaQuana Nesbitt and Zionna Smith; great-great nieces: Marlie Bunlap, Khloe Stukes, Amara Smith, Azariah Days; great-great nephews: Joshua Austin, Jordan Smith; special friends; Jerry Mitchell, Lena Douglass, Linda Allen, Margaret Cuttino Harrison, Sherlyn Green Williams; a very special cousin: Cynthia B. Rush; two very special people (just like her daughters): Tameka Spencer and Sonia Smith; and a host of other family and friends.

A funeral service, was held at on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington,*

North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Jonathan Rogers

Jonathan Rogers Funeral services for Jonathan were held Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church. On November 21, 2017 Jonathan Rogers of Landau Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany transitioned to his final resting place in Wilmington, North Carolina while visiting his family.

Jonathan Rogers affectionately known as "Nathan" to his family and "Bullwinkle" to his friends was born January 28, 1946 to the late Ulysses Rogers and Easter Mae Rogers. He spent his childhood as a member of Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church where he served on the Junior Choir, Junior Usher Board, HYPU, and YPL. Nathan loved music and he developed his skill-set for singing while at Macedonia. As a teen, Nathan along with his 3 brothers and 2 friends formed a gospel quartet group, known as the "Sensational Six"; opening for several legendary groups including "The Mighty Clouds Of Joy", "The Violinaires", and "The Swan Silverstones". Nathan was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1965. While attending Williston Senior High, he was a vital member of the Varsity Football, Basketball and Track Teams. In 1965, shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the US Army. He did his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After Advanced Individual Training, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Nathan served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War and received the "Purple Heart Medal" due to wounds sustained in battle. Nathan was

stationed in Germany for many years. After retirement from the military, he decided to reside in Germany. This is where his musical career took off. He performed with Tom Woll and other musicians for more than forty years in Germany. He later sang with the "Gregor Hilden Band". Nathan's soulful voice attracted an International Fan Base. In addition to his parents, Nathan was preceded in death by his daughter; JoAnathan ShaVil Rogers and three siblings, Arnetta Rogers, Janie Rogers Murrill, and Ulysses Rogers, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories, seven children: Jonathan (Kim) Baldwin, of Middletown, CT, Debbie (Markeo) King of Hampton, VA, Jonathan (Aisha) Rogers, Jr. of Charlotte, NC, NaKischa (Adrian) Alexander of Parkton, NC, Johnny Rogers and Alexandra Lotz of Wiesbaden, Germany, and Leon Rogers of Anhausen, Germany; twelve grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four siblings, Ted (Mary) Rogers of Wilmington NC, Jerome (Joan) Rogers of

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In Memory Of



Catherine Spicer Starke
1934-2005

Cat,

We love and miss you.
Hannah, Lucille
and all the family

In Loving Memory Of Our Beloved Son/Brother



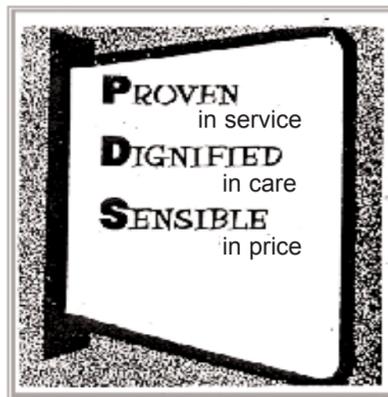
P.C.F. 1st Class John Edward Jacobs
December 4, 1947-
October 1, 1968
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Broken Chain

We knew little on that day.
That God was going to call your name,
You never said I'm leaving
and never say goodbye,
And only god knew why!
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone, for
part of us went with you
When God took you home.
A million times we cried for you,
If love alone could've saved you,
You would've never died,"
though we cannot see you,
precious
Memories lingers on in our hearts,
Our family chain has been broken.
But when God calls us one
by one the chain
Will link together again.

We miss you dearly,
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New Hanover County

Bowens Chapel AME Zion Church Inside Yard Sale - Inside Annex Building, Saturday, December 16, 2017 starting at 8 AM, 5826 Carolina Beach Road on the hill across from the zoo. Also the church will hold a Christmas Nativity presentation at 11:30 a.m. On Sunday, December 17th featuring "O Holy Night" solo by Lady Tianna. For more information contact Rev. Karen McCracken (910) 515-3288.



Religious Briefs

The Youth Ministry of Union Missionary Baptist Church will present "New Star" Christmas Play on Saturday, December 9th at 5:00pm. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Union is located at 2711 Princess Place Drive, 28405, telephone 910-763-3006.

Brunswick County

Mt. Carmel AME Church will hold their 1st Annual Yuletide Extravaganza on Saturday, December 9th, from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Brunswick Senior Center, 1513 N. Howe St. Suite 1, Southport, NC.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

41st Anniversary: It's time to go!

BY FANNIE ALLEN
AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was our 41st Anniversary Celebration! To God be the glory!

Our devotional part was opened with the song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by our wonderful choir, which was under the direction of George Hill. Prayer was offered by Sharon Pollock. Scripture was read by Margie Robinson. History was given by Deanetta Dixon. President Eloise Purdie brought greetings. "Down Through the Years" was then sung. A memorial tribute was presented by

Evelena Jennings and Thelma Gates. George Hill then introduced the speaker for the day, and "Blessed Assurance" was then sung.

The speaker was The Reverend Tony Mills, Pastor, Mt. Olive AME Church. His subject was "It's Time To Go!" It's time for us to go out in the world and spread the good news story of God. We need to shine with good works that are pleasing to God. Strive to be perfect. Put God first. Live one day at a time. Build upon a rock and not sand. All powers is in God's hands.

We are commanded to go. Wherever we go, we have to spread the gossip. Don't be

ashamed. Have a secret place. You have to know the Word to spread the Word. Don't be reluctant to serve God. Have you invited anyone to church, prayer meetings or just to hear a word from God. Each and every day, be observant. Watch and pay attention. God promised never to leave us alone. God said, "As I was with Moses, I am with you." He says to us today, "I will be with you always, even to the end of the world." There is power in His Word. After hearing such a powerful world from Reverend Tony Mills, we were blessed with a song, "No, Not One," by our wonderful choir. Thank you

to the messenger for his wonderful speech today. Remember, it's time to go out and spread the good news of God.

Presentations were given by Fannie Allen, Cherry Pearson, and the committee members. These were given to our honorees, 80 years of age and older. Gifts were given to all the callers of the groups. Thanks to all!

Closing prayer and grace were offered by The Reverend Tony Mills. Then it was time for the best part, EATING! We all had a fantastic time in the name of the Lord. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

TELL SOMEBODY

It all started with a gift! God manifested his great love for the world, by giving to the world a miraculous, and wonderful gift! This gift supercedes any other gift the world has ever known. This gift of love to a sinful and dying world, was given by God himself. He gave his only begotten Son, to save his people from their sins. This gift is so powerful, that whosoever believes in him, will not perish, but have everlasting life! This gift is the reason for the season. This gift



Sylvia Hooper

is in the person of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matthew 2:1,2

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

In the true spirit of Christmas, we should take note of how to celebrate the birth of our savior, by the way it was done in the beginning. First of

all, note how the wise men searched for the Lord until they found him. Each of us have the same opportunity to launch a personal search for the savior. The good news is, he can be found! Jeremiah 29:13 says, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

The wise men told the king they were looking for the new born king, so they could worship him. "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24. Psalm 95:6, "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker:"

After the wise men found Jesus, they fell down and worshipped him, opened their treasures, and gave gifts (presents) to him. They did not give presents to each other; they gave presents to Jesus!

How far have we drifted from that first Christmas! The world has commercialized Christmas to the point that it has become the season for giving gifts to one another, and not wanting to give glory to God for his wonderful Son. The Body of Christ, some 2000 years later; must not condescend to the way of the world, but should seize each and every opportunity to tell the "story" and give God the glory! And, if the world does not give God glory, the church should, can, and will!

What gift can we give the

Saviour to celebrate his birth? Do we present him gold, frankincense, or myrrh? What can we give him? What gift do we even have to offer a great King? What kind of present can we give to Jesus, that would give him glory, and honor? Romans 12:1 tells us exactly what to give him for his present. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, mar-

ried 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!

"The Gift"

OBITUARIES

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Hampton, VA, Gwendolyn Rogers and Emily Rogers both of Wilmington, NC, and Connie Armstrong of Durham, NC; brother-in-law, Durward Murrill, Sr. and sister-in-law, Sarah Rogers both of Wilmington, NC; one aunt, Olive Fulton of Detroit, MI; one uncle, James (Margaret) Rogers of Harrisburg, PA; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including a best friend, Brigitte Rogers; three special friends, Paul Richardson, Doc Spann, and Tom Woll and his fiancée, Claudia Schoyerer and her daughter Silvana of the home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Donald Ray Howard

Donald Ray Howard died November 22, 2017. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Bethel Holiness Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Elder Donald Ray Howard, affectionately known as "Uncle Donald", was born September 23, 1945, in Engelhard, NC to the late Harvey and Hazel Howard. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harvey, Jr. and Harvey; two sons, Donald Pratt and Michael Howard. He graduated high school in Engelhard, NC, then moved to Brooklyn, NY, where he met and married the love of his life, Pastor Eleanor Howard. While residing in Brooklyn, he worked as a carpenter and held several other occupations. His favorite past times were fishing with his wife and his best friend David Spicer and making loving memories with his family. Elder Howard moved his family to Wilmington, NC after several years in New York. Upon returning, he dedicated his life to the Lord, and became a member of Renewal Church if God in Christ. He was ordained a minister under the leadership of Apostle Billy Jacobs. While he worked with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department, he continued faithfully in the work of ministry. The Lord led Elder Howard and his wife to Bethel Holiness Church where they joined and remained faithful members. Throughout his ministry he allowed the light of his gifts of Elder, Sunday School Teacher, and Usher to shine into the lives of all who knew him, so they could glori-

fy God.

Elder Howard leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved wife of 50 years, Pastor Eleanor Howard; three sons, Ronny Cunningham (JoAnne) of Waldorf, MD, Darren Southerland and Wayne Howard both of Wilmington, NC; two daughters, Antwanice Lewis and Audrey Mays (Daryl) both of Wilmington, NC; three sisters, Betty Jordan of Wilmington, NC, Connie Coats and Dr. Carrie Williams both of Brooklyn, NY; two sisters-in-law, Frances Spicer Whitehead (Steve) and Sally Southerland all of Wilmington, NC; twelve grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including two special friends, Travis Spainhour and Kenneth Hooker. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ella Louise Hines Mack

Ella Louise Hines Mack died November 22, 2017. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Ella L. Mack, 65, died unexpectedly at home. She was born on January 25, 1952, in Darlington, South Carolina to the late Jessie and Willie Mae Hines. Ella was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1970. After graduation, she entered into the medical field and worked for many years at New Hanover Memorial Hospital. Ella leaves to cherish her memories: her soul mate, Mr. Carolina B. Mack; three beautiful daughters, Ella L. Hines and Eugenia Hines both of Wilmington, NC and Christel Mack-James (Frank) of Effingham, SC; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Barbara Jackson (PaPa) and one brother, Jessie J. Hines, Jr., all of Wilmington, NC; a special niece, Jeanette Hines; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including three special friends, Elder Patricia Hines; Gwendolyn McAllister and Eddie Butts. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jean Rogers Brown

Jean Rogers Brown died November 24, 2017. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 30, 2017

at St. Andrew AME Zion Church.

Known to some as "Jeanie Mae" and to others as "Aunt Jean", a beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend, Jean was born on February 2, 1950 to the late Willie James Rogers and Wilhelmena Montgomery Rogers. She was the fourth of five daughters. As a young child Jean and sisters happily joined St. Andrew AME Zion Church where she participated in all the youth activities. Jean later moved to Charlotte and became a faithful member of Little Rock AME Zion Church. She was a graduate of Williston Senior High School, Class of 1968. Jean matriculated to Winston-Salem State University and completed her Bachelor's Degree at Shaw University, Class of 1992. Jean retired from Bell South as a Service Representative. After retirement, Jean worked part-time at Wilmington Community Services Center. She had a marvelous volunteer spirit with the Mecklenburg Senior Citizens Center, Crisis Assistance Ministry and Women's Shelter for Battered Women. Jean had a passion for education and was an avid reader. Her personal library consisted of a collection of over 5,000 books. She enjoyed spending time with her sisters, friends and children. Everyone was drawn to her because of her sweet, caring, empathetic and gentle nature. She was deeply devoted to her children.

Jean leaves behind her loving and devoted mother, Mrs. Wilhelmena Rogers of Wilmington, NC; three loving sons, Jason Michael Brown (Ebony) of Durham, NC, George Royal Brown of Wilmington, NC and Joshua Ronald Brown of Hyattsville, MD; three wonderful grandchildren, Justin, Jaden and Laila; two lovely and dynamic sisters, Dr. Daisy Rogers Walker (Willie) of Charlotte, NC and Marjorie Rogers Williamson (Walter) of Wilmington, NC; one uncle, Earnest Gibson of Jacksonville, FL; four fabulous nieces, Joy Sumpter (James) of Charlotte, NC, Fernne Green and Felicia Jean Jones both of Wilmington, NC, Angela Delph of Mt. Holly, NC; four nephews, Dwayne Rogers of Wilmington, NC, SSGT Jerry McCoy of Colorado Springs, CO, Marcus McCoy of Wilmington, NC and William Pennick, Jr. of Charlotte, NC; one godchild, Aaliyah Nicole Jones of Wilmington, NC; several

grand-nieces and grand-nephews; life-long friendships, Hannah Ruff, Vanish Green, Judy Clark, Willis "Tommy" Bannerman, Lenora Willis, Linda Davis, Gail Richard, Tanya Hardy West and many others. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Margaret Louise Richardson

Margaret Louise Richardson died Sunday, November 26, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Holy Covenant United Holy Church.

Margaret was born November 19, 1936 in Leland, NC, to the late John Thomas and Bessie Thelma Bounsell. She was preceded in death by three daughters, Ella Mae Brown, Barbara Tucker and Margaret Denise Richardson and three brothers and four sisters. Margaret received Christ as her Savior at an early age. She was a member of Christian Chapel AME Zion Church, where she loved to play the piano, organ and sing. On April 20, 1951, she married Rev. James R. Richardson and with this union thirteen children were born.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Marion (Bobby) Smith, James (Melody) Richardson, Jr., Joanne Richardson (Calvin) Green, Johnny (Joyce) Richardson, Michael Richardson, Carl Richardson, Larry Richardson, Lena Richardson, Larry Richardson, Mary Lucille (Pearlie) Armstrong and John Thomas Richardson; two brothers, John Henry (Ethel) Bounsell and Foster Bounsell; two sisters, Odessa Stackhouse and Maryann (George) Merant; 37 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; special friends, Rev. Mary Palmore, Rev. Martha Ann Young and Lillie Ann Holmes; a host of nieces, nephews and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Roderick Lee Boney

Roderick Lee Boney was born on January 13, 1962 to Mr. Robert and Lucy Boney in Wilmington, North Carolina. He departed this life on November 28, 2017. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 4, 2017, at Prayer and Bible. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Terrance McRae

Terrance McRae died November 26, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 12 Noon Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in the Pellom Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Joseph Stukes

Joseph Stukes died November 30, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at Mt. Zion AME Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Kevin Brunson

Kevin Brunson died December 1, 2017. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Shannon Brown

Shannon Brown died November 30, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 7, 2017 At Soul Saving Station. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary Jennings

Mary Jennings died December 1, 2017 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lynda Moore

Lynda Gertrude Miller Moore, age 67, of Wilmington, died November 6, 2017. A private service will be held at a later date. 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.

Randy Peterson

Randy "Reggie" Peterson, age 44, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, December 1, 2017. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Interment will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. 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.

Edith Robinson

Edith Robinson, age 68, of Wilmington, passed away, Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Services are pending and will be announced. 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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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NEW TITLE CERTIFICATE NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before the Clerk File # 17-SP-745

IN THE MATTER OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY REGISTERED ESTATE NUMBER 2A ROBERT ERNST and wife, SUSAN ERNST, Petitioners

All persons or parties who may have or claim any interest in the land hereinafter described, the same being New Hanover County Registered Estate No. 2A, are hereby notified that Robert Ernst and Susan Ernst have filed a petition seeking issuance of a new Title Certificate for Registered Estate Number 2A.

The current Certificate of Title is recorded in Real Estate Book 1881 at page 97 in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County. The original Certificate of Title has been destroyed or lost. The subject property is located in New Hanover County, North Carolina, and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the eastern line of the Robert H. Tate Tract as certified by Registered Estate Number 2, Certificate Number 7A in Torrens or Title Book Number 1 in the Registry of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, said point located North 30 degrees 53 minutes East 776.72 feet as measured with said line from its intersection with the northern line of Greenville Loop Road (SR 1421); running then from said Beginning with said eastern line North 30 degrees 53 minutes East 309.00 feet to a point; then North 59 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds West 447.70 feet to a point in the western line of said Tate Tract; then with said western line South 30 degrees 59 minutes West 309.0 feet to a point; then South 59 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds East 448.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3.18 acres.

TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO certain easements and other conditions as described in said Certificate.

Petitioners have requested the issuance of a new certificate of title in the name of Robert Ernst and Susan M. Ernst, subject only to the easements and other matters stated in the current certificate and New Hanover County ad valorem taxes.

All persons having or claiming an interest or estate in the lands described below are notified to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, 316 Princess Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402 on or before January 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. to show cause as to why the Petition should not be granted. Failure to do so may extinguish or jeopardize any claim of right or ownership any claimant might have or claim in the subject property.

This 17th day of November, 2017.

/s/ Lisa H. Bell
Assistant Clerk of Superior Court
New Hanover County, North Carolina
Petitioners' Attorney:
Charles T. Busby
P.O. Box 818
Hampstead, North Carolina 28443
910-270-8830

November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

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OWNERS: ASHLEY ALLETTE SQUIRE
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DATE: 12-21-17
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
TELEPHONE: 910) 332-5901

NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 7 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **John Cleveland Davis**, 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 **9th day of February, 2018**, 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 2nd day of November, 2017

Jeffrey Lynn Davis, Executor
Po Box 2618
Wilmington, NC 28402

November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **John J. Norton, III, (17-E-1569)**, 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 **February 7, 2018** 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 7th day of November, 2017

Denise Norton, Administrator of the Estate of John J. Norton, III
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joseph Oliver Mintz**, 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 **2nd day of February, 2018**, 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 2nd day of November, 2017

Ina M. King, Executor
304 Gatefield Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Oma Russell, III, (17-E-1638)**, 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 **March 1, 2018** 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 21st day of November, 2017

Louise Montgomery, Executrix of the Estate of Oma Russell
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

This the 23rd day of November, 2017.

Cindy Ann Ward, Executrix of the Estate of William Mark Ungerland
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM
720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Ramesh Shah, M.D.**, 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 **2nd day of March, 2018**, 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 30th day of November, 2017.

Jyotsna Shah, M.D., Executrix of the Estate of Ramesh Shah, M.D.
69 Semmes Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Linda Racko, (17-E-1641)**, 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 **March 1, 2018** 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 28th day of November, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Linda Racko
Craig & Fox, PLLC
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November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2017

Notice to family of Kirsten Hewett, D.O.B.: 5-14-1970, Deceased

Mrs. Hewett has a lawsuit in Nebraska in which money is involved. We cannot reach any of the family members, and ask that anyone who knows her husband, Blake Hewett, or her daughters Ashley Spurling or April Spurling, or her mother, Nancy Ireland, or any other family members, to contact me immediately: Greg Garland, Greg Garland Law, 14301 FNB Pkwy, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68154, 402-330-7000, greg@greggarlandlaw.com. If the case is not filed in the proper court, or not settled by February 8, 2018, the case will be over forever.

December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Robert R. Ledbetter**, 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 **7th day of March, 2018**, 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 7th day of December, 2017.

Edythe B. Ledbetter, Executrix of the Estate of Robert R. Ledbetter
5006 Carleton Drive Unit 19
Wilmington, NC 28403
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16 North Fifth Avenue
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December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.**, 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 **7th day of March, 2018**, 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 7th day of December, 2017.

Jeffrey L. Dunlea, Co-Executor of the Estate of Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.
PO Box 4748
Wilmington, NC 28403
Richard A. Dunlea, III, Co-Executor of the Estate of Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.
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December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 303

IN THE MATTER OF: S.R.B. (DOB: 10-12-2017)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **January 8, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 23rd day of November, 2017.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel.#: 910-795-0230
Fax #: 910-401-1485

November 23, 30, December 7, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

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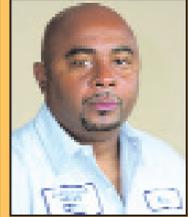
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