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

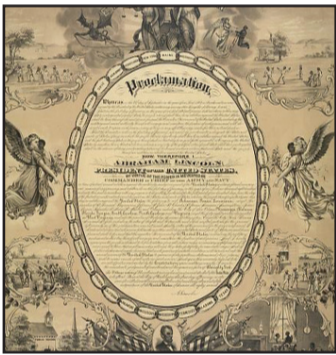
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REV. MLK, JR. CELEBRATION

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's time to celebrate the birthday of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. here in Brunswick County. We are planning the march for Sunday, January 14, 2018, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast for Monday, January 15, 2018, in Southport. We are asking for all who hear of this celebra-

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CONTROVERSY ABOUT PLANNED 1898 MASSACRE HISTORICAL MARKER

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Thanks to the NHCNAACP, there is movement this week to correct the wording of a proposed state historical marker for Wilmington, which commemorates the 1898 race massacre.

That marker, titled "Wilmington Coup," recalls how, on Nov. 10, 1898, a group of White supremacists started from the downtown area, going through the Port City, killing African-American citizens, and eventually overthrowing the city

government, making the event the only recorded coup de 'tat in American history.

The proposed "Wilmington Coup" marker, however, characterizes the events that began on Nov. 10, 1898, with the following, and some day, inaccurate, information:

Armed crowd met, Nov. 10, 1898, at armory here, marched 6 blocks S.E., and burned office of Daily Record, Black owned newspaper, edited by Alex Manley. Violence left up to 60 Blacks dead. Led to overthrow of

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ARMED CROWD BURNED THE OFFICE OF DAILY RECORD. VIOLENCE LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF AFRICAN AMERICANS DEAD.

North Carolina prays for Rev. Jesse Jackson

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was Sunday, Dec. 12, 2017, just over a month after veteran civil rights leader, Reverend Jesse Jackson, announced that he was suffering from Parkinson's disease, when Bishop William Barber, Pastor, Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, and former president of the NCNAACP, was back in his pulpit after a being away for several weeks. During his remarks to the congregation, Barber stopped and suddenly asked worshippers to say a prayer for his friend. "You all pray for Rev. Jackson," Dr. Barber requested. "He has been suffering from...Parkinson's, and the last time I was with him, he had to hold onto my arm to steady himself. I didn't know exactly what was happening then."

That "last time" was during the 74th Annual NCNAACP Convention in Raleigh in October, where Rev. Jackson came to participate on his way to Greensboro for N.C. A&T University's Homecoming. Jackson is a 1964 alumnus of the



REV. JESSE JACKSON

historically Black university, one of his many ties to the Tar Heel State.

It was also at the NCNAACP Convention that one of Rev. Jackson's closest friends from the civil rights movement, Rev. Cardes Brown, President of the Greensboro NAACP branch, last saw him but didn't realize that anything was wrong.

"I didn't know at the time, but there seemed to be something [wrong with him], but we didn't discuss it," Rev. Brown, who is also Senior Pastor of New Light Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro, recalled two weeks later.

Rev. Jackson, 76, revealed his affliction, the same one that claimed the life of boxing legend, Muhammad Ali, on November 17, 2016. Jackson's father also suffered from Parkinson's disease.

"My family and I began to notice changes about three years ago," the founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition said in a statement issued then. "For a while, I resisted interrupting my work to visit a doctor, but as my daily

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DANA GRESHAM

U.S. Senator-elect Doug Jones hires a Black chief of staff

BY FREDERICK LOWE SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM NORTHSTARNEWSTODAY.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - U.S. Senator-elect Doug Jones of Alabama this week hired Dana Gresham, an African-American Washington, D.C. insider, as his chief of staff.

Jones, who was set to be sworn in Wednesday, Jan. 3, will be the only Democratic U.S. Senator with a black chief of staff although two Republican U.S. Senators - Tim Scott of South Carolina, and Jerry Moran of Kansas - have hired black chiefs of staff.

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BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was the year of recovering from the 2016 election of Donald Trump when a Democratic governor came into office in North Carolina, bitterly opposed by GOP lawmakers; and a prominent Black leader gained national prominence as he stepped away from the NCNAACP.

Those were just some of the top stories impacting North Carolina's African-American community we covered in 2017. In the final part of this three-part series, we look back at August to December.

August - A federal three-judge panel blasted Republican legislative lawmakers for stalling their original August 2016 order to redraw racially gerrymandered legislative voting districts,

and order that they be redraw immediately. Outgoing NCNAACP President Bishop William Barber calls the ruling a "major victory." Meanwhile, Bob Hall, Executive Director, Democracy NC, says the GOP are planning to pass another voter ID suppression law soon. In



BARBER

Charlottesville, Va. a young White woman was killed after an alleged White supremacist drove a car through a crowd street, killing her after demonstrators clashed. Pres. Trump blamed "both sides" for the violence. North Carolina religious leaders said White supremacist violence could hap-

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tion to come and share this great event with us. The State and the Nation have turned from freedom of human beings to giving those in high society special status on the social ladder. It is time we get back and remember where it started and why it was the focus of America so that we could have a free society, live the very basics of civil rights, those rights which would allow every American to be free.
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 Come join the celebration. America will become great but only if she doesn't back up.
 Bernest Hewett is president emeritus of the Brunswick County Chapter of the NAACP.

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pen here.
 After statewide hearings, Republican lawmakers released redrawn redistricting maps, but plaintiffs, suing to have new maps redrawn legally, showed that the new maps were still unconstitutional. Sensing that the federal judicial panel was not pleased with the new maps, Republican leaders - who insisted that race was not used in redrawing the districts, started publicly denouncing the process and threatening to appeal to the US Supreme Court. Six past and current NC Supreme Court justices gathered for the first time ever to commemorate their legacy on the State's High Court. North Carolina's two Black congress people, Alma Adams and G. K. Butterfield,



ADAMS BUTTERFIELD

stopped short of saying that President Donald Trump should be impeached.
 September - Democrats expressed concern about Republican legislative efforts to craft a judicial redistricting plan. The NCNAACP joined the plaintiffs in the legislative redistricting case, charging that, on the redrawn maps, 12 of the new districts were still racial gerrymanders and were in violation of federal law. The US Census Bureau reported that more than 1.5 million North Carolinians lived in poverty in the State.
 October - Dr. William Barber formally stepped down

as President of the NC NAACP. Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman was elected to succeed him.
 Activists at the NCNAACP Convention in Raleigh warned a-bout judicial redistricting, and other legal changes Republicans were planning. Federal partisan gerrymandering trial began in Greensboro, with witnesses for the plaintiffs testifying that North Carolina's partisan voting maps were extreme, allowing Republicans to win 10 of 13 congressional seats.



SPEARMAN

Rep. Alma Adams blasted Pres. Trump for essentially calling a Black Gold Star widow a liar. Republican State Sen. Bill Rabon filed a bill during the third Special Session of the year, reducing terms of service

for State Supreme Court justices from eight years to just two. A federal three-judge panel designated a Special Master to redraw GOP redistricting maps. Despite efforts of Pres. Trump against the ACA, people flocked to sign up during the open enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act.

November - On Election Day, Vy Lyles was elected the first Black female mayor of Charlotte, and Kinston elected an all Black Town Council. Durham Mayor Bill Bell stepped down after a successful 16 years in office. Governor Cooper ordered more North Carolina business be done with minority companies. Rep. Alma Adams blasted Pres. Trump's tax reform plan.



LYLES

Civil rights attorney, Anita Earls announced a 2018 run for North Carolina Supreme Court. Bishop Barber announced he was going to Rome to meet the Pope. When he arrived, Barber was surprised that other world leaders knew and admired him from his Moral Monday marches. Reverend Jesse Jackson announced that he has Parkinson's disease.

December - Gov. Cooper and Chief Justice Mark Martin agreed to meet with the NCNAACP about criminal justice issues. Bishop Barber announced national Poor People's Campaign, which is to begin in May 2018. As Blacks in the Alabama US Senate race helped to defeat Republican candidate, Roy Moore, the African-American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party geared up to turn out the Black vote in 2018.

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city government and the installation of coup leader Alfred Moore Waddell as mayor. "Race riot" was part of a statewide political campaign based on calls for White supremacy & exploitation of racial tensions.

What many, like the NHCNAACP and others, are calling "inaccurate" per the wording, is the sentence, "Violence left up to 60 Blacks dead."

As a Wilmington Journal editorial published in today's edition points out, even the State's own six-year examination of the 1898 Wilmington race massacre is clear in stating that the number of African-Americans killed during the multi-day race massacre remains "unknown."

"The events of November 10 (the first day of the race massacre) left an unknown number of Blacks dead on Wilmington's streets. The coroner performed fourteen inquests, but other evidence indicates that the total number of deaths was as high as sixty," the 1898 commission report states.

A June 2006 story in the New York Times quoted an 1898 commission member, Lottie Clinton, a retired State Port supervisor and 1 of 13 members of a state-appointed panel, as saying, "Nobody will ever be certain how many people died the night of Nov. 10, 1898, on the streets, in the marshes where some ran for safety, or in the swift, wide current of the river that has always defined this port city. The Cape Fear River could be dammed up with Black bodies, but we have no way of knowing just how many."

The so-called "Wilmington Coup" marker was approved in the fall of 2017, according to www.ncmarkers.com, the website of the North Carolina Highway Historical Program, which is administered by the Research Branch of the NC Office of Archives and History. The NC Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee, which meets just twice a year, "...[reviews] applications received and determines the wording on new markers."

In this case, according to correspondence The Journal has seen, the application for the 1898 historical marker was submitted by the non-profit group, Working

Narratives, headquartered in Wilmington, which "...[works] with communities to tell great stories that inspire, activate and enliven our democracy.

Members of the historical marker advisory committee are appointed by the Secretary of the NC Dept. of Cultural Resources to serve five-year terms. Their primary job is "...to advise the secretary on the historical authenticity, relative merit, and appropriateness of each subject brought to their attention, to approve or disapprove each proposal, to fix the wording of the inscriptions, and to establish criteria for carrying out the program."

There were ten members of the committee for 2017, two of which had terms to expire in 2017, while two others are set to leave in 2018. All of them are listed as professors serving at various universities across North Carolina.

However, only one of those committee members, Dr. Arwin D. Smallwood, of N.C. A&T University in Greensboro, teaches at a historically Black university.

Dedication of the "Wilmington Coup" marker will be left up to local organizers here in Wilmington.

According to the website, the dedication ceremony is tentatively planned for Market Street between Fourth and Fifth streets. Expected delivery of the marker is between April and May 2018.

Earlier this week, Deborah Dicks Maxwell, President of the NHCNAACP, received correspondence from Rend Smith, Communications Director for Working Narratives, who Ms. Maxwell contacted regarding the organization's original application for the marker. She had asked Smith to "reach those" at the State Highway Historical Marker Program about the language of the proposed marker, asking for it to be changed.

"I am very concerned about listing that only 60 people were killed. It truly minimizes what actually occurred," Ms. Maxwell wrote Rend Smith on Dec. 30, 2017. "If you can reach those who have not made plaques at this time to consider using what is at the 1898 memorial 'an unknown number' as we will truly never know the real number as records of the deaths of African Americans, especially at that time and considering the circumstances were not recorded properly"

According to a January 2 email from Ansley Herring Wegner, administrator for the program, to Smith, who passed the response on to Ms. Maxwell, a meeting is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2018"... to discuss the historical marker language and our options for how to proceed."

Wegner went on to say that the marker language may "...have to [be] put back before the advisory committee in May...to refine the wording. We can't make significant changes to the wording without their involvement. The words are critical and are part of what the committee is there to advise on."

Thus far, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the NCNAACP, and Attorney Irving Joyner, Chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee and former vice chair of the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission, are pleased with the response from the State and that the historical marker program administrators seem to be moving quickly to resolve the matter and, possibly, correct the language.

"Good progress," Joyner reacted in an email.

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The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington, D. C. - based think tank for Black elected officials pushed Jones to hire a diverse top staff because so few African Americans hold those positions. Jones announced Gresham's hiring after the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and other groups signed a letter written by 16 other organizations, urging Jones to hire a diverse staff

including a diverse top staff. The Joint Center lobbied Jones to hire a diverse staff because a high black voter turnout in Alabama, a conservative Red state, helped elect him, a Democrat, to office by defeating conservative Republican candidate Roy Moore in a special election.

African Americans account for just 1 percent of top Democratic U.S. Senate staff in Washington, D.C. and just 2 percent of top Republican U.S. Senate staff.

In addition, top Senate staffers manage the Senate's legislative agenda and shape

the \$3.9 trillion U.S. federal budget. They also oversee the Senate confirmation process for federal judges, cabinet secretaries and U.S. ambassadors.

Gresham, a Birmingham, Alabama, native has held leadership roles in presidential administrations and for members of Congress. He led the Legislative Affairs Office at the Department of Transportation during the eight years of President Obama's administration and he has worked on Capitol Hill 14 years. In 1994, he was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in International Politics from Georgetown

University. The Alabama Secretary of State recently certified Jones as the election's winner after Moore refused to concede.

Jones also announced three other senior staff hires. They are Mark Libell as legislative director, Ann Berry, a black woman, as transition advisor, and Katie Campbell as deputy legislative director. All three are Alabama natives and who have considerable experience.

Libell, formerly an assistant congressional liaison for the Federal Reserve Board, who also worked for Sen. Debbie Stabenow (Democrat of

Michigan.) and former Sen. Jay Rockefeller (Democrat of West Virginia), will be legislative director.

Ann Berry, a deputy chief of staff to Sen. Patrick Leahy (Democrat of Vermont), is transition advisor. Katie Campbell, another veteran congressional aide, who served as an adviser to Sen. Joe Donnelly (Democrat of Indiana.) and as policy director for the Blue Dog Coalition, will be deputy legislative director. Jones said in a statement, "Today I'm proud to announce that we have recruited four outstanding individuals to join our team."

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physical struggles intensified, I could no longer ignore the symptoms, so I acquiesced."

According to Northwestern Medicine in Chicago, which diagnosed Rev. Jackson's condition in 2014, Parkinson's disease is a "progressive degenerative disorder that results from loss of cells in various parts of the brain that control movement."

Those who see Rev. Jackson more often say they noticed a "change in his walk and a slowed speech."

Charmaine McKissick-Melton, a professor at North Carolina Central University in Durham, has been a friend of Rev. Jackson's since the days when he used to work with her father, legendary civil rights attorney, Floyd McKissick.

She says she's known for years that Jackson was suffering from Parkinson's disease but said nothing.

"We knew something was wrong because we saw Ali at the beginning," McKissick-Melton said. "So I had seen that shake thing, but I didn't say anything to Jesse."

She added that the symptoms were apparent to her when she saw Jackson at NCCU in 2012, two years before he was diagnosed.

On Christmas Day, Rev. Jackson continued his decade

long tradition of ministering to the inmates at the Cook County jail in Chicago. He told The Associated Press that he's adopted a daily regimen of physical therapy, medication, and prayer. He is also traveling less now, but he still continues his civil rights work.

"This is a man who wore his body out trying to empower the lives of others, as well as continue to fight for freedom," Rev. John Mendez, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, and another close friend of Rev. Jackson, said Wednesday. He adds that

there is a message in Rev. Jackson's courage.

"You cannot stand for the cause of civil rights and justice without courage," Rev. Brown agrees.

"Jesse, in my opinion, is a very courageous person. He doesn't focus on himself.

We've been friends for years, and he's a person of faith, and we're trusting that he will continue to do the work that he's been doing, even with the diagnosis and the condition.

"I know him well enough to know that he will fight to the finish," Rev. Brown added.

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Trump's first year in office marked by controversy and protests

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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Less than 24 hours after Donald Trump took office, his presidency started generating controversy. Photo-graphs showing that the crowd at President Trump's swearing-in was smaller than at Barack Obama's first presidential inauguration in 2009 caused the first ruckus in his administration - but not the last.

President Trump's first year in office has been colored by an investigation into whether his campaign colluded with the Russian government to affect the election outcome, insults and threats of war with North Korea, and an effort to pass business-friendly legislation.

More than 20 of his senior White House staffers or cabinet members have been fired or resigned, including his national security adviser, acting attorney general, secretary of Health and Human Services, FBI director, chief of staff, press secretary and chief strategist to name a few. The list of the departed in less than a year far eclipses the staff turnover for previous presidents.

He has yet to host an official state dinner for visiting dignitaries and, according to published reports, President Trump has spent nearly a third of his first year in office at Trump-owned properties, including his latest 10-day Christmas vacation at the luxury resort he owns in Palm Beach, Fla., Mar-a-Lago.

From the start, the White House took a combative approach, accusing the media of framing photographs of the Jan. 20 inauguration in a way that appeared to understate the crowd size.

Former Press Secretary Sean Spicer argued that the images were not what they seemed and that crowds of historic size watched President Trump take the oath of office.

Protests would become a hallmark of President Trump's first year. On Jan. 21, the day after the inauguration, hundreds of thousands of women - and men - jammed the streets of Washington to demonstrate in opposition to President Trump.

A week after taking office, the Republican president signed an executive order to prevent citizens of seven predominately-Muslim countries from traveling to the United States. Known by critics as the "Muslim ban," protesters quickly demonstrated at airports in opposition.

President Trump would ignite protests again in August, when he was asked to respond to white nationalists, neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klan members marching in Charlottesville, including one who drove his car into a crowd

of counter protesters, killing a woman. The president argued there were bad people "on both sides."

Following his remarks, business leaders resigned from President Trump's business councils and the panels were disbanded.

A defining feature of President Trump's first year in office was the investigation into whether his campaign colluded with Russia during the election.

He ignited a political firestorm in May when he fired FBI Director James Comey, who had been leading an investigation into possible collusion by the Trump presidential campaign with Russia to influence the election outcome. Russia has denied meddling in the election and President Trump has denied any collusion.

Soon afterward, the Justice Department named former FBI chief Robert Mueller as special counsel to lead the investigation.

Paul Manafort, who briefly served as Trump's campaign manager, and his business associate Rick Gates of Richmond were indicted by Mr. Mueller's team in October; accused of illegally lobbying on behalf of foreign governments.

A month later, Michael Flynn, who briefly served as President Trump's national security adviser, pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his conversations last December with Russia's then-ambassador in Washington just weeks before President Trump took office.

President Trump also found himself embroiled in a war of words with North Korea over its missile program, exchanging insults and threats with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

At home, President Trump has struggled to enact sweeping changes he promised on the campaign trail.

He threatened to withdraw the United States from the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, but business lobbyists persuaded him to renegotiate it. He signed an executive order setting up talks on the trilateral trade deal, which has hit roadblocks with Mexico and Canada.

His team also failed to repeal the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, despite Republican control of the White House and Congress.

It was not until December that President Trump had his first legislative victory as both chambers of Congress passed a sweeping tax overhaul that permanently cuts federal taxes for businesses and corporations, while giving temporary cuts to individuals. Hundreds of people protested the tax bill from the public gallery in the U.S. Capitol and outside the offices of several members of Congress.



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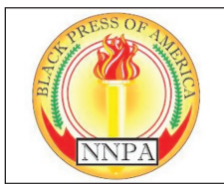
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If you go online, and search Wikipedia for "Wilmington Insurrection of 1898," and then go down until you find how many were killed during this violent, racist, unprovoked attack on decent African-American citizens in November 1898, you'll see the following:

"Originally described by White Americans as a race riot caused by Blacks... a mob of nearly 2,000 White men attacked the only Black newspaper in the State, and persons and property in Black neighborhoods, killing an estimated 15 to more than 60 victims, and destroying homes and businesses built up since the Civil War."

Now here's the REALLY interesting thing about this Wikipedia passage: It is based on a June 4, 2006 New York Times article by John DeSantis, titled "Wilmington, N.C. Revisits a Bloody 1898 Day and Reflects."

But that's NOT "the interesting thing" to which we're referring.

THIS is:

"Nobody will ever be certain how many people died the night of Nov. 10, 1898, on the streets, in the marshes, where some ran for safety, or in the swift, wide current of the river that has always defined this Port City. The Cape Fear River could be dammed up with Black bodies, but we have no way of knowing just how many," said Lottie Clinton, a retired State Port supervisor and 1 of 13 members of a state appointed panel that studied the night's events for six years. "A lot of people, nobody ever heard from them again, so you just couldn't know whether they ran away and never came back or were killed."

The "commission" to which the Times story was referring was the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission, and, according to the Times, "The panel...concluded in a report released this week that what happened was not a riot but a well planned insurrection by White businessmen and former Confederate soldiers, mostly Democrats, against a lawfully elected government of Fusionists and Republicans, who were mostly Black."

But that first line of the Times story from 2006 about one of the key conclusions from a commission member is extremely important here:

"Nobody will ever be certain how many people died the night of Nov. 10, 1898, on the streets, in the marshes where some ran for safety, or in the swift, wide current of the river that has always defined this port city. The Cape Fear River could be dammed up with Black bodies, but we have no way of knowing just how many."

OK, so the Times quotes a commission member, saying, "Nobody will ever be certain how many people died..." So we go straight to the commission report, since Ms. Clinton and her fellow commissioners spent six years putting it together.

Under "1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission FINDINGS, bullet point #7 reads, "The events of November 10 (the first day of the race massacre) left an unknown number of dead on Wilmington's streets. The coroner performed fourteen inquests, but other evidence indicates that the total number of deaths was as high as sixty."

What "other evidence?" From where and from whom? And given that some of the first reports from the days of the race massacre erroneously had Blacks attacking Whites, then certainly getting sources of accurate information from the very people perpetrating or supporting the massacre was absolutely foolhardy.

The bottom line here is that we DON'T KNOW, and we may NEVER know. There is NO certainty as to how many Blacks in Wilmington were killed then. Serious research needs to be done by someone reputable on that point, and we simply don't have it yet.

So why, as the New Year is just beginning, is *The Journal* bringing this up now? It is because, right before New Year's Day, it was reported that the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Committee had approved a new plaque to be placed in downtown Wilmington, commemorating the 1898 race massacre.

According to published reports, the language on the planned marker reads, in part, "Violence left up to 60 Blacks dead," but, according to the State's own commission, that statement IS NOT TRUE!

"The events of November 10 left an unknown number of dead on Wilmington's streets." So how many bodies were in the Cape Fear River or elsewhere around what was considered the largest municipality in North Carolina at that time?

Answer - NO ONE KNOWS, and the commission report tells us that!

So why didn't the State Historical Marker Committee listen? What could possibly be wrong with the 1898 historical marker stating the same fact that the State's 1898 race massacre report clearly stated, the events of Nov. 10, 1898 left an UNKNOWN number of Blacks dead on Wilmington's streets?"

And by the way, history tells us that the 1898 race massacre started on November 10, 1898, and lasted for several days thereafter. Thus, if we can't get a clear indication of how many were killed on the first day, then how are we supposed to accept "up to 60..." as the number dead from just ONE DAY as a historical fact?

The Wilmington Journal strongly urges Representative Deb Butler, and whoever else is tied into this 1898 historical marker mess to DELETE that "up to 60" line and replace it with "...unknown number of African Americans..." which is historically accurate, as stated by your own state researchers.

We also salute the immediate action taken by Deborah Dicks Maxwell, president of the NHC NAACP, and Rend Smith, communication director of Working Narratives, the local group that sponsored the marker, for their immediate direct action addressing this issue. They've already gotten the wheels turning.

If it were good enough for North Carolina's 1898 Commission, then it's good enough for the historic marker committee.

CHANGE IT NOW!

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YOUR VOICE

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT HARRIET TUBMAN IS THAT SHE THOUGHT IN THE "WE PHASE" AND NOT THE "ME PHASE"

Harriet Tubman guided many to "freedom" over rough terrain, being chased, hiding

and sometimes fighting. Moses, she was called by some and hated by many, had a "price on her head," dead or alive. This magnificent woman, this Black woman who spoke "We" and not "me," hid and guided many to a new way. On the journey, she

would explain that freedom sometimes is not easy and that it must be protected and "WE" as she always said can do it.

Today, it seems the "We" phase has somewhat disappeared and it is now all about the "Me" phase. Many "crawl"

on the backs of others and stand and as they move up, it becomes "me" and not "we" but "them."

Respectfully yours,

Haywood Fennell
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MATTERS OF OPINION

RAINBOW COALITION

Remember, rekindle the spirit of Emancipation Proclamation

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

One hundred forty-five years ago on Jan. 1, Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, helping to transform this country from a union of states into a nation, from a country stained by slavery into one moving at great cost closer to "liberty and justice for all."

On Jan. 1, 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, the Republican president, issued the proclamation on his own authority as commander-in-chief "in time of actual armed rebellion" against the United States. The emancipation was grounded on his wartime powers, as a "fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion."

The emancipation did not

end slavery in the United States. It applied only to the states still in rebellion, exempting the slave owning border states such as Maryland, Missouri and Kentucky that still had slaves. Lincoln was desperate to keep the border states from joining the South. Some abolitionists ridiculed him for this. "Where he has no power, Mr. Lincoln will set the negroes free, where he retains power we will consider them as slaves," declared the London Times.

But the doubters did not understand the significance of the proclamation and its words. The president announced, "all persons held as slaves" in the states "in rebellion against the United States" are "forever free." He called on the newly freed people to abstain from all violence and declared that they were eligible to be "received into the armed service of the United States."

The great abolitionist Frederick Douglass hailed it immediately as "an act of immense historic consequence." The proclamation, as

James McPherson put it in "Battle Cry of Freedom," "marked the transformation of a war to preserve the Union into a revolution to overthrow the old order." This was extremely controversial, even in the North. There were violent protests in both the North and the South against the use of black troops. Black regiments were segregated, paid less than whites and commanded by white officers.

Yet after years of battle, most Northerners would embrace anything that would help weaken the rebellion and hasten a victorious end to the war. Despite resistance, 179,000 black soldiers and nearly 10,000 black sailors bolstered Union forces through the end of the war. Victory, all now understood, would mean the abolition of slavery. The Emancipation Proclamation was hailed in England, ending all talk of recognizing (and aiding) the South.

The proclamation, a wartime act of necessity, turned the tide on slavery. It led directly to the 13th

Amendment to the Constitution that outlawed slavery, the 14th Amendment that guarantees equal protection under the law, the 15th Amendment that prohibits states from denying the right to vote on the basis of race or color.

The war - America's bloodiest conflict - continued to take its deadly toll for over two more years after the Emancipation Proclamation. In his second inaugural address, Lincoln described the "terrible war" as "the woe due to those" in both North and South for the "offense" of American slavery. He called for "malice toward none" and "charity for all," that we "bind up the nation's wounds" to create a just and lasting peace. Forty-one days later he was assassinated. Reconstruction soon was reversed into segregation, enforced by Klan terrorism. It would take another century and a civil rights

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The infrastructure hoax

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Our nation's infrastructure is crumbling. Nearly ten percent of our bridges are deficient or decrepit, a quarter of our schools are in fair or poor condition. More than half of all schools need major repairs before they can be classified as good, but 31 states spend less on school construction now than they did in 2008. Forty percent

of our urban highways are congested, and traffic fatalities are up. Fewer than half of us could get to a grocery store using public transportation.

The American Society of Civil Engineers produces a report card on our nation's infrastructure, grading sixteen categories, including roads, bridges, public transportation, levees, aviation, hazardous waste, dams, ports, energy, and more. The 2017 report gives our infrastructure a D-, noting that our infrastructure has earned a "persistent D" since 1998.

Our railways earn the highest grade, B, despite aging infrastructure and insufficient investment in passenger railways. Ports, which receive most of our overseas trade, bridges (despite major failures, and funding challenges), and solid waste all rise from the D swamp with C+ grades. But the other twelve categories;

schools, parks, drinking water, aviation, wastewater, dams, energy, inland waterways, hazardous waste, roads, transit, and levees, earn a D or a D+.

The ACES report card (<https://www.infrastructure-reportcard.org>) is likely to make you holler and throw up your hands. You can buy a family of four a hearty five-star dinner if you got a dollar for every time the words "aging", "hazard", "shortfall", "underfunded", "investment gap", "backlog", or "deferred" are mentioned.

Infrastructure is important in our nation's economic development. For example, says ACES, every dollar spent on highway improvement returns \$5.20 in decreased delays, vehicle maintenance, and fuel construction, and increased safety. Poor maintenance of our ports costs us international trade, and the condition of our dams, levees and waterways probably compounded the damage from hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

When he campaigned, 45 promised to tackle infrastructure, and he had bipartisan support for the sentiment, although many wanted to know how he might approach infrastructure repair. Upon election, though, 45 abandoned infrastructures to pick a fight with enemies, real and imagine, fire the man investigating his Russian involvement and make several futile attempts to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act. He finally hit fool's gold with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and inappropriately named a piece of legislation that would more accurately be named the

Corporate Enrichment and Deficit Expansion Act of 2017.

Now that the Republican Congress has committed to \$1.5 trillion more in national debt, 45 says he wants to tackle infrastructure, and he expects bipartisan support. He says infrastructure was an "easy" win, while tax "reform" was more challenging. So, he claims, he took on the more challenging task first. Now, he's ready to manage infrastructure issues.

ASCE says at least \$2 trillion is needed to bring infrastructure up to snuff, with another \$200 billion plus needed annually to keep infrastructure in good repair. Their report card details funding gaps, from \$42 billion in aviation, \$177 billion in energy, where our grid is at full capacity and the population is growing, \$123 billion for bridge repair, \$1 trillion to ensure our clean drinking water supply, and more. 45 proposes a \$1 trillion plan, and talks about public-private partnerships, which seems to suggest more tax breaks for his corporate buddies.

Where do we find \$1 trillion, let alone the \$2 trillion necessary for infrastructure repair? That's the hoax in 45's current embrace for infrastructure. Investing in infrastructure is more economically impactful than tax cuts, but it doesn't necessarily give corporations a break. So, 45 put something that could make a major difference on the back burner, so he could reward his supporters. Now, he will have to both fight his own party and struggle to gain Democratic support for his infrastructure plan. Why? While the President says he has

prioritized infrastructure, House Speaker Paul Ryan wants to focus on "entitlement reform."

That means he wants to cut public assistance, food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Other Republicans aren't as interested in entitlement reform, as they are interested in cutting the deficit they just committed to growing. They won't be interested in any new programs, even if they are much-needed infrastructure programs.

So, 45, the Joker, is trying to trick us again. Anyone who has driven down a bumpy highway, been washed out by hurricane waters, or witnessed a bridge collapse will agree with ASCE that our infrastructure needs attention. But simply mouthing the word is much different from finding the money for much-needed repair or replacement of those bridges, roads, parks, schools, levees, and trains that are in poor condition. We might have had the money to tackle infrastructure before we committed to a pricey corporate giveaway. How will we pay for infrastructure now? More debt? Program cuts? Profit-generating toll roads that that enrich 45's friends at public expense? Or perhaps we'll be jolted into action when another bridge collapses?

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movement to fulfill the promise implicit in Lincoln's proclamation.

Few Americans take the

time to read the Emancipation Proclamation, yet it is as central to the foundation of modern America as the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence. The night before it was issued, there were vigils and

church gatherings of people in anticipation. This year, dozens of ministers have agreed to hold sessions to read and discuss the Emancipation Proclamation. This country paid a terrible price to remove the scourge

of slavery and become one nation. At a time when some would drive us apart, it is worth remembering the sacrifice and the triumph.

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

Many White Democrats would rather lose elections than share power with Blacks

The path to victories for white Democrats is clear - share power with the people that can put them in office. This holds true for both state and federal elections.

History has shown that while white candidates make pilgrimages to Black churches each election year like clockwork, they seldom cross the thresholds of those churches at any other time.

We also know that white Democratic politicians hire smatterings of Black campaign workers for the sake of optics and to help with corraling Black support and enthusiasm. After their elections, these same politicians assign their Black campaign staffers to mostly ineffectual positions and hire precious few other people of color.

Despite our power to put Democratic candidates into office, Black folks often are no more than pawns on the political chessboard for many white Democrats. Anyone who doubts this needs to ask himself why African-Americans don't show up in the administrations of newly elected Democrats in the same proportion that we showed up for those Democrats at the polls.

Hillary Clinton was astonishingly tone deaf in her belief that she could muster

Black support in a presidential election at the same levels enjoyed by Barack Obama. Claiming to carry hot sauce in her purse (a nod to a popular song by Beyoncé at the time) and doing the "nae nae" on national TV to show she had a bond with a homogeneous Black electorate was insulting to many Black voters. Too many folks remembered her once referring to Black youth as "predators." Too many people observed her campaign and saw no indication that there would be a significant improvement in the lives of African-Americans under a Clinton presidency.

While Clinton stumbled badly with Black folks (after all, she lost to the horror that was the Trump candidacy), Bernie Sanders fared no better. Sanders' white campaign workers were breathtakingly tone deaf. The "Bernie Bros" acted as if they only had to say that Bernie marched with Dr. Martin Luther King 50 years earlier in order to gain Black support. Bernie's campaign operatives in many Southern states ignored the Black political infrastructures that were already in place, thinking that white youth from out of state could parachute in and tell Black folks what to do. Never mind that local Black political activists had been working and managing local campaigns for decades.

It is a sad fact for Black folks that Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders were the best that the Democratic party had to offer us in 2016.

This same old sad song of

white Democrats failing to truly embrace inclusiveness continues to hit a sour note with Black voters. This off-key tune has a long history and continues to this day. In November 2017, Democrats in Virginia celebrated the victory of Justin Fairfax, the African-American attorney who won that state's lieutenant governor's seat. But the support he received from the Democratic Party during his campaign was shamefully, but typically, meager. Three decades earlier, when L. Douglas Wilder announced that he would run for lieutenant governor of Virginia, top state Democrats, fearful of having a Black candidate on the statewide ticket, met secretly to try to figure out what to do about the "Wilder problem." Fortunately, they could not stop Wilder. He went on to become lieutenant governor and, four years later, became the state's first Black governor.

History to the contrary, too many white Democrats refuse to learn that Blacks can win elections. Less than a week after Black voters were hailed for having "saved America" through a record turnout in Alabama to defeat Roy Moore's bid for the U.S. Senate in December, pundits were advising the Democratic Party that it should reward its Black supporters by shoving them to the back of the political bus yet again. Bill Scher's Dec. 20 article in POLITICO was typical of this bad advice. He suggested that in 2018, Democrats should run candidates like Doug Jones, who

won a narrow victory over Roy Moore but polled lower than Moore among white voters.

Does Scher really believe that because it takes a right of center candidate like Doug Jones to get elected in Alabama, Democrats nationwide should shift their politics to the right and make Alabama politics the national standard? Scher may not realize it, but he is advocating that the Democratic Party reward its African-American voters by showing them that their interests, aspirations and lives don't matter.

We now stand on the threshold of 2018, another busy election year. It is time to serve notice on the Democratic Party that Black folks no longer will be mere laborers in the field of politics. Any politicians expecting our support must incorporate Black staffers in effective policy-making positions in their campaigns and in their administrations.

More than 100 Black women have announced they will run for office in 2018. We should pay close attention to how their campaigns are supported, or not, by white Democratic Party chairs and higher ups.

It is time to demand that white Democrats support Black Democratic candidates. And it is past time for white elected officials to recognize the efforts of Black voters by bringing us to the tables of governance.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

The untold and ignored stories of Black women

While I celebrate women coming forward to share their stories of being sexually harassed or worse, I struggle with reconciling how black women have been sexually violated for years in this country by white men (and black as well), their stories left untold.

A major reason for the lynching of black men was based in racially-driven sexism: white men treated their women as objects and would regularly rape black women, knowing that black women had no recourse. Those violent sexual encounters resulted in the births of many mixed-race children, fathered by men who said they abhorred the idea of race-mixing.

They only abhorred it if said children came from the union of a black man and a white woman.

With the recent death of Recy Taylor, the very real life struggles of black women push through the "MeToo" movement that is being driven primarily by white women. Recy Taylor was raped by six white men in 1944 in Abbeville, South Carolina as she walked home from church. Her body was left by the side of the road, but she was found and survived the ordeal. (<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/recy-taylor-alabama-black-woman-raped-white-men-52037053>)

The six men admitted to having raped her, but two all-white, all-male juries acquitted them. Recy's life did not matter; her spirit did not matter; her rape did not matter. And hers was just one of many stories like it. The assault of black women has been an integral part of American history.

We can only imagine the trauma that Recy lived her entire life. Whenever there is a traumatic situation in white schools, stories report that counselors are sent to help the children cope. Nobody has ever helped black people in general cope with the horror and trauma of white supremacy. There have been no counselors.

Black women's bodies have been used and abused without anyone caring, and it is still our reality. Pregnant black women have shared with me that they worry about delivering their babies, not because they are worried about the pain of childbirth but because they are sensitive to how they are treated by health care workers, including doulas and midwives. There is a scorn and disrespect for them that they feel that white women never have to experience.

The bodies and the spirits of black women are abused so often and so regularly that society has normalized this behavior. The pain black women experience when they are raped, abused by men or by police officers, when they mourn the tragic loss of their children and spouses due to violence from law enforcement or the streets - is ignored. Historically, the pain of black women in having their children ripped from their very arms during slavery, and their husbands as well, has never been acknowledged as being as traumatic as it is. Black women have been expected to "get over it."

Nobody "gets over" trauma like that. All human beings internalize trauma, and those who are able seek help to get through it. I repeat, there were no therapists on the plantations to help grieving black mothers mourn their lost children. There were no therapists to whom black women could speak when they were raped or when they were abused by men in general. In the present day, there are no therapists dispatched to black communities to help black women deal with the trauma caused by white supremacy.

We move on but we do not "get over it." Erica Garner, the 27-year-old daughter of Eric Garner, who died even as he cried out, "I can't breathe," took her pain and translated it into action ...but it affected her heart. At the time of this writing, she lies in a coma, reportedly brain-dead after suffering a heart attack. The mother of Kalief Browder, the young man who was kept in Rikers Island in solitary confinement for over 300 days without a trial for a crime he did not commit, held out hope that he would be released and he finally was, but a year after his release, she too succumbed from a heart attack.

The mothers of slain black boys never "get over" their grief. From Mamie Till, the mother of Emmet Till, to Sybrina Fulton, the mother of Trayvon Martin, black women have borne the weight of immense grief and worked for justice when they often knew there would be none. They are ignored. Their pain, their grief and their resolve are all ignored.

Black women have been so objectified that the society in general treats it as normal. Black women are demonized and are never appreciated for the chutzpah they show in moving through their pain, a pain that many white people would never be able to handle.

Black women have a "MeToo" movement that should be recognized in a way that the current "MeToo" movement cannot closely appropriate. The white women of the "MeToo" have suffered, but in the end, many of them gained jobs and positions even as they were compromised.

Black women have gained nothing but more resolve to keep on keeping on, in spite of a world which does not respect them. By the grace of God, black women have persevered, sidestepping efforts to destroy them, their families and their dignity.

It is a story that is not told often enough, and it is time that changes.

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The prophet is rarely welcome in his own village

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?' they asked. 'Isn't this the carpenter's son? ... And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.'" Matthew 13:53-57

On Sunday December 17, *The Guardian* published an Op Ed penned by Dr. Cornel West entitled "Ta-Nehisi Coates is the neoliberal face of the black freedom struggle". It is a very clear and well thought through analysis of Coates' book, "We Were Eight Years in Power". West's Op Ed was also a border critique of Coates' Weltanschauung, his controlling perspective or image of the universe and of humanity's relation to it. Simply put, Coates' worldview.

Dr. West's critique was kicked off a firestorm of controversy via social media and other outlets. Most of the controversy has been critical of Dr. West. In Slate.com, Ismail Muhammad wrote, "Not only is it a case of one of black thought's elder statesmen attempting a hatchet job on a younger writer, West thoroughly botches the job..." In *Huffington Post* Dwayne Wong wrote, "For me, the biggest problem with Dr. West's piece is that there are more pressing issues that need to be addressed." Jelani Cobb took to Twitter accusing Dr. West of having "cloak[ed] petty rivalry as disinterested analysis."

We will never progress as a political constituency so long as our politics are based upon the politics of personality and not the politics of policy. Honest critique needs to

include substantive policy analysis. Honest analysis of the work of African American writers or intellectuals by other African American writers or intellectuals should be framed within the context of the analysis, not the personality. By placing the critique in the context of personal animus, the critique can be summarily dismissed and not dealt with on the level that the issue and critique truly requires.

Most of the critique received from Muhammad, Wong, Cobb and others centered around West's motivations. There was very little actual analysis of West's critique that would invite substantive dialogue about the issues. The focus of analysis should not be if Dr. West is angry or jealous. The focus should be if Dr. West is correct. By focusing on West's motives instead of his analysis, his critics are, as James Brown would say, "talkin' loud and saying nothing."

In his Op Ed, Dr. West states, "The disagreement between Coates and me is clear: any analysis or vision of our world that omits the centrality of Wall Street power, US military policies, and the complex dynamics of class, gender, and sexuality in black America is too narrow and dangerously misleading. So, it is with Ta-Nehisi Coates' worldview."

Contrary to the position taken by many of his detractors, Dr. West's analysis is not a "hatchet job" or "petty rivalry". It is a substantive analysis of a very good writer whose worldview is worthy of critique and analysis. By his critic's own admission Dr. West has earned the right to provide it. Muhammad says, "...if you are a young writer who interrogates American race relations and white supremacy, Cornel West is the foundation upon which you stand." Wong writes, "Dr. West doesn't just write books and deliver lectures about fighting injustices. He is someone who has been on the frontlines marching...even going to jail for his convictions...involved in the

struggle in very direct ways." If his curriculum vita and bona fides do not allow him the space in which to critique Coates, who can?

In the search for the "Next One; The Best and Brightest" some may have heaped too much upon Coates a bit too soon. In West's critique he writes, "There is no doubt that the marketing of Coates - like the marketing of anyone - warrants suspicion." Since Coates has been accepted by the dominant culture is his analysis and writing above reproach? It was the brilliant writer Toni Morrison who prematurely put Coates in the rare air of James Baldwin. It was also Ms. Morrison who in 1998 wrote about Bill Clinton in *The New Yorker* that "white skin notwithstanding, this is our first black President. Blacker than any actual black person who could ever be elected in our children's lifetime." Really? Could this be more unsubstantiated hyperbole?

I think there is something to Dr. West's critique and putting Coates' work in the context of "...narrow racial tribalism and myopic political neoliberalism..." that is worth further analysis and honest debate." In his piece *The Myth of Western Civilization* Coates writes in direct contradiction to Dr. King, "I am an atheist...I don't believe the arc of the universe bends towards justice. I don't even believe in an arc. I believe in chaos." If there is no arc, then what's the point of our struggle? Is his "chaos" is Hobbes' "state of nature"?

Atheists tend to be more sympathetic to the interests of the individual over the collective. Neoliberalism is about the privatization of public goods and the actualization of individual interests over the interests of the collective. Our struggle has always been about the collective. DuBois' *The Souls of Black Folk* is not about the soul of some random individual. Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer dedicated her life to ensure the franchise for all; not just so she alone could vote.

Dr. West writes, "Coates rightly highlights the vicious legacy of white supremacy - past and present..." but "...he hardly keeps track of our fightback, and never connects this ugly legacy to the predatory capitalist practices..." This is important as Paulo Freire wrote, "the interests of the oppressors lie in "changing the consciousness of the oppressed, not the situation which oppresses them..." Is Coates working to change consciousness or situation?

What is wrong with an honest critique of a popular writer and his work? Especially since, as Dr. West writes, the issues are "substantive and serious". He continues, "Must every serious critique be reduced to a vicious takedown or an ugly act of hatred? Can we not acknowledge that there are deep disagreements among us with our very lives and destinies at stake?" I will add, and work to resolve them?

Amilcar Cabral tell us, "...on the political level-however fine and attractive the reality of others may be - we can only truly transform our own reality, on the basis of detailed knowledge of it and our own efforts and sacrifices." We can only gain that detailed knowledge through honest study, debate and dialogue. The personal attacks on those who offer honest critique of the established narrative and work to change what Freire called the "culture of silence" of the dispossessed will not bring about our freedom and liberation. As he struggles against the Svengali spin of the comprador class; the prophet is rarely welcome in his own village.

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Community Briefs

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

What's Brewing in the Cape Fear? January 8, 2017 @ 6:30pm Northeast Branch, David Paynter Room. Chance Hellman, of the Onslow County Museum, will talk about the history of beer brewing in the Lower Cape Fear area. *Co-sponsored by the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society and the New Hanover County Library.

Brunswick County

The Brunswick County Democratic Party meetings are on the second Thursday of the month. Please join us January 11th at the Democratic Party headquarters, 1420 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia, NC. The Democratic Women meet at 5:30 pm. The evening's speaker, Elizabeth Fournier, a Professor of Political Science at Duke University will provide insight into voting tendencies. Professor Fournier will also lead attendees through interactive small group discussion activities to provide an engaging and educational evening for all. The general membership meets at 7 pm. Brunswick County resident Don Flattery will present "The Opioid Addiction Epidemic: A Public Health Emergency Affecting Communities Across the Country." Mr. Flattery is a former appointed member of the Virginia Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse. He is the Policy Chair for the FED UP Coalition, a national addiction fighting advocacy group. He also serves as the honorary co-chair of the Brunswick County Opioid Addiction Task Force. The discussion will include origins of the opioid crisis, impacts on North Carolina and in Brunswick County, and strategies to address the crisis nationally, statewide and within our local communities.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Ready to face a new year

It is again that time when we must say goodbye to the old year of 2017 because the New Year of 2018 has arrived. We are ready to talk about good times of the past. These might be those such as special religious programs, special trips we've taken here and there, shopping outings and time spent visiting with the sick and shut-in of relatives and friends or neighbors.



Verniece Stanley

There are perhaps other places where we've visited as well.

The year 2017 passed quickly, and we must give great respect to people who spend their time helping others. One

person who comes to mind is Judge Pauline Hankins, who is a native of Brunswick County. Because she spends her time helping people, Brunswick County a better place in which to live.

The New Year is a time when many people make new year's resolutions. New Year's resolutions most often include the family and other special people for whom we care a great deal.

As we make our resolutions this year, may we continue to think about those who have encountered great misfortunes, such as those suffered the effects of the wild fires in California that left many people homeless and other such catastrophes. Let's pray and trust that they will receive the help they need in 2018.

In 2017 we have read and listened to the news and have been made mindful of the

growing effect of drug use and the increase in young people overdosing. In 2018 it's going to be important that we get to know the teenagers in a friendly manner and do whatever we can to encourage them and guide them in a different direction.

Once Brunswick County was known to be one of the poorest counties in North Carolina. In this year, we need to think about people who are less fortunate than we, many who are on the streets and other places begging for help. I can join other supporters and citizens in Brunswick County to help these people. Some of the people do not have jobs or enough food to feed their children.

Again we must think about our children and ways in which we can make sure they are getting the best education possible to live in today's soci-

ety successful. Together, we can all make this Nation and this world a better place in which to live than the one we found it.

Happy 2018 to all of us!

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.

Lincoln High School former teachers and staff hold Christmas luncheon with alumni



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On December 11, 2017 former teachers and staff were invited to a Christmas luncheon by the Lincoln High School Alumni Association, Leland, NC., at Carolina Barbecue. Seated front row, left to right, Staff- Annie L. Brown, Elouise Jacobs, and Annie Bryant (wheelchair). Standing- back row left to right. Teachers-Lonnie M. Adams and Viola Thomas Jacobs. Staff Janie K. Smith, Mary Palmore and Emily R. Waddell.

Snipes Academy of Arts & Design receives recognition from the American Theatre Wing and \$16,000 grant

Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative to support Theatre Education Grant Award

New Hanover County Schools is pleased to announce that the American Theatre Wing, best known as the creator of the Antoinette Perry "Tony" Awards, is awarding the Snipes Academy of Arts and Design with a \$16,000 Classroom Resource Grant from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative. Snipes was one of nearly 200 applicants and one of 14 award winners of the prestigious grant received across 40 states.

Snipes will use the \$16,000 Classroom Resource Grant to purchase equipment for their theater program. Support from the Initiative will allow for expansion of the theater program to produce work in a fully equipped space with working microphones, light, sound and expanded set design. The students will be able to perform quality shows with costumes while building their skills in theatrical design and performance.

"This recognition from the American Theatre Wing is a tremendous honor for our school," said Rachel Manning, principal of Snipes Academy of Arts and Design. "We are extremely excited about the opportunities this will afford our students, as it will provide them with all the necessary materials to completely produce high-quality theatrical productions."

With the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation's help, the American Theatre Wing is investing in public schools to help drama teachers get more of the resources they

need to provide quality drama instruction in their schools. Through this Classroom Resource grant-giving program, funding is provided directly to under-resourced public schools to provide instruments, dance floors, lighting grids, and other necessary materials to help create new and enhance existing theater programs.

"Arts education, and making theater available to all young persons, is vital to the growth of our culture and society. The grant proposals received this year have shown the widespread need for arts funding in primary and secondary schools across America. I am proud that we are now entering the second year of this program, and am excited for the years to come," said Andrew Lloyd Webber.

For more information about the Snipes Academy of Arts and Design theatre program contact Principal Rachel Manning at 910-251-6175, Rachel.Manning@nhcs.net or visit their website at <http://www.nhcs.net/snipes/>.

The American Theatre Wing, Heather Hitchens, President and CEO) is dedicated to advancing artistic excellence and nurturing theatre's next generation: on the stage, behind the scenes, and in the audience. For a century, the Wing has pursued this mission with programs that span the nation to invest in the growth and evolution of American Theatre. Traditionally, the Wing has encouraged members of the

theatre community to share their off-stage time and talent directly with the theatre audience at large—whether it was singing for the troops in the Stage Door Canteen of the 1940s, or sharing their stories on a podcast today. As the founders of The Tony Awards®, the American Theatre Wing has developed the foremost national platform for the recognition of theatrical achievement on Broadway. Yet the Wing's reach extends beyond Broadway and beyond New York. The Wing develops the next generation of theatre professionals through the SpringboardNYC and Theatre Intern Network programs, incubates innovative theatre across the country through the National Theatre Company Grants, fosters the song of American theatre through the Jonathan Larson Grants, honors the best in New York theatrical design with the Henry Hewes Design Award, and illuminates the creative process through the "Working in the Theatre" program and media archive.

More information about the ALW Classroom Resource Grants can be found at <http://americantheatrewing.org/program/the-andrew-lloyd-webber-initiative/>. For more information on the Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative and the American Theatre Wing, visit AmericanTheatreWing.org and [Facebook.com/TheAmericanTheatreWing](https://www.facebook.com/TheAmericanTheatreWing) and follow [@TheWing](https://www.instagram.com/TheWing) on Instagram and Twitter.

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Mr. Melvin Hill, Jr.

Mr. Melvin Hill, Jr. was born September 14, 1963 and departed this life on December 27, 2017.

Funeral services were held at on Saturday, December 30, 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.

Mary Anthony

On Sunday, December 24, 2017, at 7:54 p.m., our beloved Mary Grace Boyd Anthony arrived at the appointed time and deservedly entered into 'this life's rest'. With her went a part of us, leaving such a horrific void, never to be touched again. Her warm and comforting smile, understanding and compassion, love and generosity, and sense of humor will remain forever unsurpassed. If ever a person could touch the heart, encourage the spirit, and cause a smile where there was none, 'twas Mary'. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

Mary was born on April 11, 1929 in Charlotte, North Carolina to Willie Mae Boyd. She had two sisters, Blanche Jenkins (husband William) deceased, and Barbara Watts (deceased). She was raised in Washington, D.C. by her grandmother, Bessie Boyd King and grandfather, James Boyd. Her grandmother, Bessie, was a domestic working in the White House and Mary often spoke of how hard her grandmother worked to provide for her and her siblings. She also spoke of her grandmother being a member of the church 'House of prayer for all people' and raising them very closely in that faith. She always commended her grandmother for the principles and convictions she instilled and for planting the seed which led her to seek the 'Truth' and become one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

In her preteen years, her grandparents moved the family to New York City where Mary, at the age of 15, worked after school and weekends at the infamous Apollo Theatre. It was there she met the love of her life, Lloyd Anthony. At sixteen they eloped, but her grandmother had the marriage annulled. At eighteen they married again and often joked 'it was so nice we did it twice'. To that union eight children were born; Edward (wife Edith deceased), Evanda, James (deceased), Christine, David (deceased), Mary Osborne (spouse Melvyn), Lloyd (wife Daisy) and Sandra Anthony.

Mary received her education in New York and became a

Practical Nurse working at Lefferts General Hospital, Kings County Hospital and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. In 1978, she came to live in Wilmington N. C. because of its milder winters. She worked for Well Care Home Health and Pinnacle Care Nursing Home before developing health issues which led to her retirement.

She leaves to mourn six children, Edward, Evanda, Christine, Mary, Lloyd, and Sandra; 16 grand children; 2 grand dogs, (Snoop and Bishop); 12 great grands; 3 nieces, Frances Maloney, Louise Brown, and Belinda Jenkins; 1 nephew, Percy Haynes and a host of great nieces and nephews, and a multitude of extended family. 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.

Darren T. Dickerson

Darren T. Dickerson, age 35, of Wilmington passed away Friday, December 22, 2017. Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at the Michael J. Jordan Gymnasium of Laney High School. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Born on July 21, 1982 in Wilmington, NC, Darren Tyrone Dickerson was the second and youngest son of proud parents, Cedric and Mary Dickerson. Darren was also welcomed into his family by his adoring older brother, Marques, thus beginning a life-long bond of close and cherished brotherhood. In addition, he was blessed with the embrace of two sets of loving grandparents, Swindell and Vernalene Atkinson and Henderson and Marion Fisher (all deceased). Darren was nurtured, guided and greatly influenced by a wonderful family circle of immeasurable love that encompassed a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and adopted family members.

Having become a Christian very early in life, Darren felt that his Purpose was to teach and mentor young people. While still very young himself, he gave extraordinary time and attention to his younger cousins and other kids. Darren positively impacted the lives of numerous children throughout the community as a mentor and coach. As older teens and young adults, many of these children, as well as their parents, remembered Darren fondly and were delighted to see him later in life and share stories of how he made a difference.

From a very early age, Darren loved basketball. His unbridled enthusiasm for the game was shared by his family. His father coached him. His brother played the game with him from the time Darren was

a toddler and was also his teammate on various teams. His mother was Darren and Marques' most ardent fan. Anyone that ever visited the Dickerson home, would witness the full court layout in the kitchen and the daily, epic basketball battles between Darren and Marques in their quest to beat one another.

As young brothers, they often attended Laney High School games where, at the ages of 6 and 8, Darren and Marques would consistently make 3-pointers on the court after the game. Their early skills stood out and sparked comments from Laney Head Coach Fred Lynch such as "those two boys are going to make me look like a real smart coach one day."

Darren graduated from St. Thomas Preschool, Gregory Elementary and Williston Middle Schools. He exhibited high academic abilities early on as demonstrated through his straight A-average in the 5th grade. Darren was particularly gifted in mathematics. While still in middle school, he was sent to New Hanover High to study Algebra and Geometry at an advanced grade level. Darren's outstanding capability was recognized with an award as "Best Math Student" from Williston Middle School.

In 1996, Darren enrolled at Laney High School where he continued to be a good student and joined the basketball team thereby taking his passion to a new level. He loved playing alongside his brother and friends. He considers his teammates to be an extension of his family and the bonds he formed with them were the foundation of many of his life-long friendships. Though Darren earned numerous individual awards in basketball at Laney, he was most proud that he led his team to three 20-win seasons, a 1999 Eastern Regional Championship and State 4A finals.

Darren was Laney High School's 3rd all-time leading scorer and was recently notified of his selection into the 2018 Class of the Laney Sports Hall of Fame, an honor that he was thrilled by and looking forward to receiving. Darren continued to excel in basketball after high school. He was a member of the Southeastern Illinois 2002-2003 basketball team which finished the regular season 37-1 and with a number two national junior college ranking. Upon graduating, he received a Division 1 scholarship to attend Florida Atlantic University where he completed his college basketball career. In 2010, Darren was proudly inducted into the Southeastern Illinois College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Darren was widely known for the sparkle in his eye, his genuinely caring heart and his signature, infectious smile. Left to cherish his memory are his

parents, Cedric and Mary, and brother, Marques, as well as his Beloved, Simone George, Alex and Juselle all of Wilmington, NC; grandfather, Edgar Green, Jr. (Dorothy) of Baltimore, MD; uncle, James Fisher (Isadora) of Havelock, NC; aunts, Brenda Jamison (Walter) of Clarksburg, MD and Tracey Hymon (James) of Newport, NC; uncles, Talford Green and Derek Green (Desiree) both of Baltimore, MD. He was also loved by his uncle, Roland Fisher (deceased).

Darren's presence and impact will be deeply missed by many cousins, adopted aunts and uncles, extended family members and countless friends. He leaves a legacy of love, generosity and service to others that will live on through the many lives that he touched. 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.

Carl E. Smith

Carl E. Smith, age 78, of Southport (St. James Community) passed away Friday, December 15, 2017. A Celebration of Life Service for Mr. Smith will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 (Smith's birthday) at The Clubs at St. James, 3779 Members Club Blvd, Southport, NC 28461. 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.

Dale B. Flaverney

Dale B. Flaverney, age 64, of Wilmington passed away Thursday, December 28, 2017. Arrangements 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.

Reginald Shepard

Reginald Shepard died December 9, 2017. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at Union Bethel AME Church. Burial followed in the Woodside Community Cemetery.

Reginald Paul Shepard, son of the late Mildred and Paul Shepard was born on May 23, 1954 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was educated in the Pender County School System and was a member of Union Bethel AME Church.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his children, Latoya Brown, Reggie Brown, Dwayne Brown, Antwan Brown, Daquan Brown, Jarrod Brown and Jamie Brown; grandchildren, Shantel Brown, Shantaya Brown, Janiya Richmond, Calvin Cole, Kalyia Brown, Timothy Neidhardt, Alyssa Neidhardt and Mariah Brown; one sister, Shelia Denise Shepard of Wilmington, NC; four brothers, Randy Earl Shepard (Angie) of the Woodside Community, Ricky Allen Shepard, Richard Glenn Shepard and Mark Batts all of Wilmington, NC; three aunts, Ernestine Redd, Pearllet Sidbury and Theodora (James) Lee; one uncle, James Olden Sidbury; great-uncle, Hubert Randolph Shepard; a host of

nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including his special friends, Ricky Jacobs, Tommy Mitchell, Marvin Jacobs, Valerie Chestnut, Randy Allen, Michael Morrison, Karen Shepard, Louise Shepard, Leveter Blanks, Montel Jacobs and Tory Vireen. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Donald Gibson

Donald Gibson died December 9, 2017. Memorial services were held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

George Spicer

George Spicer died December 15, 2017. Funeral services were held on Friday, 22, 2017 at St. Andrew AME Church. Burial followed in the Moores Cemetery.

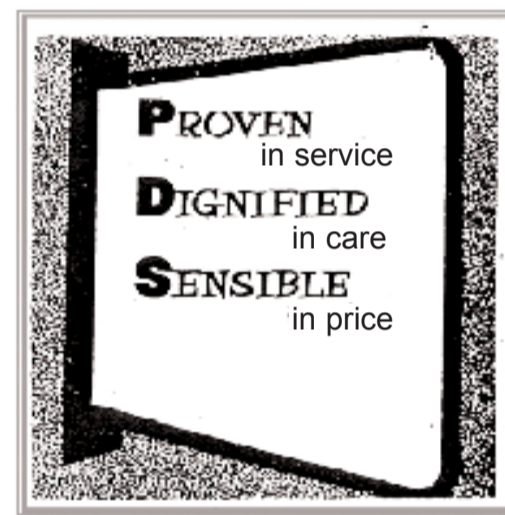
George Spicer, Jr., affectionately known as "Juney", entered into eternal rest on Friday, December 15, 2017, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. George was born on June 22, 1956 to the late George Locke, Sr. and Nellie Mae Spicer Locke McRae of Wilmington, North Carolina. In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Joseph Oliver and Nellie Spicer and his paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Annie Locke.

George leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Anthony Pringle and Trevor Spicer both of Wilmington, NC; three

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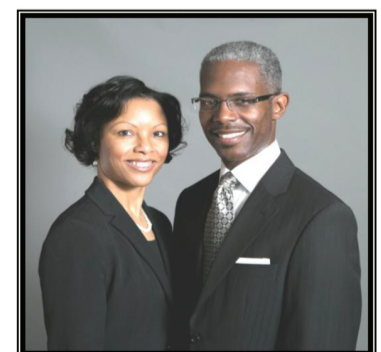
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Fear: Unpleasant, often strong emotion caused by expectation or awareness of danger; Anxious concern

Christian Believers live victorious lives when walking by faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the proving of things not seen. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to



Sylvia Hooper

God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. "Because we want to please God, we are willing to walk by faith and to live by faith, as he asks us to do in His word. Faith allows us to lay hold to the promises of God and to receive many blessings from above. This is why we should, Fear Not!

Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear cancels faith and causes one to make many mistakes in judgement. Fear promotes anxiety, which leads to a rush to judgement and rash decisions. I John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." Fear breeds anger, hatred, paranoia, and suspicion. Fear will

not allow you to walk in love towards your brother or sister. Fear magnifies differences and minimizes commonalities. Fear separates and divides families, and communities racially, socially, and economically. On the other hand, Faith brings us together for the common good and with a common goal and purpose. This is why we should, Fear Not! God has not given us a spirit of fear for that very reason. God wants his children to get along and to live in peace and harmony. Fear will not allow people to dwell together in unity because fear is not of God. As a church, we cannot be fear based and faith based at the same time. We are either walking by faith or living in fear.

Fear based politics is very prevalent today. When candidates contend for office, by seeking to frighten people of their opponent, that campaign is fear based! The campaign run by fear seeks to separate and isolate voters with biased logic, that hurts more than it helps. Instead of focusing on the candidate's actual ability, experience, conduct, character or potential.... They use dirt as a distraction to cloud the real issues, muddy the waters, and to confuse the voters as to who is the better candidate. Fear based voting can cause people to lose sight of God, and see the need to do God's will without waiting on the Lord. Fear based politics use extreme negativity to gain votes. Fear based politics is bad for the community, nation and the world. When people use fear to get in

office, they will use fear to stay in office. Christian voters should vote their faith according to the facts and not their fears. This is why we should Fear Not!

Faith based politics, based on the fear of the Lord, can be used in a positive way to impact our communities. Faith in God and his word shows, a level of humility affecting conduct and character; that is needed for those who hold office in our local, state and federal government. Fact and faith can work together, and produce great results for the common good and to the glory of God. That is, if we, Fear Not!

Prayer: Father, teach us to walk in faith, and not give way to the spirit of fear. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a

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

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

The New Hanover County Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus holds Kwanzaa celebration



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KWANZAA CELEBRATION

BY SONYA PATRICK
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The New Hanover County Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus ended the year with a two-night Kwanzaa Celebration held for the Wilmington community.

This Kwanzaa celebration took place Tuesday December 26th and Wednesday December 27th of 2017 at the Temple of Truth, Light and Life pastored by Rev. Kojo Nantambu. The celebration featured entertainment, cultural traditions and powerful speakers.

The event began with African drumming and African face painting for both children and adults. Participants were then given valuable information about the history and meaning of Kwanzaa while engaging in African traditions. Powerful speakers

such as Rev. David Jackson, Rev. Kojo Nantambu, Bro. Josiah Bennetone and Colbert Hankins gave the audience a mixture of valuable information and empowerment. The speakers encouraged the community to not just celebrate but to "own" their culture and

take control of their destiny through self-love, education and self-empowerment. Spoken Word Artist, Rhonda Sekhmet Ra hosted the event and performed several of her powerful Spoken Word pieces including "Queen" and "Master". The audience was also

entertained by Winslow Floyd on the drums and by traditional African dance performed by Jacqueline Bennetone on both nights of the event. The Kwanzaa celebration ended with a "Harambe" circle followed by the serving of food for the participants.

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brothers, Louis Spicer, Douglas Spicer and Kenneth Israel all of Wilmington, NC; three sisters, Barbara Jean Spicer Derseraux and Diane (Robert) Milner all of Wilmington, NC and Hazel Israel of Cleveland, OH; a special niece, Latonya (Eric) Bradley of Charlotte, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends, including, Linda Pringle, Florine Daniels, Crystal Boswell, Donna Hill and Ronald "Bull" Smith. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary V. Henry

Mary V. Henry died December 21, 2017 at Wilmington Heath and Rehab. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Mary was born on May 29, 1932 to the late Lewis and Edna Mosley. She was preceded in death by her son Joseph "Sleepy" Lance, Jr. Mrs. Henry belonged to Peaceful Zion Church in East Orange, New Jersey under the leadership of Rev. Johnson. She belonged to many organizations of the

church. She leaves behind a daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Elliott; son-in-law, Mathew Elliott; two grandsons, Maxwell Lance and Anthony Lance and his wife Michelle and their six grandchildren, Aisha Lance, Trinity Lance, Brianna Lance, Antonio Lance, Anthony Lance and Michael G. Lance; a host of nieces and nephews and Barbara Ann Favors and George Lance. She leaves many friends in New Jersey who loved her and many friends in North Carolina also. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Baby Ayce Johnson

Baby Ayce Johnson, infant son of Fonteler Wells Johnson and the late Michael Johnson died December 21, 2017. Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 24, 2017 at Macedonia FBH Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Deacon Dannie Conway Warren, Sr.

Deacon Dannie Conway Warren, Sr., peacefully left this world at the age of 80 years old on Friday, December 22, 2017 in Wilmington, NC. Funeral

services were held Friday, December 29, 2017 at Big Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, NC.

Born on April 9, 1937, to Jasper and Eva Mae Warren of Roseboro, NC, Dannie graduated from Roseboro High School. In 1956, he married his high school sweetheart, Sallie Culbreth. To this union, they were blessed with six children. Dannie relocated with his wife to Newburgh, NY. With failing vision, in 2006, Dannie returned with his wife to his home state of North Carolina. Dannie was a member of New Beginning Christian Church.

He leaves an entire community to cherish his memories. His immediate family includes his loving wife, Sallie Culbreth Warren of the home; 3 brothers, Joseph Warren (Dr. Gail) of Fresno, CA, Charles Warren (Doloris) of Oak Island, NC, Dr. Thomas Warren (Jacquelyn) of Leland, NC; 3 daughters, Lynette Warren and Donna Warren of Stafford, VA, and Donyetta Roberts (Dannie) of Beacon, NY; and 3 sons, Dannie Warren, II of Orlando, FL, Melvin Lavon Warren of Troy, NY, and Marvin Berran Warren of Middletown, NY. Other family members include 11 grand-

children: Kennedy-Marie Warren, Lysandra Warren, Akira Michelle Bennett (Benjamin), Dannie Warren, III, Melvin Warren, Malcolm Warren, Kyra Parks, Markus Warren, Summer Roberts, Joseph Warren, David Roberts; 1 great-grandchild: Bria Bennett; and 1 godson: Lewis Howard (Kym) of Upper Marlboro, MD. Through his time in hospice, he also developed a close special bond with a hospice volunteer, Richard Koch of Oak Island, NC. He also leaves a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Leslie Bannister

Leslie Bannister died December 24, 2017. Memorial services will be held 2 PM Saturday, January 6, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Hakim Abdul Rashid Hanifah

Hakim Abdul Rashid Hanifah died December 24, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James Peoples, Jr.

James Peoples, Jr. died December 26, 2017. Funeral services were held 1 PM Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Island Creek Missionary Baptist Church. James Nathaniel Peoples, Jr., known as "Red", "Junior", "BooBoo", and Nathaniel to many people was born on June 9, 1955, to the parents of James Peoples Sr. and Katie Peoples in New Hanover County. James battled with diabetes and other health issues.

James was a loving brother, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was preceded in death by his mother, Katie Peoples; father, James Peoples Sr., and his nephew, Samuel Turner Jr. All that knew him will truly miss him. He leaves to cherish his fond memories: four daughters, Tasha Wilmore, LaKisha Faulkner, Natalie Reynolds, and Jessica Peoples; a devoted friend, Constance Balogna; a very special friend, Rodney Tate; seven grandchildren; sisters, Corine Gore, Peggy Turner, and Mary Whitehead; nephew, Glenn Turner; aunt, Essie May Canady; special cousins that assisted with care and quality of life, and

other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Marvin James Cooper

Marvin James Cooper died December 27, 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.

Hugh Jones

Hugh Jones died December 30, 2017. Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm on Friday, January 5, 2017 at St. Mark Episcopal Church. Burial will follow in the Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Esther Mae Troy

Esther Mae Troy died December 30, 2017. Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 6, 2017 at Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm on Friday at Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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This 21st day of December, 2017.

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December 21, 28, 2017 and January 4, 11, 2018

Complaint to Enforce Possessory Lien on Motor Vehicle

The name and address of the lienor:
Kirby's Garage, Inc.
1513 Castle Street
Wilmington, N.C. 28401

The name of the person having legal title to the property:
James Louis Brown
411 Cutthro Rd.
Kelly, NC 28448

Description of the property:
1989 Ford
1FDKE30G8KHA88272
Amount due for which the lien is claimed:
\$4905.00

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NOS. 17 JA 305-307
16 JA 342

IN THE MATTER OF:
A.R.M. (DOB: 06/27/2006)
H.M.R. (DOB: 11/17/2004)
T.J.E. (DOB: 11/21/2002)
A.J.E. (DOB: 07/22/2000)

TO: RESPONDENT-MOTHER:
LORMA SHEETS

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Adjudication of a Juvenile Petition filed on November 9, 2017, alleging that the above-referenced Juveniles are neglected Juveniles.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 21, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

You have been provisionally assigned Attorney Kristen Kelley. Attorney Kelley may be contacted at (910) 763-6545, 319 North Fourth Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATION/ DISPOSITION HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 21st day of December, 2017.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 (phone)
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

December 21, 28, 2017, January 4, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 6th day of December, 2017, as Administrator of the Estate of **HOWARD EUGENE BAREFOOT, JR.**, Deceased, late of South St. Paul, Dakota County, Minnesota, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Administrator, Robert Brian Frenger, at 820 Park Lane, South St. Paul, MN 55075, on or before the **14th day of March, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 8th day of December, 2017.

/s/
ROBERT BRIAN FRENGER,
ADMINISTRATOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

December 14, 21, 28, 2017 and January 4, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Barbara Blue**, 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 **4th day of April, 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 4th day of January, 2018

Thomas Blue, Administrator
316 Cypress Grove Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28401

INVITATION FOR BIDS
SOLICITATION NO.:
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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
CARPENTRY SERVICES
AUTHORITY-WIDE

(One or more contracts might be awarded)

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below. Bids will be publicly opened and recorded immediately thereafter at the Central Office, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

- Pre bid conference/tour: Thursday, January 11th, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., beginning at the •Bid Opening: Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 12:00 noon
- Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pick-up beginning 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5th at the Central Office.
- Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or you can Download Project Manual at no cost -- www.wha.net (under Business Opportunities/IFB)
- Questions; E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than January 19th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net

Upon written request to the Contracting Officer, bids will be available after contract award. NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE. FAX NEITHER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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January 4, 11, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Carolyn Reel**, 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 **31st day of March, 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 28th day of December, 2017

Evelyn Rowe, Administrator
5818 Michelle Dr
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 18, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Maggie Bryant**, 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 **31st day of March, 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 28th day of December, 2017

Agatha W. Lowe, Administratrix
6829 Plott Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28215

December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 18, 2018

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 347

IN THE MATTER OF:
N.A.D. (DOB: 07-22-2017)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN BOLIVIA, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following December 28, 2017, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR February 5, 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 28th day of December, 2017.

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

December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Ethel A. Taylor**, 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 **21st 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 21st day of December, 2017.

Katherine Taylor Cammack, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel A. Taylor

115 Old Camp Rd
Wilmington, NC 28409
Walker Taylor, IV, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel A. Taylor
313 South Lumina
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Vanessa Alene Patrick**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned Executor at 1611 Gander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina 28411 on or before the **9th day of April, 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 4th day of January, 2018.

Ricky Wendell Patrick
1611 Gander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28411
Peter Grear
Attorney for the Estate
PO Box 2279
Wilmington, NC 28402-2279
Ph. 910-763-4671
State Bar Number: 7134

January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on the **23rd** day of **January, 2018**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at **110 Nun Street and 614 Queen Street** and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street, 2nd floor during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7873.

Amy Beatty
Community Services Director

The City of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs or activities.

All requests for appropriate auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability or need for a non-English-speaking interpreter, must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting.

December 28, 2017, January 4, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carl Marshburn (17-E-1720)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 31, 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 22nd day of December, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Marshburn
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 18, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Marilyn Feenstra (17-E-1622)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 31, 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 22nd day of December, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Marilyn Feenstra
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 18, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 16 JT 319

IN THE MATTER OF:
H.M.A.B. (dob: 09 November 2016)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to H.M.A.B.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **Thursday, December 28, 2017**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, **FEBRUARY 19, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M.**, or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 21th day of December, 2017.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3612
(910) 798-3772 * fax

December 28, 2017, January 4, 11, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, **February 15, 2018**, in the Large Conference Room in Building I at the Brunswick County Government Complex, for the construction of: **US 74/76 Warehouse Fire Protection Main** and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. The contract shall be **Single Prime**. A general description of the work includes:

The project is separated into two distinct work areas, the water line and the appurtenances along Malmo Loop Road and U.S. 74-76 which is being funded by a Golden Leaf grant and the Bailey Street and Randall Street water line and appurtenances which are being funded solely by Brunswick County. The first component of the project includes approximately 8,500 linear feet of 12 IN water line and appurtenances along Malmo Loop Road and U.S. 74/76. The second component of the project includes approximately 900 linear feet of 12 IN water line and appurtenances along Bailey Street and Randall Street. The foregoing description shall not be construed as a complete description of all work required.

Pre-Bid Meeting: An open pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested bidders and vendors on **Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Large Conference Room in Building I at the Brunswick County Government Complex.

Site Visitation: Individual inspection of the proposed construction site is allowed at any time during daylight hours.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased for **\$200.00** at the following location after **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**: (cash or check/money order payable to HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas)

Contact: Danielle McFeeley
Telephone: 704.338.6830
HDR
440 South Church St, Suite 1000
Charlotte, NC 28202

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

- NC Interactive Purchasing
- Carolinas A.G.C. Digital Plan Room online www.cagc.org on IBuild@
- CDC News Office online www.cdcnews.com
- McGraw Hill Construction Dodge Digital Plan Room online: www.dodge.construction.com/plans
- Reed Construction Data online: www.reedconstructiondata.com
- Brunswick County Public Utilities Operations Center (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. business days)
- Brunswick County Engineering Department, Building I (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. business days)
- HDR, 101 North Third Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401

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

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