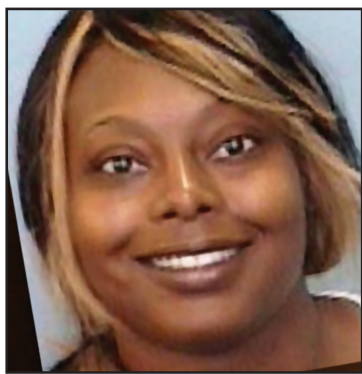


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

STATE BRIEFS

DR. TALBERT O. SHAW, FORMER SHAW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, DIES

[RALEIGH] Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, former president of Shaw University, died Tuesday morning, the historically black university announced. Dr. Shaw served the school for 15 years, and is credited with leading it out of dire financial straits that threatened to close its doors. Under Dr. Shaw, the institution also raised its endowment to \$15 million, renovated campus buildings, and erected the Talbert O. Shaw Living Learning Center. Dr. Shaw stepped down in 2003.

FORMER NC STATE TROOPER MUST PAY \$1.2 MILLION FOR WRECK

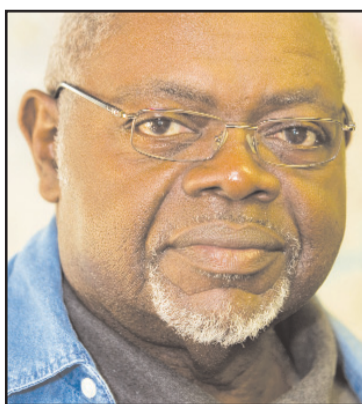
[GREENSBORO] A deputy commissioner for the North Carolina Industrial Commission has ordered a former NC highway trooper to pay over \$1.2 million to the family of a woman whose vehicle was struck by the trooper's patrol car in May 2010. Evidence shows that former Trooper J. D. Goodnight was traveling at 95 mph when his vehicle struck a car being driven by Sandra Allmond. There was also a 9-year-old boy who was also killed in the collision. Good night currently works for the Guilford County Sheriff's Dept.

NC TO REQUIRE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES TO WORK

[RALEIGH] North Carolina could become one of the first states in the nation that requires Medicaid beneficiaries to work, in exchange for getting free health insurance coverage from the state. The Trump Administration has signaled that it will waive legal restrictions to the federal law governing Medicaid that currently prohibit forcing recipients from working. Kentucky was the first state last week to receive a waiver. North Carolina is the only one of ten states on the list with a Democratic governor.

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BERNEST HEWETT

MLK BIRTHDAY

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I just finished working with the MLK Committee on celebrating his birthday and working to bring attention to the unjust an unfair works of segregation and racial profiling by

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ADAMS BLASTS TRUMP OVER SLUR

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

At least one North Carolina congressperson joined a plethora of critics expressing utter outrage over confirmed reports that President Trump, in a meeting with Senate leaders last week, referred to Haiti and African countries as "sh-thole" nations, while expressing disdain for the prospect of more immigrants from those nations coming to the United States.

Trump reportedly expressed a greater interest in seeing people from Norway, an overwhelmingly White country, immigrate to America.

"I am personally offended and appalled by today's comments which are yet another example of President Trump's racist ideologies," said Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-12-NC) in a statement January 11 after reports of Trump's vulgar remark hit the fan. "My concern now is solely with the millions of people and our allies who will be impacted by this administration's policies that are clearly driven by racism. These prejudiced beliefs are

a betrayal of our American values and tantamount to an abdication of his basic responsibility to represent all Americans."

A spokesperson for Rep. Adams added that she would support a call for the censure of President Trump by Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA) and Rep. Jerold Nadler (D-NY), expected to be introduced now that Congress is back in session after the MLK holiday.

"The President's bigoted fear-mongering is not acceptable, and his remarks completely warrant total condemnation and censure from Congress. American immigration policy cannot, and should not, be guided in any way, shape or form by racism," Richmond and Nadler said in a joint statement last week.

Neither of Rep. Adams' two Democratic colleagues from North Carolina, Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-1-NC) or David Price (D-4-NC) issued statements weighing in on the controversy.

However, here in North Carolina, criticism of the President's acid remarks lingered at Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. Day marches and events, even with State lawmakers on Monday.

"The importance of the national celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is more clear today than ever before," said Sen. Angela Bryant (D-Nash), Chair of the NC Legislative Black Caucus, said in a statement from the caucus. "This annual call to action and remembrance to oppose racism and discrimination in all its forms is needed to expose and root out the deep seated beliefs in group domination, superiority, and oppression that are still prevalent from the highest governmental levels to the personal level of our day to day interactions."

That sentiment was shared by the new President of the NCNAACP, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman.

"I really don't mean to be trite here, but my mother, one of the most intelligent people I know, filled with mother wit, would often use an economy of words to respond to such an inquiry that works quite well to sum up the derangement of the being who occupies the White House," Rev. Spearman said. "My mother would



CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS

say '...an empty wagon makes a lot of noise.' In choosing my battles, I am careful not to feed into him. I'd rather ignore #45's ignorance."

COMMUNITY HONORS THE KING



DOUGLASS ACADEMY MARCHES IN MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FOOTSTEPS--Douglass Academy, the tuition-free K-5 public school at 6th & Red Cross streets, proudly had students, parents, teachers, and staff participating in the Martin Luther King March through downtown Wilmington on January 15.



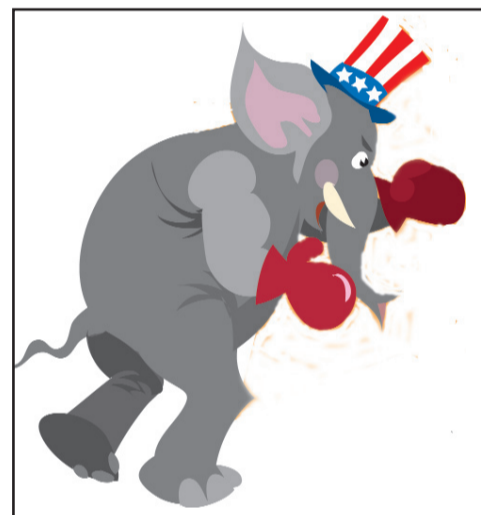
ATTY. REGINALD SHUFORD, KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT NAACP MLK BREAKFAST



WILLISTON CLASS OF '61 WAS WELL REPRESENTED AT THE MLK BREAKFAST. POSING WITH THEM IS DR. KYLE HORTON (FAR LEFT, BACK ROW), CANDIDATE FOR US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. OTHERS PICTURED ARE PAULINE MITCHELL-NIXON AND BARBARA ROGERS (FRONT ROW); ANDREW OATES, RUSSELL HEWETT, AND ROBERT NIXON (BACK ROW).



STILL "THE BEST SCHOOL UNDER THE SUN"--A very proud moment for some "Willistonians" who were with students from the "Williston Middle School" in the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade on Monday in Wilmington.



GOP fights redistricting ruling; NCNAACP protests judicial redistricting

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Not allowing yet another redistricting defeat to stop them during a crucial midterm election year, NC Republican legislative leaders, through their attorneys, have asked the conservative-leaning US Supreme Court to not only stay last week's devastating federal court ruling striking down their 2016 congressional voting maps as "invidious partisanship" and "illegal," but have actually also asked the High Court to reinstate those maps for the upcoming 2018 elections.

A federal three-judge panel blasted Republican lawmakers in their over 200-page opinion last week, saying that they deliberately set out to draw 10 of 13 NC congressional voting districts heavily Republican in 2016, thus denying voters in those districts their constitutional right to elect the representation of their choice. The court ordered that the districts be immediately redrawn by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.

"I applaud the decision of the federal judges," said Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1). The decision reaffirms my long held belief that Republicans in the North Carolina General Assembly drew the congressional map with the express purpose of maximizing the number of Republican congressional districts. Republicans com-

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our society and elected officials. I am very proud to remind people of his life's work. Now I find myself faced with Black History Month. As I prepare for this, I find in Brunswick County a rich and proud history of Blacks whose lives have made it better for people of color here in this County and counties around us.

I still have some of them to talk to: Mrs. Delilah Blanks, a Black woman with a history of community involvement and leadership skills; The Reverend Moses Herring, a pastor who led the NAACP when it was almost like a target. He has pastored the same church for fifty years (Mt. Zion at Longwood); Harold Troy, of Whiteville. These community leaders are still alive and more than willing to talk with you today. I am grateful to have had the pleasure of talking with Mr. Jesse Bryant who led the State in cases filed and won by the NAACP in the County of Brunswick, and Mr. Eugene Gore, who helped and worked with Mr. Bryant.

I find this part of Black history very close to my being here in Brunswick County and learning of the work that these people did and are still continuing to do. This work, which our people started is not yet done. We cannot yet declare justice or a race free society! *Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.*

Black Republican Rep Says Trump 'must apologize' for 'sh*t-hole' remarks

Civil rights leaders, others rebuke Trump for his latest racist remark

BY HAZEL TRICE
EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - President Donald Trump, who has constantly denied being a racist, is now embroiled in a growing controversy after he referred to African countries, Haiti and El Salvador as "sh*t-hole countries" and sked why America can't draw more immigrants from places like "Norway", a predominately White country.

The remarks made Jan. 11 during a bi-partisan Whitehouse meeting on immigration policies, has set off a fire storm of criticism from both sides of the aisles, including from the only Haitian-American in Congress, Republican Rep. Mia Love (Utah), who has demanded an apology.

"The president's comments are unkind, divisive, elitist, and fly in the face of our nation's values. This behavior is unacceptable from the leader of our nation. My parents came from one of those countries but proudly took an oath of allegiance to the United States and took on the responsibilities of everything that being a citizen comes with," Rep. Love wrote in a tweet Jan. 11. "They never took a thing from our federal government. They worked hard, paid taxes, and rose from nothing to take care of and provide opportunities for their children. They taught their children to do the same. That's the American Dream. The President must

apologize to both the American people and the nations he so wantonly maligned."

The White House initially issued a statement not denying the comments, but saying that Trump, "will always fight for the American people."

The White House Statement continued, "Like other nations that have merit-based immigration, President Trump is fighting for permanent solutions that make our country stronger by welcoming those who can contribute to our society grow our economy and assimilate into our great nation."

"Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), who were in the meeting, confirmed the 'sh*t-hole' account though others in the room claimed they did not hear it, denied that he said it, or that he used the term 'sh*t-hole' countries."

As the firestorm reaction grew to reports of his crude remarks, Trump then denied having made them. But given the president's reputation for lying, his reputation for making racist remarks and given the credible witnesses and reports, the outrage continued to rise this week during a time of celebration of the Martin Luther King Day holiday. The following are excerpts from some of the statements:

Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.): "President Trump's comments are yet another confirma-

tion of his racially insensitive and ignorant views. It also reinforces the concerns that we hear every day, that the President's slogan Make America Great Again is really code for Make America White Again."

Richmond continued, "All of the reservations we have had about negotiating with him on immigration are well-founded. President Trump is clearly more concerned with ending the future flow of immigrants from Africa and the African diaspora than providing relief to Dreamers who came here through no fault of their own. Unfortunately, there is no reason to believe that we can negotiate in good faith with a person who holds such vile and reprehensible beliefs."

The National Bar Association President Juan R. Thomas: "The NBA calls upon all members of Congress to openly reject Trump's politics of racism."

NAACP President/CEO Derrick Johnson: Yesterday, the raw racism of Donald Trump and those driving his immigration and other policy making decisions were on full display as he called for fewer Black people to be admitted into the United States in favor of white immigrants. And this morning, the President doubled down on his comments offering a weak justification for his racist viewpoint."

National President, National Congress of Black Women: Dr. E. Faye Williams: "These derisive



U. S. REP. MIA LOVE (R-UTAH), THE ONLY HAITIAN-AMERICAN IN THE U. S. CONGRESS

comments are dramatically similar to those made in December when #45 said, Haitians "All have A.I.D.S" and that once Nigerian immigrants saw the United States they would never "go back to their huts." Sadly, it is apparent that the judgments and decisions made by this man are informed by fundamental racism -- a racism that's as likely to moderate as is the likelihood of the Sun rising in the west and setting in the east.

"Whatever one thinks of #45, no one should feign surprise with the progres-

sively egregious and insulting nature of his comments and conduct. From the opening remarks of his campaign, upon which he based insults directed at Hispanic immigrants, through his "Good" Nazi Charlottesville comments to his most recent, #45 has never tried to disguise his true nature to those listening in earnest," says Williams.

She concludes that despite the calls from Rep. Love for an apology, no such thing will be forthcoming. "He has never apologized, and most likely will never

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prise 30 percent of registered voters in North Carolina, yet they crafted a congressional map that would ensure Republican success in ten of thirteen districts, or 76 percent. The Republicans made this case relatively simple when they admitted in court that the congressional map was drawn for partisan political advantage."

Butterfield continued, "As the Court stated, North Carolina voters have been deprived of a constitutional districting plan for the past decade. So I urge the Republican dominated General Assembly to promptly comply with the Court's order by developing a fair congressional map that doesn't disadvantage Demo-crat voters."

The federal court also warned that it would hire it's own special master to draw the map if the GOP didn't move immediately to fix the problem.

But in an emergency motion to the US Supreme Court Jan. 12th, attorneys for the Republican lawmakers petitioned that that ruling be thrown out by Monday, Jan. 22nd because the congressional maps can't be adequately redrawn before the upcoming Feb. 12th candidates' filing period for the 2018 midterm primaries without causing confusion.

The GOP lawmakers didn't atop there. They also argued

that the North Carolina ruling should be stayed until two other partisan districting cases being considered before the US Supreme Court, this time in Wisconsin and Maryland, be decided.

Last week's federal court decision dealt with congressional redistricting, not the similar NC legislative redistricting case that another fed-

eral three-judge panel is expected to rule on any day now. That case involved racial gerrymandering, which is also unconstitutional.

Meanwhile the NCNAACP and its coalition partners, led by NCNAACP Pres. Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, demonstrated in front of the legislative building in Raleigh on Jan. 10th to protest the special

session called to consider judicial redistricting, which many critics say is based on the same racial gerrymandering criteria the legislative maps were thrown out for, and is targeting many black district court judges for elimination by having them run against each other.

"Our courts should be as free as we can make them from partisan politics," former NC Associate Supreme Court Justice Patricia Simmons-Goodson told hundreds of cheering protesters, some holding signs saying, "Fair Courts Now," and "No Voter Left Behind."

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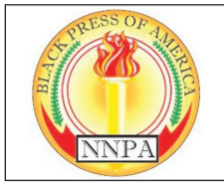
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REALITY CHECK

Cancellation of Roland Martin Show: A sign of Black powerlessness

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When first hearing about TV-One's cancellation of Roland Martin's show for "budgetary" reasons, my immediate reaction was bull crap. I am convinced that his show was cancelled because some advertisers and some Trumpets were outraged because of Roland's Afrocentric perspective when reporting and interpreting news.

Though I didn't always agree with Roland's positions on certain issues, for the past five years his thought-provoking, informative, meaningful show was a valuable source of information on what is happening in this country. He introduced his audiences to knowledgeable black folks with expertise in the arenas of economics, education, culture, politics, etc., who are never seen or heard on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, NPR, CBS, NBC or ABC. And he did it with an honest swagger that black commentators on those networks had no opportunity to match. White advertisers and political Trumpets were unable to deal with that kind of honest black assertiveness. So they threatened to create "budgetary" problems for TV-One.

Which brings me to a second reaction when hearing about the cancellation: "This is what happens to a group of people who resolutely refuse to organize a comprehensive, national movement that will promote and protect their economic, cultural and political interests in this group-oriented society."

For the past half-century, we, as a group of people, have acted as though we no longer live in a country in which White supremacy/racism is the dominant ideology. White people may disagree among themselves about many things. But one thing that most of them agree upon is that they should be in control of the United States of America. This is still true despite the election and reelection of President Barack Obama.

Too many of us rejoice over symbolic individual achievements such as the first Black president of this or that major corporation, institution, club or organization. When I express disdain about what these symbolic, individual accomplishments do for us as a group of people, I am accused of being "stuck in the 1960s."

I accept this accusation before reminding the accuser that most firsts haven't halted the killing of unarmed Black males by police officers, the rising incidents of overt White supremacy on numerous White college campuses, the disgusting way that too many Whites portray Michelle Obama on the Internet or the respectability given to known members of the Ku Klux Klan by Trump and his Trumpets.

These are the consequences of our refusal to organize a national movement to promote and protect our interests. Impulsive marches and protest demonstrations while chanting "No Justice, No Peace," to counter the above manifestations of White supremacy do not a movement make. Many of these actions have become basically profiling for television.

What is difficult is to organize an ongoing movement that would have made it impossible for TV-One to have cancelled Roland's show. The station would have let the organization know who was doing the threatening and it could have warned the threateners that messing with that should would inspire a national boycotts of whatever they were advertising to sell to us.

That's how a group with real power takes care of business. Our most potent weapon against such incidents in this money-driven country is our collective economic resources. If we don't effectively use those resources in our war for equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity, we are basically blowing smoke.

A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is *Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher*, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.

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"We have come this far by faith and marching"(excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do").

The power of marching together: We made progress under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders because they responded to ignorant,

gutter profanity and racist actions with intellectual speeches and non-violent "direct" actions. Our most powerful elected Black leaders, The Congressional Black Caucus, must lead this "bold" movement by publicly standing up to TRUMP with one voice. They must all attend the State of the Union address, stand up and walk out one at a time when TRUMP starts speaking. We are not turning our other

cheek this time. Our other Black leaders must teach, preach and guide our people in voter education and registration. Our churches must use their buses and vans to drive our people to their polling place and go inside to watch the process and the treatment by poll workers. We all must work hard to get at least three people to register and make sure three more registered voters go and vote. U.S. House minority leader,

Nancy Pelosi, must question why TRUMP met with six White men to help decide the immigration policy. The TRUMP revolution will not stop, we the everyday people must stop it. The only three non-violent solutions to stop his dictatorship are education, registration and voting. We, the people, can end TRUMP'S revolution on Tuesday November 6, 2018!!!
James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Dr. King and the dignity of work

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr didn't plan to get involved in the Memphis garbage worker's strike. He hadn't planned to be there on the fateful day when he was shot on April 4, 1968. But he was pressured to go the first time and found the garbage worker's strike compelling. He promised to return, and felt it important to keep his word, despite a



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

packed schedule. Memphis was so very important because the 1300 Black men who worked in the Sanitation Department were treated despicably. Two workers had been crushed in a garbage compactor in 1964, but the faulty equipment had not been replaced. On February 1, 1968, two more men, Echol Cole, 36, and Robert Walker, 30, were crushed in the compactor. The two men were contract workers, so they did not qualify for workmen's compensation, and had no life insurance. The

city of Memphis paid \$500 plus one month's pay for their funeral expenses. Robert Walker's wife, Earline, was pregnant at the time of his death.

Memphis garbage workers were notoriously ill-treated.

They were poorly paid, at \$1.60 (the minimum wage) to \$1.90 per hour. They were not paid overtime, even though they were often required to work more than 8 hours a day. Their pay was so low that many held second jobs, or received public assistance. They were not paid to work when there was inclement weather, like rain or snow. And their supervisors, mostly white, were much better paid, no matter what the weather. After the deaths of Echol Cole and Robert Walker, garbage workers demanded better wages and working conditions, and union recognition. The City Council agreed, but the racist, indifferent mayor, Henry Loeb, vetoed the City Council's action. The men went on strike on February 11, 1968, and stayed out 64 days, until April 12.

Have we forgotten the poignant pictures of grown men carrying hand-lettered signs that said "I Am A Man", and the irony of these hard-working men having to declare

that which should have been perfectly obvious? Memphis Black garbage workers were not treated as men, but as disposable beings considered only useful for dealing with other people's rubbish.

They weren't the only ones. Lots of Black people, even after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, received unequal pay, and thoroughly unacceptable terms and conditions of work. The city of Memphis was violating national labor laws, but because those they demeaned were Black, nobody cared, and nobody noticed until the garbage workers went on strike.

The Association of Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) is the union that the Memphis garbage workers were affiliated with. They have developed a campaign, "I AM 2018" (<https://www.iam2018.org>) that is focused on organizing and on a series of events to commemorate the strike, remember Cole and Walker, and focus on the dignity of work.

The I AM 2018 campaign is needed now, more than ever, as worker dignity is constantly assailed. The federal Department of Labor seems to be on a campaign to rescind

Obama-era rules that improve life for workers. For example, an Obama rule would require employers to pay four hours of wages to workers who are "on call" whether they are used or not.

Why? Because if the workers are on call, they are tethered to the telephone and need to be paid for their time. Since 45 was elected, though, many have lined up to ask the Department of Labor to rescind the proposed rule.

They say that the rule is too costly for corporations and businesses and that it will cost the nation jobs. New York State Senator Chris Jacobs says the proposed rule will be a "devastating blow" to business. In this aggressively and myopically pro-business climate, who wants to bet that the proposed rule will be rescinded?

Just as King stood with Memphis garbage workers, he would now stand with the I AM 2018 campaign, and with the "on call" workers who can't get respect or compensation for their availability. We are still not finished with the work Dr. King started, not finished with

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Martin's birthday sermon: The Negro is your brother

This is No Time for Silence

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As the world pauses to honor one of the greatest African Americans, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, most conscious Americans are bowing our heads, though not in prayer.

We are enraged that Donald Trump, who garnered the presidency through his "birther" inquisition, questioning President Barack Obama's legitimacy and identity, continues to display vulgar bigotry, hatred and racism. He, and the GOP, have spent his first 360 days, literally, attempting to turning around the Obama Administration's policies to support the disenfranchising of non-White Americans and nations.

Equally, many of us are appalled by the silence from the African-American "faith leaders" who flood the airwaves, pulpits and megachurch auditoriums with messages of deliverance, hope and prosperity in the face of

this adversity and darkness. If we've ever needed "a Word" from the Lord, as a community, we sure do need it now. Yet as my grandmother would say, "you can hear a rat piss on cotton" from those leaders who have such stark messages that will free you from every defiling form of deviant, lustful, immoral and heart-wrenching sin that will send you to the hell.

Dr. King was a global humanitarian, yet his primary calling was as a prophet. He used his prophetic voices to spare not and cry aloud, addressing the concerns across racial identity, leading the charge for equality for the least advantaged. King, and his contemporaries, jailed in Birmingham understood, that they weren't just wrestling against being bitten by dogs, hosed down and lynching's but there were principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, spiritual wickedness in high places. And, those high places had seats that effected public and social policy.

In the book, *Where Have All The Prophets Gone*, Marvin McMickle reminds preachers that they have no right to preach prophetic words with their fists balled up and index fingers pointing out and point-

ing away from themselves. I contend that preachers all need to point a finger toward themselves and examine their calling. Jesus was a prophet who came to set at liberty them that were bruised. We can't just deliver a superficial message of faith without works.

Sitting in a shithole because of injustice, Dr. King pens, "The Negro Is Your Brother," commonly known as the Letter from the Birmingham Jail. About the letter, McMickle says "King preaches from the prophetic text and becomes a prophet in our midst."

In the absence of any of the modern day celebrated and proclaimed apostles, (arch) bishops, and right-reverends having a prophetic word, in response to the recent Trump debacle, we will let King preach for them this Sunday morning. "Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial 'outside agitator' idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds."

King refers to himself, Jesus and other great reformers as extremists. "So, the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be? Will we be extremists for hate or for love?"

In that dramatic scene on Calvary's hill three men were crucified. We must never forget that all three were crucified for the same crime - two were extremists for immorality. Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love and thereby rose above his environment. Perhaps the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists."

And I believe this creative extremism fused in love should compel clergy to come out from their silence and stand up for justice, for equality and inhumanity. In other words, silence in the face of such demeaning rhetoric and practices from the White House is ungodly and demands a godly and bold response.

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the struggle for economic justice. We have yet to attain equality, yet to develop an economic agenda for shared prosperity, for workplace dignity

and for human rights. We must remember Echol Cole and Robert Walker, who were killed because Memphis just didn't care enough to have working equipment for their garbage workers. We must remember the audacity that Black men had to strike and a

time when they might lose their jobs for simply talking back. And we must reclaim audacity and resist the 45 administration's attempts to dehumanize all of us. The struggle for justice clearly must continue.
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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

One nation, under racism

Donald Trump's despicable disparagement of black people this week, and the subsequent efforts of GOP lackeys to defend what he said, illuminates the reality we are "one nation," sorely divided, under "racism."

God has little to do with how this nation operates. As opposed to coming out immediately decrying the president's words, some lawmakers and some religious leaders actually attempted to normalize what he said, begging Americans to look at what he is doing and don't listen to what he says.

The disingenuous reaction came as the president, facing a bipartisan backlash, tried to say he didn't say what he is reported to have said. But lawmakers, both GOP and Democrat, sharply defended what they had heard.

GOP cowering under this president, and their willingness to be lackeys and sycophants to a man who has made it clear that he is no lover of people of color, is not surprising, even if it is disappointing. But religious leaders defending him reveal the weakness of American Christianity, or maybe Christianity in general.

There are few religious leaders willing to step into the lion's den of injustice, especially when it comes to social issues. Churches historically - white and black - have been reluctant to talk about racism, saying that the church is not the place to talk about politics. A theology of personal piety has been the seedbed of our religion for the most part. People have been concerned about having a personal relationship with Jesus the Christ - but our silence in the face of racial injustice reveals the possibility that maybe we do not know what Jesus stood for and what Jesus demanded of us.

Many pastors have taught that it is their job to save the souls of people and bring them to God, "not to get them tangled up in the confusion of racism."

The late theologian Rabbi Abraham Heschel reminds that the prophets of the Bible had a specific job: to "interfere" with the status quo that resulted in the suffering of God's people. Jesus the Christ said that we were to be attendant to "the least of these." Jesus, the Palestinian Jew, knew oppression and fought against the state. He said we were to imitate him.

We do not want to do it. It is distasteful and challenging and threatening to our way of life. To be sure, those who have fought against the Empire - be it the state or the church - have suffered consequences. But Jesus' life showed us that that's what this walk is about. The suffering of the faithful for the good of God's people is redemptive and allows individuals and society to experience resurrection.

Heschel says that "by negligence and silence we have all become accessory before the God of mercy to the injustice committed against the Negroes by men of our nation" in his book, *Abraham Heschel: Essential Writings*. Heschel says racism is worse than idolatry: "Racism is Satanism unmitigated evil."

What is going on in this administration is bold, raw evil. That the leader of the free world would be so blatant and arrogant with his racism is astounding, and religious leaders defending him is disgusting. Some of the president's lackeys have gone on record to say that those who are protesting his words are "playing race card," which, they say, "is easy and lazy."

They completely ignore the fact that the president himself is the chief card dealer, and he has been dealing race cards since before his election; his history is dotted with his racial snobbery and arrogance. Heschel quotes Reinhold Niebuhr, who said, "Race prejudice, a universal human ailment, is the most recalcitrant aspect of the evil in man." He said that racism is the "treacherous denial of the existence of God."

If that is the case, if, as Heschel says, "racism is man's gravest threat to man," then why are we so silent? Have we, the people, the "people of God," been too silent over the years, willing to let a very few fight the battle of hatred, while we have sat by, criticizing the efforts made but enjoying the benefits of the fight?

There is no way we are "one nation under God, because God cannot be pleased with the way the white race has trampled on people of color for literally thousands of years. Even before Jesus, there was racial bias; the illness of white supremacy is chronic and has only gotten worse over time.

Donald Trump and those who worship him and not God is a bane to all that is good. The fact that so-called "religious" men are silent, and the fact that the chief GOP lawmakers, House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, have been largely silent, speaks to the fact that the "God of our weary years" is not as important to many of us as God should be.

These people show no compassion; their hatred spews out of their pores, revealing an inability to "love our neighbors as ourselves" and to love God with all our heart, all our mind and all our soul. Even if "the Donald" does not want to admit it, the people of Haiti and the African nations - as well as people of color in this nation - are important and special and precious to God.

They need to get over their racism and hold onto the God who created us all.

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bers now celebrating the massive and morally obscene tax cuts are expected to add to the outrageous injustice by slashing Medicaid, SNAP, education, housing and other crucial child investments to pay for welfare for non-needy millionaires, billionaires and corporations.

We can and must do better - and need to follow up on proven solutions that work to improve the odds for America's children at the same time that we fight all efforts to take away the gains we've already made after laborious work over a half century. The State of America's Children® 2017 is a critical tool for everyone who cares about whether children are treated fairly and our nation's future. It provides a comprehensive overview of children's status nationally and in each state. The report also addresses the especially dire needs facing children in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands even before last year's hurricanes, which worsened them; offers a portrait of immigrant children; and describes how poorly we rank among rich countries for investing in children. Despite our great wealth, the U.S. lags behind other industrialized nations

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The power of the presidency: Will ethnic cleansing be next?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The "sh*thole" debacle: It is one thing to rhetorically hate a race of people but it is quite another to have the power and the resources to destroy them. That is why Trump's arguing that people from "sh*tholes," like Haiti and

Africa don't belong here is so disturbing.

In a sense he is telling the world black and brown people have no place in America. He made that loud and clear when he said, "Haitians Get Out." Will we see ethnic cleansing? Are we witnessing the rise of America's Hitler? Character assassination precedes physical assassination.

First there is the slander; the

painting of people of color as worthless, unpatriotic, and lawless. Here is a president who labeled black football players "sons of bitches," had kind words to say about the White nationalists who were beating up protestors in Charlottesville and refused to provide the help to Americans suffering from hurricane destruction in Puerto Rico. One of his first hires was Steve Bannon, an avowed white supremacist whose plan was deconstruction, which meant satisfying Trump's base by dehumanizing people of color, robbing them of survival tools and ensuring more black men wound up in jail.

Trump's father was reportedly a Klansman, so the hatred he has for Blacks was passed through his DNA. He tried to violate Barack Obama's right to be president through the lie that he was born in Kenya - one of those sh*thole places. When that didn't work as president he is obsessed with destroying

Obama's legacy especially through budget cuts that are destroying Obamacare. By cutting that he sees how he can destroy Obama's legacy and the race that he sprang from.

The deconstruction of people of color is not only through his inhumane immigration policy but the cutback in EPA regulations which allow toxics to flow freely into places where people of color live. Cuts in Medicaid and Medicare will push seniors to cut back on preventive care, another measure that will hit blacks who are on the bottom of the economic poll. To pay for the billions his tax cuts provide to his rich friends, millions will not have health care, healthy toxic free environments, and their beds will be the cold sidewalks as he cuts out aid for the homeless.

The other problem is Trumpism, the Republicans do not stand with the America who believes that all are created equal. No they support Trump's racism, the White

evangelicals pretend that unmerited greed is not a sin and the Black pulpits are mostly silent.

But I still believe that there is enough of us - the Irish, the Italians, the Japanese, and hundreds of other races - whatever so-called "sh*thole" we may be accused of coming from will still rise to make America great again and not hate again. We will run for office, we will vote our strength, and we will never hate, bully, slander others. We will never lower our values to become the tyrants who are now ruining this country. We are better than those at the top, so we must rise up and reclaim the honor and dignity in the name of all those, black, white, red and yellow, who died to make us free.

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CHILDWATCH

The state of America's children demands your action right now!

It is a national disgrace that children are the poorest Americans. The Children's Defense Fund's new report *The State of America's Children® 2017* details the immoral, costly and preventable poverty, homelessness, hunger, health problems, poor education and

violence plaguing children who are America's responsibility and future. The U.S. has 73.6 million children. Nearly 1 in 5 are poor-more than 13.2 million. Children of color, who will be a majority of our children by 2020, are disproportionately poor. About 1 in 3 Black, 1 in 3 American Indian/Alaskan Native and 1 in 4 Hispanic children are poor compared to 1 in 9 White children. Nearly 70 percent of poor children are non-White. Imagine a young girl-let's call her Janie-who is one of those millions of poor children. Maybe she lives in California or Texas, the states with the

biggest numbers of poor children, or in New Mexico, Mississippi, Louisiana, or Kentucky, the states with the highest child poverty rates. What else do we know about what Janie's life may be like?

Janie may be one of the 3.9 million children who still lack health coverage or one of the nearly 9 million children at risk of losing coverage because of Congress's shameful inaction in funding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). She might be one of the nearly 1 in 5 children-14.8 million-who live in food-insecure households and don't have enough to eat. As a poor child she probably didn't get the best chance to start school ready to learn because less than half of poor children are ready for school at age 5 compared with 75 percent of their wealthier peers. Only 5 percent of eligible infants and toddlers are in Early Head Start and 54 percent of eligible 3- and 4-year-olds are in Head Start. As she grows up, Janie may never catch up: The majority of all public school fourth and eighth graders cannot read at grade level and more than 75 percent of lower-

income fourth and eighth grade public school students could not read or compute at grade level compared with less than 55 percent of higher-income students.

Growing up poor means Janie is more likely to be involved in the child welfare system-every 47 seconds a child is abused or neglected, the majority of them victims of neglect, and the number of children in foster care is increasing rapidly as the opioid crisis spins out of control. She may even be one of the more than 1.2 million public school children who are homeless. She also would be more likely to be involved in the juvenile justice system, one of the 2,805 children arrested every day. Finally, growing up in America puts her at risk of the very American scourge of gun violence. Although the U.S. accounts for less than 5 percent of the global population, our civilians own 35-50 percent of civilian-owned guns in the world, most recently estimated as high as 310 million guns. In contrast, U.S. military and law enforcement combined owned only 4 million guns. Eight chil-

dren and teens are killed with guns every day and gun violence is the leading cause of death for Black children and teens.

How are the leaders of our wealthy nation addressing the grim child survival needs of children like Janie across the country? Making them worse. It is a disgrace. What kind of leaders and people cut essential food and health care from babies and children to give massive tax cuts to billionaires and corporations? This is one of the scariest times America's children have faced in the struggle to level the playing field as the last 50 years of progress in child health coverage, nutrition, education, and other child and family programs are ravaged. We should be building on what we know works and moving forward, not backwards, to improve the odds for children who need our protection. We urge the American public to stand up and stop this savage war on children. The White House and Republican mem-

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TO BE EQUAL

Passing the baton: Dr. King's anti-poverty crusade experiences a 21st century revival

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"We read one day, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.' But if a man doesn't have a job or an income, he has neither life nor liberty nor the possibility for the pursuit of happiness. He merely exists." — **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., American Civil Rights Activist, "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution," March 31, 1968**

It is near universally known that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream. For the most part, that dream is closely tied to his courageous work around racial inequality and injustice.

This dream conjures up images of little Black boys and girls joining hands with little white boys and girls as brothers and sisters.

But Dr. King had another dream. It was a dream of economic justice for all of our nation's poor. Tragically cut down by an assassin's bullet before the start of the new Poor People's Campaign, Dr. King would not live to see the

launch of his dream for economic justice. Fifty years later, as the baton passes from the legacy of Dr. King to the leadership of Rev. William J. Barber II, the poor of our nation have another advocate to fight on their behalf.

Rev. Barber is no stranger to social justice movements centered on fighting for the poor and the most vulnerable. During his time as the president of the NAACP's North Carolina chapter, Rev. Barber led "Moral Mondays" protests at the North Carolina state house. His coalition of protesters transcended race, socio-economic or ideological divides. They were united in a multi-issue struggle, mirroring the kind of coalition Dr. King and Ralph Abernathy envisioned for the Poor People's Campaign a half century ago.

The conditions of poverty that spurred Dr. King to action in 1968 continue to motivate Dr. Barber in 2018. According to the latest census figures, more than 40 million Americans live below the federal poverty line today. During Dr. King's time, 35 million Americans lived in poverty. While the latest job figures show that racial gaps in employment are slowly closing, yawning income inequality and the consolidation of wealth at the top of the economic food chain remain stubborn fixtures of our top-one-percent centric economy.

Dr. King spoke of "the presence of a kind of social insanity which could lead us to

national ruin" in 1968. Today, we are bracing for the impact of the regressive Tax Reform law—legislation that permanently cuts taxes for corporations, but offers this relief temporarily for middle and working-class Americans. Members of Congress pushed hard to give tax cuts and breaks to the wealthiest Americans, but have not found the same political will to fund the Children's Health Insurance Program, leaving millions of American children at risk of losing vital healthcare coverage.

Politically, our country is a far cry from the "war on poverty" declared by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964, when the federal government's priority was "not only to relieve the symptoms of poverty, but to cure it and, above all, to prevent it." Today, as we watch the social safety net is systematically unraveled beneath our feet, it is clear that we are fighting a targeted war on the poor.

For thousands, that fight will be fought under the banner of "The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival," led by Revs. Barber and Liz Theoharis. The agenda is "to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality" with close to five weeks of action at statehouses around our country and at our nation's capital.

We in the Urban League Movement were privileged to engage with Rev. Barber and

discuss his mission and vision first-hand when he spoke at our 2017 Conference in St. Louis. His address left us energized and inspired to continue the work of my predecessor, Whitney M. Young, who worked hand-in-hand with King and other leaders of the era as executive director of the primary civil rights organization dedicated to economic empowerment.

The work of the Poor People's Campaign culminated with a Poor People's March on Washington shortly after Dr. King's assassination, and a six-week occupation of the Washington Mall by march participants and advocates. With campaign's revival soon upon us, it is clear that the spirit of 1968 is alive and well—and its spirit has a newfound home in Washington.

I was recently honored with an invitation to discuss Dr. King's economic justice dream at the new exhibit of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, "City of Hope: Resurrection City & the 1968 Poor People's Campaign." We stood among the relics and pictures of past but felt very connected to our struggles in the present. Dr. King's struggle remains our nation's struggle, and we must continue to move towards equality and economic justice for all.

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



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New Hanover County

New Hanover County Schools will hold its annual county MathCounts Competition on Friday, January 19, 2018, at the New Hanover County Board of Education Center at 1805 South 13th Street. MathCounts is a contest for middle school students, who participate in their MathCounts Club. MathCounts will include a series of written exams as well as a team round. The written exams begin at 9:30 a.m. The contest ends with a fast-paced Countdown Round in which the top competitors will compete by answering mental math questions while trying to beat the clock. The Countdown Round begins at 11:30 a.m. This contest serves as a practice run for the Regional MathCounts competition, which is held in February at Cape Fear Community College's North Campus.

The City of Wilmington is pleased to offer the Home Ownership Pool. This loan program is available for low to moderate income households looking to achieve the benefit of home ownership. If you are looking to purchase a home within the city limits of Wilmington and meet the program requirements, HOP may be the loan program for you. Take the first step by attending the FREE home buyer education seminar on Friday, January 19, 2018, 9 am - 3 pm. Location: 115 N. 3rd Street, 5th Floor Conference Room, Wilmington, NC. For more information or to register, please call 910-341-7836.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Aquinetta Beatty, Director of Coastal Women's Ventures, part of the Carolina Small Business Development Fund, will be the featured speaker. There will also be information on and the opportunity to sign-up for the Historic Thousands on Jones Street People's Assembly Coalition 2018 Moral March on Raleigh, Saturday, February 10: "Taking the Resistance to the Ballot Box". A seat on the New Hanover NAACP bus is available with a donation cost of \$20. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

The Willis Richardson Players will hold auditions on Monday, January 22nd from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the USO Hannah Block Community Arts Center for their Spring 2018 production, "All the Worlds A Stage: A Musical Renew." For more information please call 910-763-1889 or 910-371-9939.

The Williston Class of 1960 will meet on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Cape Fear Museum located at 814 Market Street.

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.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Be honest

Way back in the days when this nation was first discovered, back when the Native Americans (Indians) were the main inhabitants of the land, African Americans were brought here as slaves. The African slaves who were brought to this land and were largely responsible for making this country were not considered very important as far as the dignity we were afforded was concerned. Even until today, despite the role Blacks have played in shaping the greatness of this country, Black history has been long and largely neglected. Great contributions of



Verniece Stanley

Black Americans in the South and in other areas in the United States also are either ignored or actively suppressed. However, there have been some notable positive changes in the past, and we are determined to continue moving forward in helping America understand who we are destined to be as a nation. We still seek better ways of building a better future for our children and grandchildren.

Roughly half of the Black population still live in the southern states, and many are farmers. Because I myself am a southerner from Brunswick County, North Carolina, I know firsthand the long struggle of Black farmers as far as equal justice in the marketplace is concerned. The truth has been too much to give to Black American. Too many

Black farmers have failed because of racial discrimination and inequality, which have had a devastating effect on the survival of Black farmers and their families.

It's time that we stop trying to make the wrong way right and right way wrong. The right way is always the best way in all walks of life. All people, Blacks and Whites, have a sacred obligation to join together and walk together and work together in harmony and peace. We ought to celebrate great lives, such as that of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. That brings to mind all the celebrations, marches, breakfasts, luncheons, etc. this past Sunday and Monday of his birthday. One case in point is the celebration in Southport, which includes the Martin Luther King, Jr. march on

Sunday and the Martin Luther, Jr. Breakfast on Monday. Let's come together in love for one another!

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.

ILA Local #1426 holds annual bike giveaway



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ILA Local #1426 continues its tradition of making many children happy on Christmas day. Every year the longshoremen's group gives bicycles to children in the community. Standing with one of those happy children is longshoreman Dennis Nixon.

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Mrs. Barbara Angelay

Barbara Angelay Berry Smith was born on March 29, 1952 to the late Julia Tripp Berry and the late Leroy Spencer in Wilmington, North Carolina. She departed this life on January 4, 2018. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Michael Corbett, Dexter Corbett and Frances Hockaday.

Barbara attended the public schools in Wilmington, North Carolina and completed her education at D. C. Virgo School.

She was employed with the New Hanover County School System as a custodian. She was a very kind hearted, loving and giving person. She was very hard working and was dedicated to her family. Barbara was the type of person who would give you her last. Family was most important to her, she had a strong faith in God that was instilled in her at a young age and she passed it on to her children and grandchildren. She had a great sense of humor, and was very affectionate too. She loved watching old classical shows and religious movies on television. A fond memory of the love for her children was when we were small kids we remember how she would place warm wash cloths on our faces to wake us up for school. She will be greatly remembered and missed by all who knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children Isaac Smith, Juanita Smith Williams and Miguel Smith; seven grandchildren; sisters Julia Murphy, Gwendolyn Polk and Cinda Corbett, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at on Friday, January 12, 2018 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Pine Forest Cemetery. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mrs. Lena Mae Whitfield Dreher

Mrs. Lena Mae Dreher, affectionately known as "Bunny" by family and friends, was born to the late Gladys Whitfield and the late John Hawes on February 28, 1957. She departed this earthly life on January 5, 2018 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Wilmington, North Carolina.

After the demise of her mother, she was raised by her grandmother, Mother "Muh" Queen and her Aunt Jessie Bell.

Bunny received her formal education in New Hanover County, graduating from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1975.

Growing up, she was a fun loving person who enjoyed life and also loved to travel. She

worked at Taylor's Recreation Center, helping with the summer program. Later on in life, she was employed with National Linen for at least 20 years. After the closure of the facility, she began working at Liberty Commons until her health failed. She strived to make a difference in the lives of many including her family.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her loving husband, James W. "June" Dreher, Jr.; one daughter Ursula "Peaches" Whitfield (Sharrod, Sr); step-daughter Tanya Dreher Jordan; step-son James W. Dreher, III; two favorite grandsons whom she loved dearly, Devyn and Sharrod; special friends Jennifer, Rose Marie, Linda Boney, Barbara Jean White and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Miss Shirley McMillian

Shirley McMillian, daughter of the late John and Addie McMillian was born on April 26, 1946 in Leland, North Carolina and departed her life on Friday, January 5, 2018 after a brief stay at Universal Healthcare Center.

One sister, four brothers and a nephew preceded her to the great beyond.

She was a loving sister, aunt and friend to all who knew her. She leaves to cherish her memory four sisters, Miss Eloise McMillian, Miss Margaret McMillian, Mrs. Charlotte (Charles) Moore and Miss Mildred McMillian all of Supply, North Carolina, along with a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc. Burial in Galloway Cemetery, Supply, North Carolina. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Dale B. Flaverney

Dale Brian Flaverney known to so many as "Father Dale", sang his last song on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. He was born September 8, 1953 in San Fernando, Trinidad to the late Wilton and Mildred Flaverney. A celebration of Dale's life was held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Northside Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

As a young boy, Dale was

often teased by his siblings because he was very particular about his appearance. During his teens he discovered his love for music and formed a band with his eldest brother and friends known as The Lunatics. The band performed "Oh Lord Why Lord" on American Bandstand with Dale singing lead vocals.

Due to his extended education and drive for success, he began working as a pipefitter and subsequently retired as an engineer. He and his wife later opened their own business D&A Custom Detail Shop in Wilmington, NC. However, Dale always maintained a love for music and joined local bands such as The Give Thanks Band and Pamoja Band (as well as others) as their lead vocalist. In 2014 Father Dale began his solo career performing in areas around the Coastal Plain Region.

Not just a star on earth, but now one in the heavens as well, Dale leaves behind his biggest fans: his wife, Angela Flaverney; three sons, Dania (Takenya), Dale Anthony (Melissa), and Jermaine (Nilda); one daughter, Debby (the late Shabazz-Allah); his groupies (grandchildren), Darnel, Chrishana, Emilee, Malia, Selena, Eric, Bryan, Enrique, Xochi, Amaziah, Nosirrah, and Justice; members of his fan club, three sisters, Veronica (Ferdinand), and Dawn, (the late Yvonne); three brothers, Anthony (Peggy), John and Maxie; his production team includes: his mother-in-law, Mary Burwell; two sisters-in-law, Aris (the late Carl Sisco) and Sharon; brother-in-law, Leon Burwell as well as a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

Dale was well respected and loved for being a true friend and for his direct honesty. He did not take life and living for granted. Please mark your calendars for a show you will not want to miss, as Father Dale will now be performing in Heaven. God will be at the front door and they both look forward to see you there. *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.*

Charles C. Smith

Charles Cervante Smith (age 61), affectionately known as "Daddy-O and Frank O", being a long time resident of Bolivia, North Carolina departed his earthly home on Friday, January 5, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Randolph Family Cemetery.

He was born June 23, 1956 in Bolivia, NC to the late Theodore and Minnie Ruth Smith. Charles was the third

born of ten children. He received all of his education in the Brunswick County School System. Charles was a dedicated employee with AT&T for 21 years.

He was the life of the party, he loved his family and his mission in life was to keep his family together. Anyone who knew Charles knew he was a die-hard Panther fan, and he loved his dog, Spike. He was whoever he needed to be for his family. His cookouts were legendary and he welcomed all to his home. He will be missed by all that held him near and dear.

Charles leaves to cherish precious memories, stores and more to his children: Terrance Jones (Sandrel), Phillip Brice, LaKasha Smith, Demetrius Brice (LaRonica), Charles McAllister and Shiatia Thomas, 13 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Carrie O. Canty

Carrie Orlene Canty, age 91, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2018. A celebration of Ms. Canty's life will be conducted at 11:00 am, Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Bowens Chapel AME Zion. Interment will follow in Masonboro Cemetery (Westchester Community). *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.*

Austin J. Wilson

Austin James Wilson, age 18, of Castle Hayne, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Austin's life will be conducted at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *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.*

Lucy Wilson

Lucy Wilson died January 6, 2018. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church. Burial followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Sister Lucy Genoa Harris Wilson was born July 14, 1922 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Adella Harris also of Wilmington, North Carolina. Sister Wilson was educated in New Hanover County. She graduated from Williston Industrial School. She worked for the New Hanover County Food Service Management Department for over 30 Years. Lucy met the love of her life "Deacon Captain Rick Wilson and this union lasted for 64 years. She was a dedicated member of Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church. In 2010, mother by profession

of faith became a member of the Goldsboro Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred "Captain Rick Wilson, Sr. and her children Jonathan Wilson, James Wilson, Darrell Wilson, Harrell Wilson and Bertha Wilson and her brother, Glover Freeman. She leaves to cherish her memories: her children: Fred Wilson, Jr. (Debra), Sandra W. Ross (Neil), Jackie Lee Wilson (Lonice), and Janice Zipco (John), all of Wilmington, NC, Patricia Newkirk of Goldsboro, NC, Anita S. Wilson of Wilmington, NC, Joyce P. Clayton of Galloway, NJ and Fredericka M. Allenson (Jack) of Arizona; 33 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ernestine Durant

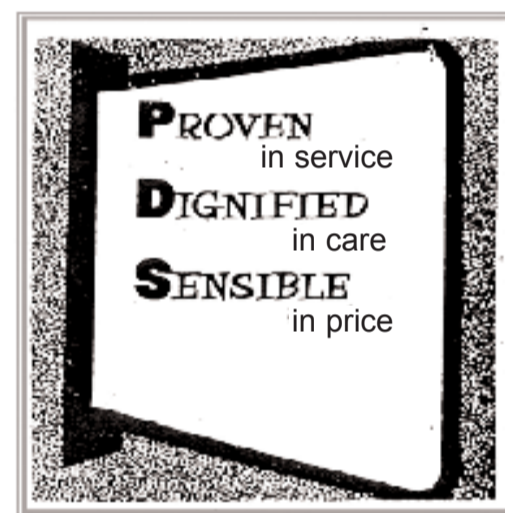
Ernestine Durant died January 7, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Durant was born February 24, 1942 in Lee County, South Carolina to the late Henry and Gurtheen Richardson. She attended public schools in Wilmington, North Carolina and upon completion she

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New Hanover County

Church Women United will hold our Human Rights Celebration on February 2, 2018. The guest speaker will be City Councilman Clifford Barnett. The celebration will be held at St. Steven A.M.E. Church, located at 501 Red Cross St., Wilmington NC. This year Human Rights Award Recipient is Katrina Knight, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Center.



Religious Briefs

St. Andrew AME Zion Church, 9th and Marstella St., will hold a free community luncheon on Saturday, January 27th from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m.

St. Phillip AMEZ will hold a New Years Gospel Blowout on Saturday, January 20th at 4:00 p.m. This program was rescheduled to the weather. And on Saturday, January 28th the church will hold their annual 7 Up Program at 3:00 p.m.

Brunswick County

Myrtle Grove AME Church, 216 Old Fayetteville Rd., will hold a gospel celebration on Saturday, January 21st at 3:00 p.m.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

No surprise, no doubt!

(TriceEdneyWire.com) -

I've never witnessed it. It's only been reported to me by those present to experience it. It's an open secret that is made no better with a direct acknowledgment of its existence! I speak of the denigration of people of color by a racist who, in the sanctuary of an all white audience, thinks that all in attendance sympathize and agree with the racist bile that will ultimately spew forth from his mouth.

I cannot speak with complete authority, but I am willing to wager much, if not all, which I possess that #45 spoke with thoughts of the impunity of anonymity when he allegedly labeled El Salvador, Haiti, and African states as "S-THOLES." Reflecting on the past and in the absence of an immediate and vigorous White House denial, I believe #45 guilty of these allegations of overt racism. I'm not surprised and I have no doubt!

The Washington Post reports #45 as saying, "Why are we having all these people from s-thole countries come here?" These comments came on January 11th in the wake of bipartisan discussions for restoring protections for immigrants from Haiti, El Salvador and African states. Contrasting this animus, #45 suggested that instead of allowing the immigration of these people of color, the US should bring more immigrants from countries like Norway.

These derisive comments are dramatically similar to those made in December when #45 said, Haitians "All have A.I.D.S" and that once Nigerian immigrants saw the United States they would never "go back to their huts." Sadly, it is apparent that the judgments and decisions made by this man are informed by fundamental racism - a racism that's as likely to moderate as is the likelihood of the Sun rising in the west and setting in the east.

Whatever one thinks of #45, no one should feign surprise with the progressively

egregious and insulting nature of his comments and conduct. From the opening remarks of his campaign, upon which he based insults directed at Hispanic immigrants, through his "Good" Nazi Charlottesville comments to his most recent, #45 has never tried to disguise his true nature to those listening in earnest. He has never apologized, and most likely will never do so.

For years, the prevailing unanswered question has been "when will his rank and objectionable behavior be rejected for what it is - inconsistent with the stated values of our nation, destructive to our status in the world community and ultimately damaging to our recent history and legacy?"

For too long, #45's political party has allowed partisan interests to supersede our national interests. Leaders in his party who could have offered influential challenges to his numerous bad acts and failures - domestically and internationally - have shrunken from their responsibility. Until appropriate shame engulfs Republicans and yanks them out of their self-made trap of compliance and complicity with Trump, they will languish in an ever-diminishing trash heap of insignificance.

#45's party has embraced a strategy of political immediacy. Like a glutton who has been ushered into a banquet hall, Republicans have dived into their long awaited meal of political dominance with little regard for the suffering THEY will experience at the dawn of a new day. With little thought given to future consequence, they craft laws today that will be repealed when the pendulum of political power swings in the other direction.

I liken Trump Republicans to consumers of illegal steroids that have built their strength, but will ultimately lead them to their early demise. I call upon Republican leaders and those who support #45 to bring him into check before he leads your party and, more importantly, our nation into disaster. His offense is too great and an apology is not enough!

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

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SENIOR MOMENTS

Bring more to the table

My fellow seniors,

In my last article, I said the bank is robbing me, but we can't fight "city hall." I just felt like sounding off. It was all true, but don't worry, I will get it together.

So let's go back to a previous article: "The Church Is Carrying Too Much Baggage." I could give you many scriptures which you have read but never really thought about. We just say all

of it is God's Word and then move on.

However, some of the writers of the Old Testament gave Moses credit for saying things when he was well over a hundred years old. Many commanders ended their speeches by saying, "We must do this, as the Lord commanded Moses," but Moses himself was present to say what the Lord had commanded.

In Numbers 31:17-21, the commander says, "Kill every man, and every woman that has known a man by lying with him. But every woman that has no known a man keep alive for yourselves.

This is the law which the Lord commanded Moses."

However, the man giving the order was called Eleazer. So how do we know if he was quoting Moses or speaking his own vulgar mind? We don't know who he was but we know whoever said it was an ungodly man. So let's move on. We are carrying too much baggage and it is weighing the church down.

How many times have you read what someone else told you the Lord said to Moses? More than a hundred, I'm sure. Many years ago, college professors started calling the Bible literature, but the church ignored that. So what

do we say now? We gave up arguing about it. We go to Sunday School, listen quietly and then we go home. In order to keep the church alive for years to come, we need to put something more on the table.

We dropped the "C" word a long time ago. No one uses it anymore. So why don't we start a National Association for the Advancement of All People and invite the world to join us. Somebody is going to pick this up, but the headquarters may not be in Wilmington?

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

The power of His touch

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Happy New Year to all our Christian friends! We hope you felt the blessings of God during the holiday season.

We were greeted by our President Eloise Purdie. She wished us all a Happy New Year. Mr. George Hill welcomed us as well. We opened with, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." We were led into fervent prayer by Mrs. Marie Stitt. We then sang "Pass Me Not." Minister Doris McQuillan said how good it

was to be back and that God gave us snow so we could rest.

Our speaker for the morning was Evangelist Sharon Pollock. She spoke on Matt 8:1-4. "God's Power Is Intimate." God desires to build a closer relationship with us. God's touch is a powerful touch. God touched many in the Bible. His touch transformed a nobody to a somebody. His touch is life changing. When God touches us, things change. We can reach up and feel the presence of God. Embrace God's Word. Stand on the Word of God. God speaks to us through the

Word. There is no touch like the touch of God. God comes on the inside only. God can give you that joy. Evangelist Pollock was given a great applause and thanked.

Ms. Joyce Grear, a story teller from Wilmington, NC, told us a story of the flight of Toby and Sarah and their flight to freedom. She also demonstrated the flight. It was great. She also told us of Phyllis Wheatley, who formed the YWCA in Wilmington. She also spoke on Harriet Tubman and Mary McCloud Bethune. She was great. To appreciate her one would

have to see her. She too was given an applause and a thanked.

The meeting was turned over to Vice-President Gladys Taylor. Minutes were given by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Callers were done, and there was a tie between Mrs. Frances Matthews and Mrs. Mary Martin.

Announcements were done. Smiles were brought by Mrs. Mary Martin. Our circle was formed and we sang "Bind Us Together."

Prayer was led by Minister Doris McQuillan. There were 46 present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"God Honors Faithfulness"

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9
"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10

Faithful: True to one's word or promise

Sometimes the servants of the Lord need to be encouraged. We encourage others, but who can we turn to when we need encouragement? We pray for the sick to be healed, then who prays for us, when we are sick? We counsel others, and where is our counselor in our hour of need? We must turn to our source. The One we refer others to is the same One we need to go to in our hour of temptation. Yes, the thought will come to the mind of the most faithful servant, sometimes to

give up, and quit. But, quitting is not an option, when we know that God honors faithfulness.

Even the most faithful and fervent servant can get tired of being tired. Weariness can set in after going through trials, tests, and tribulations for a season. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves, who are

we working for, and why are we doing the work of the ministry.

If it is because, someone gave us "something to do" to keep us busy, or we volunteered to serve, because it was a great idea, then, it is ok to quit! On the other hand, quitting is not an option, if we know we have been called by God to serve him in a special and specific way. We have to remind ourselves, that our reward for serving does not come from man, if so, it is shortlived. Our reward comes from God. He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. God honors faithfulness! That is why we cannot give up.

Sometimes we ask the question and wonder where he is in our situation, when we cannot trace him. That is when we must trust him, To trust him means to believe that he will do what he says he will do. God says in his Word, we shall reap, what ever we sow, therefore the blessings of faithfulness are on the way, whether we see them or not. Giving up is not an option, because God honors faithfulness.

Faithfulness is borne out of one's devout faith in God. Faith comes by hearing and

hearing by the Word of God. Without faith, it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

If we take a moment to look around us, we may see many who have fallen by the wayside and are folding their hands as if there is no work to be done. Then, if we take another look, we will see the faithful continuing to do the work of the ministry despite the odds that are against them. Sometimes we may not feel appreciated or even taken for granted. We sometimes have to deal with envy and jealousy when we commit ourselves to welldoing. In spite of who is giving up and letting go of the gospel plow, God will always have a people who will be faithful until the end. Let that your testimony and my testimony. This is not the time for being weak. It is time for being strong. This is not the time for giving up. It is time for holding on.

Many of God's servants have been faithful for so long, many have forgotten their many acts of love. In all honesty, God's servants rarely sit down and keep track of their labor of love done for the

Master. We forget also, because it is done for the glory of God and not for the praise of men. Being forgotten is not a reason to stop being faithful to the Lord. He never forgets!!! The Lord is faithful. We must have a faithful spirit and maintain a faithful witness. God honors faithfulness! Be encouraged, Servant of the Lord. And Tell Somebody!

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

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

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worked many years as a seamstress for several companies in Wilmington. In the latter years she worked for the United Way Senior Aid Program.

She leaves to cherish her life and loving memory: three daughters, Cynthia Addison (Toney) of Leland, NC, Andrea LeGendre' and Alfreda Durant of Wilmington, NC; two sons, Gary Durant (Fiancée' Jean) and Vincent Durant all of Wilmington, NC; nine grandchildren: Marvin LeGendre' (fiancée' Venecia), Galen Durant (Candace), Dyrelle LeGendre' (fiancée' Renatae), Michael Durant, Danielle DeJohnett (Janese), Darius Durant, Raquelle LeGendre', Anfernee Durant and Brandon Addison; nine great-grandchildren: Malik, Mya, Ayala, Tanaujah, Zaquan, Zaccheo, Maycen, Ayden, and Ava; four brothers, Henry Richardson, Jr.,

Alfred Richardson (Mary) all of Wilmington, NC, Willie Richardson (Barbara) of Maiden, NC and Donald Richardson of Durham, NC; three sisters, Elnora Kelly (Charles), Betty Richardson, Geraldine Washington (Greg) all of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Henrietta Bowe

Henrietta Bowe 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.

Reaves Junious "RJ" Corbett

Reaves Junious "RJ" Corbett - Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Paul Baptist Church; 1401 North Allen Street, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Reaves Junious "RJ"

Corbett was born on August 28, 1943, to the late Louis Reaves and Katie Pridgen Corbett in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Preceding him in death was his brother, Joseph Cornell Corbett, Sr. and his nephew, Joseph Cornell Corbett, Jr. He had two loves, his family and race cars. "RJ" is survived by his wife of 52 years, Daisy Johnson Corbett and their children, Shena Corbett-Worthy (Ben Jr.), and Latanya Corbett; his precious grandchildren, Lauren Worthy, Raven Keaton, Caleb Worthy, Kristan Worthy and Ryan Keaton, all of Charlotte, NC; niece, Bridgette Montgomery (Emory) of Fayetteville, NC; grand-nephews, Joseph Cornell Corbett, III of Wilmington, NC, Curtis Inabinet of Washington, DC, Ronald Germaine Mack of Wilmington, NC; grand-nieces, Kokeyna Corbett of Daytona Beach, FL, Jacquetta Shephard (Brian) of Fayetteville, NC and Ronald Murphy of

Wilmington, NC; sisters-in-law, Grace Corbett, Beverly Hedgebeth (JJ), Christie (Billy), Kathy Johnson and Montrina Holmes (Brandon) all of Wilmington, NC and a host of special cousins and friends. A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James Linberg Galloway

James Linberg Galloway died January 12, 2018 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist church, Winnabow, NC. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Beatrice Smith

Beatrice Smith died January 12, 2018 at Autumn Care of Myrtle Grove. Funeral services will be 1:00 pm. on Friday, January 19, 2018 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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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
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator 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
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Catherine S. Diab**, 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 **11th 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 11th day of January, 2018.

George Stephen Diab, Executor of the Estate of Catherine S. Diab
705 Planters Row
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MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2018

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Nancy G. Pardue**, 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 **18th 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 18th day of January, 2018

Lisa P. Holland AKA Lisa C. Pridgen, Executrix
219 St. Luke Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28409

January 18, 25, February 1, February 8, 2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Alice Mae Wilson**, 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 **18th 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 18th day of January, 2018

Emma Jean Jones, Administrator
1405 King St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 18, 25, February 1, February 8, 2018

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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

January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Morgan E. Lewis**, 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 **11th 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 11th day of January, 2018

Jean A. Lewis, Executor
4242 Appleton Way
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2018

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL
ESTATE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
17 SP 781**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of JNJ NC Enterprises, Inc. to F. Darryl Mills, Trustee, dated July 1, 2014, and recorded July 3, 2014, in Book 5824, Page 1970, as assigned to Amsat Holdings, LP by instrument dated and recorded December 1, 2017, in Book 6106, Page 875, New Hanover County Registry, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 6106 at Page 2626 of the New Hanover County Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by JNJ NC Enterprises, Inc. dated July 1, 2014, and recorded July 3, 2014, in Book 5824, Page 1970, as assigned to Amsat Holdings, LP by instrument dated and recorded December 1, 2017, in Book 6106, Page 875, New Hanover County Registry (as assigned, "Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 31st day of January, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess St., Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property (including any improvements thereon) more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The physical addresses of the properties are: Arthur Court at numbers 100, 104, 108, and 112; and, Evening Road at 3000, 3000A, and 3008, all being in Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

Exhibit A
Lots 292-298, Section 9, River Knolls at Walnut Hills, as the same is shown on a map thereof recorded in Map Book 53 at Page 177, New Hanover County Registry, said map being incorporated by reference herein.

The real property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed or the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the real property being offered for sale and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements, and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. If the property is

single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

The record owners of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice are JNJ NC Enterprises, Inc. and BRRRT Properties, LLC.

Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty Five Cents (\$.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308 (a)(1). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This the 3rd day of January, 2018.

/s/ Elizabeth Wright
Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee
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