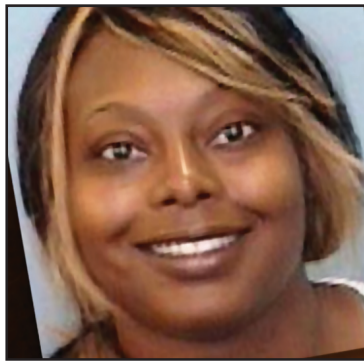


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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BERNEST HEWETT

In the know; keeping watch

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the last four weeks, I have been in conferences with Southeastern Family Services or doing Black History Month programs. It is a great honor

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DID RUSSIANS TRY TO SUPPRESS NC BLACK VOTE IN 2016 ELECTION?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There is no question, based on recent federal court decisions, that Republican North Carolina lawmakers, through illegal racial gerrymandering, and unconstitutional voter restriction, have attempted to suppress the African-American vote in recent high profile elections.

However, thanks to major federal indictments handed down by Special Counsel Robert Mueller per his

investigation into alleged Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election to ensure the election of Donald Trump, we now know Russian operatives in this country worked diligently to suppress the Black vote that was expected to go to Democrat Hillary Clinton, so that her Republican opponent, Trump, could win.

And there is evidence that some of those Black voter suppression efforts took place right here in North Carolina, all to cripple Clinton's

campaign to maximize the Black vote.

The indictments against 13 Russian operatives detail efforts to use everything from social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram to "create thematic group pages" which included the Black Lives Matter movement "with group names including Blacktivist."

From page 18 of the 37-page federal indictment, "In or around the latter half of 2016, defendants and their co-conspirators, through their

organization controlled personas, began to encourage U. S. minority groups not to vote in the 2016 U.S. presidential election or to vote for a third party U.S. presidential candidate (who was Jill Stein)."

The indictment continued, "On, or about, October 16, 2016, defendants and their co-conspirators use the organization controlled Instagram account "Woke Blacks" to post the following message, "[A] particular hype and hatred for Trump is misleading the people and forcing

Dean of Black lawmakers, Rep. Michaux, says goodbye

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

After 39 1/2 years in the NC Legislature, Durham Rep. H. M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr announced recently that he would not be running for re-election. Given that Michaux, 87, has won 20 straight elections, his announcement gave some of North Carolina's top leaders pause.

"For decades, Mickey Michaux has fought for justice in North Carolina and is a legend in the fight for civil rights," said Gov. Roy Cooper. "Your presence will be missed in the NC General Assembly."

Even a former Democratic governor, Beverly Perdue, had to take to Facebook to say "goodbye" to the legendary Black lawmaker.

"Job well done, my friend, she wrote, after noting that Michaux's "handprints" were all over "North Carolina public policy decisions that are in the best interests of all of the people..." "Thank you for your life of service."

Indeed, Michaux's razor sharp physical profile, snapping dressing, and witty yet knowledge pronouncements have served him well during his long legislative tenure.

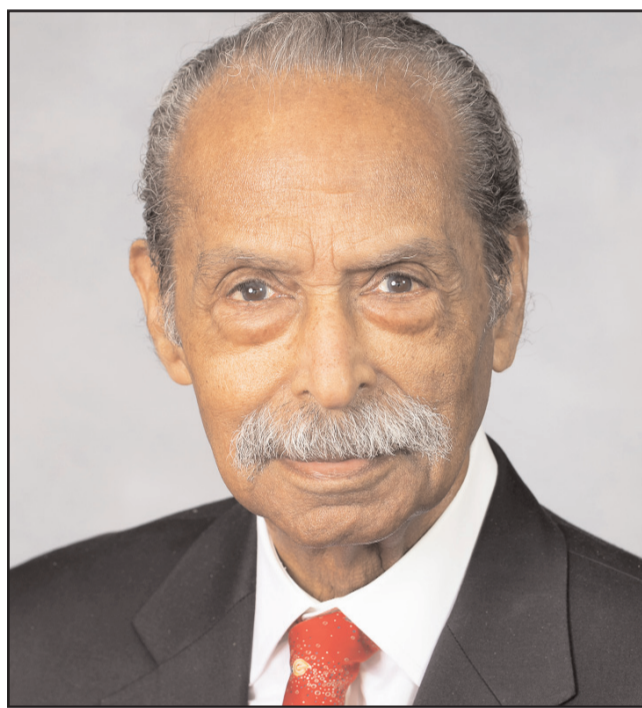
"Remember Lincoln's opening line in the Gettysburg Address, "Four score and seven years ago? That's me," he said slyly, adding that he never thought he'd live this long, or do what he's been doing.

There can be no question that Rep. Michaux is one of the most knowledgeable North Carolina lawmakers of any stripe. So when younger legislators, like Rep. Ed Hanes, of Winston Salem or Rep. Amos Quick and Cecil Brockman of Greensboro, think about how Michaux helped to mentor them upon their first years of service, it reinforces the notion that Michaux is very much a father figure to younger Black lawmakers.

"He took an interest in me and shared his vision," Rep. Hanes recalls. "I'm forever grateful for that."

"The NC House will have a void with his absence," mused Rep. Quick, "but his work will speak for him throughout history."

The Durham native remembers his father's taking him



REP. H. M. "MICKEY" MICHAUX, JR.

to one of the first meetings of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People in 1935. Years later, as a young teenager, Michaux recalls seeing two water fountains in downtown Durham, one for Whites, the other for Blacks. He also can't forget being chased out of a "duckpin" alley by some "White folks" looking to beat him up near the Carolina Theater.

It's history Mickey Michaux refuses to forget, because he sees the legislative clock being turned back bytes the Republican majority and fears that, along with their apparent thirst for power, there will be a ratcheting up of racial tensions, which will ultimately hurt North Carolina.

Michaux says that, over his nearly forty years in the State House, his name appears on important laws such as the automatic restoration of citizenship rights for the formerly incarcerated, voting rights and same-day registration; and assistance of HBCUs.

Thankfully, he says, recent court cases have restored many of the voting rights laws the Republicans got rid of. However, the onus will be on young leaders coming up to learn their history so that they won't repeat the mistakes of the past.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once told Michaux that "we can't make people love us, but, at least, we can make them respect us, and that's why we have to keep strong people out in the forefront to make sure that that happens." It's a lesson Michaux took with him after the assassination of his close friend almost fifty years ago, when he almost dropped out of politics.

However, when the people called, Mickey Michaux answered, running for the seat he's held on to for four decades. He says he's learned a lot, especially from his short tenure as U. S. Attorney, and two congressional campaigns.

When he finally steps down from the legislature, Michaux says, after a long rest, he wants to be around "...so that young people don't forget the legacy that they have inherited. They are enjoying the fruits of people's labor in the past...fruits some died for." He doesn't want to see those fruits lost.

"We're about to repeat history that we don't want to repeat," Rep. Michaux cautioned.



TIFFANY CAMPBELL

Tiffany Campbell joins Upperman African American Cultural Center

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Tiffany Campbell '13, '15 M.Ed. discovered a world of ideas at UNCW, and now she is helping a new generation of Seahawks do the same through her work with the Upperman African American Cultural Center.

"I couldn't imagine being in a job that doesn't affect people in a realistic way," she said. "For me, it's a blessing to be in a field where my job is to care about people, their story and their daily struggles, not just their productivity or their quantifiable value."

Campbell is the pre-professional and mentorship program coordinator at the Upperman Center, joining the center in December 2017. Her role gives her a unique opportunity to engage with students in a space that is comfortable for them.

"The comfort is a big deal because it means that when students come into the center they aren't coming into an office or workspace, they're entering a place that they feel they can be authentic," said Campbell, who earned a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in higher education at UNCW.

The Upperman Center provides culturally enriching programming

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ONslow COUNTY Principal investigates "painted" high school racial slur

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

According to the Onslow County Public School System, the principal of Richlands High School, Brad Staley, has conducted "...a thorough investigation" into allega-

tions of the racial slur "nigger" being found Feb. 12, painted in the visitors' locker room prior to a boys' basketball game between The Richlands High School Wildcats

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for me to participate in these Black history programs. It is important for our people to know their history. It has meant a great deal to our people, who have made changes in history from a stop light to open heart surgery. We are a people of great skills and education.

As I write this short article, the Florida school shooting is on my mind. Here in Brunswick County this could happen. We have White students who have taken Confederate flags and wrapped them over their backs and run around a high school with their friends.

We had a couple of threats to a school campus here in the County last week. We had a student who told a teacher he was going to kill her. These things happen here in Brunswick County. We need to be our best and not think that the shootings in Florida will stay in Florida.

We must be aware and alert to the special time, name, and place. This is a problem of all people. Brunswick County, we must keep watch!

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.



## RUSSIANS

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Blacks to vote for Killary. We cannot resort to the lesser of two evils. Then we'd surely be better off without voting AT ALL."

The indictment then went on to detail that on Nov. 3, 2016, an ad was taken out to promote a post on the Instagram account "Blackitivist" that read in

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that showcases and broadens the understanding of what it means to be black in a global context, Campbell continued. It also offers a space that speaks to the needs of African Americans on campus, allowing them to share experiences

part, "Choose peace and vote for Jill stein. Trust me, it's not a wasted vote."

To pay for political ads, the defendants established various Russian bank accounts and credit cards and also paid for political ads with Paypal accounts. Some of those ads would say, "You know a great number of Black people support us saying that #HillaryClintonIsNotmypresident" and "Hillary Clinton doesn't deserve the Black vote."

and form community.

Campbell appreciates UNCW's strong support of the Upperman Center. "The university has cultural centers dedicated to broadening the campus community's understanding and appreciation of those unique cultures, helping individuals who identify with those cultures enhance their self-esteem and self-

And, again according to the Mueller indictments, Russian conspirators sponsored "Down with Hillary" rallies, and would invite unwitting American activists to take part.

One of those activists was Conrad James of Raleigh. According to published reports, James was approached in September 2016 by a woman claiming to represent a group known as "BlackMattersUSA, asking

love," she said.

Family is what drew Campbell to UNCW. Her sister, Leah '11, and her brothers, Kyle '14 and Brent '14, are fellow Seahawks. During the 2010-11 academic year, they were all on campus at the same time. Her love for helping others reach their potential is what kept her at the university.

him to speak at a rally in Charlotte. James is quoted in the report as saying that the group, "...was definitely trying to stir up trouble.

Mr. James was contacted for this report by email Monday evening and asked, "Do you feel that you saw evidence of Russian involvement in the 2016 election here in North Carolina?"

Conrad James' reply was, "Yes, definitely, as far as voter suppression."

ACTIVIST  
CONRAD JAMES

while at UNCW, be it domestic or international," she said.

Campbell took advantage of study abroad opportunities as an undergraduate and has visited more than 30 countries. "I became hooked on experiencing new cultures and meeting new people and, in turn, wanted other students to experience the world."

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and the Pender High School team.

"Once the Richlands principal became aware of the racial allegations and lack of good sportsmanship, he and district staff began a thorough investigation immediately," said Suzie Ulbrich, Public Affairs Officer for the school system. "The Richlands principal reached out to the Pender High School principal to discuss the matter, and assure him it would be handled appropriately. In our effort to keep our parents informed, a call went out to families so they would be aware of the situation and have accurate information."

Ulbrich continued, "The [Richlands] principal took appropriate disciplinary action against students involved, in accordance with the school's Student Code of Conduct policy.

School administrators met with students to let them know they would not tolerate any statements, actions, or behaviors that violate our policies on harassment or discrimination and encouraged them to come forward with any information they may have on the locker room incident."

"The principal met with coaches and assistant coaches, both on staff and volunteers, to discuss several topics including sportsmanship; recent racial allegations and consequences for this behavior; fighting on the field of play; player ejections; and the creation of specific procedures for unsportsmanlike behavior."

"Next..." Ms. Ulbrich continued, "...[Principal Staley] met with all student athletes to go over the same items discussed with coaches and announce that, moving forward, every student athlete and coach on the campus will complete two courses prior to athletic competition, beginning with spring sports. To do that, there will be after school sessions ahead of sports seasons where the athletes will complete the courses and turn in certificates of completion to be eligible to compete. The two courses are Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors and NFHS Sportsmanship. Student athletes will also be required to sign a sportsmanship contract."

"Following an inquiry to the district athletic director..." Ulbrich concluded, "... NC High School Athletic Association Commissioner Que Tucker indicated in a letter she was satisfied with the initial steps taken to address the issues and was very satisfied with plans being made by Onslow County for the future in their athletic programs."

When news of the alleged racial slur incident, one of at least three in the school system this school year, broke, The Reverend Dante Murphy, President of the Pender County NAACP, was not pleased with what he saw as a lack of transparency on the part of Richlands High or the Onslow County School System's administration.

However, now, given the latest developments, Murphy is pleased that action has finally been taken.

"The Pender County NAACP wishes to express gratitude to the Pender

County staff for bringing this issue to the public's attention and the work Onslow County Schools are now doing to rectify this situation," Reverend Murphy said in a statement Tuesday night.

"There are strong indications that the initial response by Onslow County Schools presented a failure to adequately respond to a pattern of race related incidents, and we hope that all involved staff have been

properly reprimanded. We also anticipate the assurance from both school systems that staff employees, current and future, who disclose unlawful or immoral activity, will suffer no retaliation in any form."

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District Attorney Roger Echols announced that his office was dropping all charges against the remaining five suspects. In a press conference Tuesday, where he took no questions, Echols said it made no sense to go forward on the misdemeanor charges since the judge had already made it clear that he considered them invalid.

**REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE LEADERS WILL CONSIDER ARMING TEACHERS** [RALEIGH] In response to

growing pressure, especially from school students, to do something in the aftermath of last weeks horrendous South Florida high school gun massacre, where a former student fatally shot 17, and wounded 14, NC House Speaker Tim Moore announced this week that he is forming a new school safety legislative study committee to determine the best options to keep North Carolina students safe in the classroom. One of those options, Moore said, could be to allow teachers to arm themselves. Moore said he invited feedback from

school districts and law enforcement. Many schools across the state have police officers or sheriff's deputies who act as school resource officers to protect against any dangerous intrusions.

**EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM DEAD AT 99** [CHARLOTTE]

For decades, he preached the Word of God to millions across the country, and around the world. He also counseled presidents, and inspired generations of fellow evangelists. And he was even a friend of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr., even though he did little during the 60s civil rights movement. Evangelist Billy Graham died Wednesday at the age of 99. Tributes came in marking Rev. Graham's tremendous societal influence. "Billy

Graham was a strong, humble, positive and passionate North Carolina man of faith who made a difference in the lives of so many," said Gov. Roy Cooper in a statement. "Rest with God, Reverend Graham."

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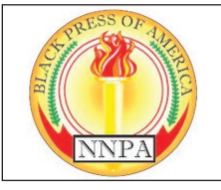
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## OUR VOICE

### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### Speaking to our children about violence

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*Editor's Note: This is a reprint from the Sandy Hook Elementary School Massacre Dec. 14, 2012. We view it as having the same relevance in the wake of the high school massacre in Florida.*

A familiar verse penned from the gospel writer Luke said the angels proclaimed at the birth of Christ "Peace on Earth good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). This powerful verse should have special meaning now as the entire nation is reeling from the trauma of the massacre at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. More than anything else, the word Peace, beacons, welcomes, and comforts us at a moment in our history where there is so much turmoil and confusion. We truly need peace.



Dr. Dan Collins, Ph.D.

In the original Koine Greek in which that verse was written, "Peace on Earth to people of goodwill" or "peace on earth toward men and women who have won God's Favor" are both accurate translation of the original text. The difference may seem subtle, but the key idea is that peace is not an entitlement. Peace is the by-product of living a life rich in character.

Peace according to a more complete understanding of Luke's account, is the outgrowth of a lifestyle of compassion, cooperation, and community. Peace on an individual level is justice on a collective level.

During this holiday season where there is so much unrest, I believe that this brand of peace remedies so many problems. The hot topic of the day is the arms debate. But we should not be fooled into thinking that the symptom is the problem. Guns are the symptom. But the culture of violence is the core problem; it's in the movies we watch, the video games we purchase, violence is a pervasive presence in our culture. But if we borrow some wisdom from Luke the physician, we are encouraged to step into a culture of peace.

It's a peace that can only come about if we are willing to be courageous enough to have a dialogue about the real issues. We are violent in part because we are afraid of each other, and we are afraid of each other because we don't know each other. And we don't know each other because we rarely take the time. Let's receive today that angelic invitation - "Peace on Earth, to people of goodwill." It can transform us if we work at it.

A practical application of this peace is being able to talk about violence with our children, especially regarding an event like the Sandy Hook massacre.

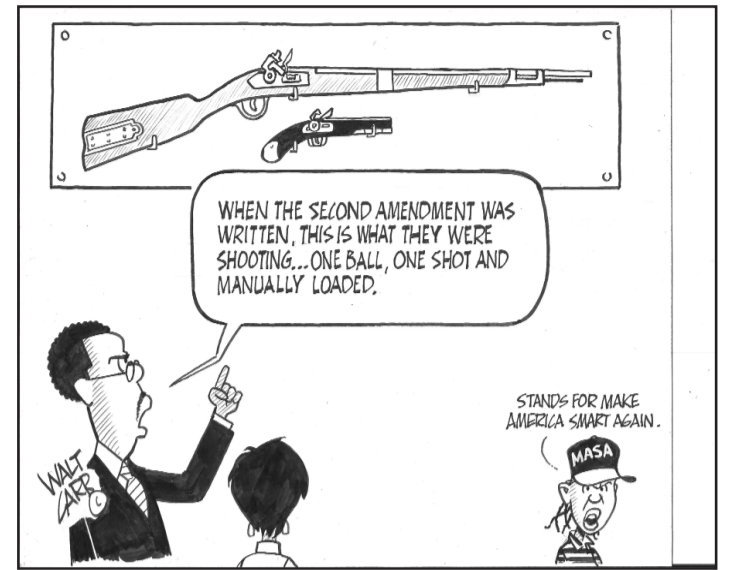
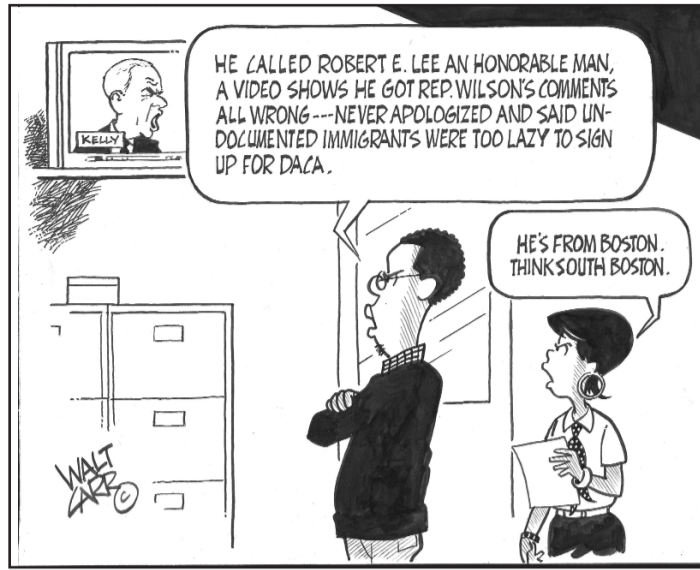
Collectively our hearts were broken when we all learned of the tragic loss of life at Sandy Hook Elementary School. We would need to invent new words to capture the depth of our outrage, grief, and sadness caused by the senseless violence that occurred. As president Obama said, "What happened in Newtown, Connecticut could have occurred anywhere", even right in our own neighborhoods.

A crisis like the one we are addressing causes enormous confusion and chaos for children and parents alike. When children are assaulted and killed in a school, many conflicting emotions are stirred up; children may feel:

- Frightened--about their own well-being
- Confused--about death, especially about children their own ages dying in school.
- Unsafe--some may feel that they will be attacked in school, despite the promises by adults.
- Vulnerable--If they are attacked, there may be no-one who could protect them. For example, an extreme reaction could be "school phobia", that is, your child not wanting to go to school at all out of fear that they would be gunned down too.
- As parent your role is crucial in helping your child cope with this situation. Affinity's approach is the LEARN Model (© 2012) of responding to violence:
  - L - Listen rather than lecture. Follow the content your child gives you to avoid overloading them with "too much information"
  - E - Encourage your child's emotional expression about the crisis.
  - A - Accept and expect a range of feelings your child might share.
  - R - Recognize and redirect useless emotions (i.e., panic, worry, rage and despair) toward the healing emotions such as empathy, compassion and helpfulness.....etc.
  - N - Nurture your child through the crisis with re-assuring words and gentle affection.

Dr. "Dan" Collins, Ph.D. is vice president of Behavioral Health at Affinity Health & Medical Systems. This article was first printed in response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre.

## Visual Voice



## YOUR VOICE

### Hey NRA, can you spare a dime?

The NRA has and is using millions of dollars to buy and control many of the 535 U.S. Representatives and Senators in Washington, D.C. It spent

over 30 million dollars to elect TRUMP. Those gentlemen and ladies have stripped themselves of honor for thirty pieces of silver and become "political prostitutes." Research your elected officials that are running in

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James J. Hankins  
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## MATTERS OF OPINION

### 4 percent love guns more than life!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

W e woke up the morning after the Douglas High School tragedy hearing that 95 percent of the American people support stronger background checks before one can buy guns. That sounds like a no brainer because only 4 percent of the people oppose these checks. That leads one to believe that most of the Senators



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and Representatives represent somebody other than the 95% who elected them!

As the day went by, Senator Marco Rubio said, "We need to wait for all the facts to come in." Seventeen innocent people have just been murdered by a 19-year-old White male terrorist with a gun that should've been regulated. My best friend, the late Dick Gregory who was one of the smartest, most perceptive men I've ever known,

said long ago, "This thing (meaning the destruction of our nation) may be too far gone to turn around." These insane gun lovers seem to think they need all kinds of military style weapons to shoot rabbits and other poor little animals. I don't get it. They yell Second Amendment rights-no matter what the cost is. They're the same ones who call themselves right to lifers. They're willing to cause the greatest risk to our children's lives in order to own any gun, while innocent people continue to be mowed down all too frequently.

Imagine how many parents got up the morning after the Florida school massacre and how they felt sending their babies to school to a place where no children are safe these days. I wonder how parents explained why their children had to go to such a scary place. Did they say, "You have to go because 4%'s of the people have more rights than you have, so we can't keep guns out of your school?"

Women have marched and resisted since they realized what a mistake they made in

voting for #45. Isn't it time we take unified action for our children?

Every time we hear of a tragedy like the one in Parkland, we get all riled up for a few days, and except for the parents who are directly affected, we move on to something else without resolving the last crisis. I see the mothers of Jordan Davis, Trayvon Martin, and the babies at Sandy Hook and others who are still grieving over the loss of their children; they spend every day of their lives trying to prevent people who shouldn't have guns in the first place from getting them so easily. These murderers get them from gun shows, the Internet and from crooks on the street with no background check. More of us need to be helping to get stronger laws passed.

Let's expose the enablers who represent the 4% and vote them out of office. We know who those lawmakers are who are currently on a "tear down every safety measure path" and telling us now is not the time to discuss

guns. Let's assure these families that we'll stand with them in every election. Let's begin making sensible gun control an issue before giving up our vote in the next election.

But for the grace of God, these horrible murders could be someone we know and love. We have an obligation to send people like Charles Grassley, Marco Rubio and Paul Ryan home soon. They so easily blame all gun tragedies on mental health when they know perfectly well, they have no intention of putting more funds into legitimate mental health issues.

Let's elect more people like Senator Chris Murphy who said these tragedies are a consequence of our inaction. Let us not be the ones who are guilty of inaction. The National Rifle Association doesn't stand a chance against the people united on this important issue.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women.

## A statue for Marion Barry, and for us

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

M arion Barry, Jr. was the longest-serving mayor of Washington, D.C. The people and the pundits of DC gave him the moniker "Mayor for Life" because, after holding the Mayor's office from 1979 through 1992, he left politics because of his personal challenges. Then he made an amazing comeback, to regain the



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mayoralty in 1995. Then, after another break from politics, he was elected to the Ward 8 City Council, serving from 2005 until his death in 2014. Marion Barry served on the DC City Council for a total of 16 years, including his early years on the council from 1974-1978.

Dr. Maya Angelou best described Marion Barry's road with a comment that is carved into his tombstone. "Marion changed America with his unmitigated gall to stand up in the ashes of where he had fallen and came back to win." That is an extremely elegant way of saying, "We fall down but we get up."

Marion Barry will rise again, metaphorically speaking. An eight-foot bronze statue of the "Mayor for Life" will be dedicated on Saturday, March 3, 2018, in the courtyard outside the John A. Wilson Building in Washington, D.C. He will be standing, as he always has, for

the "least and the left out", words he often used when describing at least part of his motivation for participating in politics.

While Marion Barry is responsible for transforming Washington, DC from a sleepy, Southern, semi-segregated town to a place some now describe as the "#1 City in the World to live, work, and visit". Not only did he provide significant incentives to entrepreneurs to invest in and develop areas of the district that had been ignored, but he also insisted that developers share contracting opportunities with those minority entrepreneurs who had been sidelined from participating in government contracting. In his first term as Mayor he created the Minority Business Opportunity Commission (MBOC), and developed a law that required 25 percent certified minority participation in District government contracts.

Through the MBOC and other efforts to include Black entrepreneurs, contractors, and supplies in the business (including the bond business) of Washington, DC, Barry both expanded the Black middle class and created dozens of Black millionaires. Indeed, billionaire Bob Johnson got his start when Barry not only granted him the contract for wiring District Cable, but also selling him the land for the BET building for just one dollar!

Barry inspired other mayors in his passion for minority economic development, including Detroit's Mayor Coleman Young, Chicago's Mayor Harold

Washington, and the mayors of Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Atlanta and San Francisco. Atlanta's Mayor Maynard Jackson will be remembered for his admonition to majority businesses - "subcontract or no contract". Marion Barry was equally firm that minority entrepreneurs should be given a "leg up" in the contracting process.

An entire generation of young Washingtonians benefited from Mayor Barry's Summer Youth Leadership Institute. Barry said that any young person who wanted a summer job in the District could have one, and more than 100,000 were hired from every part of the city, from every socioeconomic background. Prince George's County Executive, Rushern Baker, got his first job from Barry's program, which now continues as the Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr. Summer Youth Employment Program.

One column is not enough to discuss the background and many contributions of Marion Barry, but one cannot consider his life without mentioning his civil rights leadership as the first Chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), his work in rural Mississippi to register Black people to vote, and his leadership in the Free DC movement. And, it is important to mention a little-known fact about Marion Barry - he completed the coursework for a doctorate in chemistry at the University of Tennessee, dropping out to move to DC to lead the SNCC office here. Barry

was a civil rights leader, and champion for seniors, women, the GBLTQ community, and others.

Washington, DC has built a bronze commemorative statue of Mayor for Life Marion Barry, but it is really a statue for all of us, especially since African Americans are so underrepresented in the nation's statuary. It is a tribute to an amazing man whose life of service transformed a city and uplifted a people. In his autobiography, Barry says, "Most people don't know me... They don't know about all of the fighting I've done to manage a government that was progressive and more oriented to uplift the people rather than suppress them. That's what I want my legacy to be. I was a freedom fighter and a fighter for the economic livelihood of not only Black people but all people."

When I was privileged to attend a preview showing of the Barry statue, I was amazed at how like Marion it was. His hand is raised, waving at people. You can almost see him swagger. All I could say was, "that's him", meaning not just the person, but also everything he stood for - struggles, challenges, and opportunities. Young folks and old, regardless of race, can look at the Barry statue and be inspired.

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# OFFSHORE ENERGY

## Means Major Local Job Opportunities

By Jack Gerard  
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American Petroleum Institute

America's natural gas and oil industry supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs overall -- and counting. A recent report projects the industry could create almost 1.9 million job opportunities by 2035, including hundreds of thousands projected to be held by women, and African American and Hispanic workers.

Offshore energy development offers the opportunity to generate major job growth -- especially in coastal states. Opening additional areas to safe and responsible development, as the Interior Department recently proposed, could also bring extra revenue to coastal states and further reduce dependence on overseas energy.

Whenever offshore energy policy is in the spotlight, two questions arise: Is it safe?

And do we really need more energy right now? The fact is offshore operations are safer today than ever before thanks to new technologies, real time data analysis, and rigorous safety standards. Immediately after the 2010 Gulf of Mexico incident, the natural gas and oil industry launched a methodical safety review, working closely with members of Congress and multiple federal agencies. More than 100 standards were created or strengthened, and we launched the Center for Offshore Safety to ensure continual safety improvements and systematic monitoring.



Speaking from her state's experience, former Democratic U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana explained that it's possible to balance energy production with other important coastal economic activities like fishing and tourism: "You can have a coast that is a working coast for fisheries, commercial, recreation, eco-tourism, barges, ships, tourism, hotels -- we have it all... We have men and women graduating from high school that are going to work in the oilfield and they don't make minimum wage. They can make \$80, \$90, \$100,000 a year. And that means a lot to their families, and it sends a lot of kids to college from south Louisiana."

For non-coastal areas that haven't benefited from tourism, offshore energy development can be a revitalizing economic lifeline across the state. In a hearing last year, South Carolina State Sen. Stephen Goldfinch explained that "it is imperative that you remember places like Andrews and Conway, and Georgetown, South Carolina, where the 'golden egg' of tourism hasn't helped eradicate poverty. For those who live in Andrews and Conway and Georgetown, oil and gas would be their 'golden egg,' bringing non-seasonal, high-paying jobs -- that don't require a college degree -- and hope for a prosperous economic future for the generations to come."

Next is the question of urgency. Considering the United States leads the world in production and refining of natural gas and oil, should expanding offshore exploration be a priority right now? Absolutely. We didn't reach our current level of energy security overnight. Given the long lead time necessary in offshore development, it's good common sense to keep as many options on the table as possible in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic. Decisions we make today determine our energy security 15 years into the future, and beyond.

A recent Washington Post article on U.S. energy security stated, "The current abundance has erased memories of 1973 gas(oline) lines, which raised pump prices dramatically, traumatizing the United States and reordering its economy."

Our success may erase those memories, but it doesn't erase the need to move forward. Eighty percent of U.S. voters support increased domestic natural gas and oil production, and government projections show we'll need it. Natural gas and oil will supply an estimated 60 percent of U.S. energy needs in 2040, and worldwide energy demand will jump almost 30 percent in the coming decades. It's time we take advantage of the wealth of offshore energy waiting to be safely unlocked, to create jobs and ensure American energy security.



Natural gas and oil are integral to innovations that safely and efficiently supply our daily energy needs, as well as the modern products that make our lives safer, healthier and more convenient. Natural gas and oil also boost innovation in manufacturing and various other fields that support growth, prosperity, discovery and human advancement. **The future belongs to innovators.** The natural gas and oil industry is committed to cultivating a more diverse workforce, which will be critical to fostering the innovation, collaboration and ideas needed to propel society forward. **Through 2035, African American and Hispanic workers are projected to account for close to 40 percent of the more than 1.9 million job opportunities within the industry.** A robust workforce will make the industry stronger, equipping us to serve the families, businesses and communities who rely on affordable, reliable natural gas and oil every day. Because diversity powers innovation.

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## New Hanover County

Moneet's Closet Prom Drive will be accepting donations at Beautiful Beginning Boutique, 4314 Market St. Suite 17, Wednesday-Saturday from 12:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Johnson's VIP Barber and Salon, 3138 Wrightsville Ave., Tuesday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 princess Pl. Dr., Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Moneet's Closet Prom Drive 2018 will be held at MLK Center, 401 S. 8th St., on March 17th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. First come, first serve. Providing high school juniors and seniors at no cost formal attire for prom. Dresses, shoes, jewelry and much more. Contact Audrey Clark at 910-200-8030 for more information.

## Community Briefs

**Port City Playwrights' Project**, a community of writers for stage and screen, meets 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24th, at the Community Arts Center on 2nd and Orange, in Wilmington. The agenda includes reading and discussing new scripts as well as planning for future productions. As always, PCPP welcomes new writers and actors. For additional information, email portcityplaywrightsproject@gmail.com or visit <https://portcityplaywrights.wordpress.com>.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday February 22, 7 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information regarding vital community and state issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Keeping in touch with our surroundings is a daily necessity

It is good to look around us each day and find something different in the community. If it's not every day, it ought to be often enough. We ought to keep our lawns free of litter. It makes our surroundings look better and improves the appearance of the neighborhood. It does not make sense to throw litter all along the side of the road when it's just as easy to put it into a trash receptacle. I would like to personally thank those who keep their yards beautiful on a daily basis.

The spring season is steadily approaching, and we are think-

ing of getting outside and spending more time engaged in outside activities. At the same time, we don't need to forget that we are still in the midst of the flu season, and we need to be mindful that the flu is still spreading throughout. We need to continue doing all we can to avoid it and prevent its spreading. The first thing we need to do is make it a point to get the flu shot and see that our children get it. Then we need to be sure to keep our hands sanitized, sanitizing particularly after shaking hands, opening doors, taking hold of chairs and other items which are often touched by others.

We still need to remain alert to drug and alcohol abuse by especially our children. Drugs and alcohol are still killing our young and old alike. As we read and watch the news, we

become more and more aware that the problem is growing rather than diminishing, and we all must remain vigilant as far as the signs and symptoms and the dangers resulting from the use and abuse of such drugs.

Each of us must pray and do whatever else we can do to help our executive and legislative and even our judicial leaders understand the urgency of the need for more stringent laws regarding gun control. With all the senseless shootings we've experienced in our schools, our churches, our athletic events, etc., we must bind our heads and hearts and hands together and work together until we achieve sensible gun legislation. We must work diligently for the time when we can again gather in schools, churches, etc. without fear of some

deranged person's coming in and shooting up the place and destroying the lives of those assembled.

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Verniece Stanley

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority public service projects



A/B Honor Roll students were treated to a private pizza luncheon and highlighted on a special bulletin board.

BY MARVA ROBINSON  
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The members of the Wilmington Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated were immersed in several public service activities during the months of December and January. Chapter members devoted time, energy and financial support toward completing com-

munity projects that broadened the scope of the organization's outreach efforts.

The range of chapter involvement included: Adopt A Highway-Members cleaned a stretch of highway along Interstate 140; Nourish NC-Members packed boxes of food for needy families; Eliminating The Achievement Gap (EAG) at Lincoln Elementary School-Members gave tidbits about



Members cleaned a stretch of highway along Interstate 140.

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their education and careers; EAG at DC Virgo-7th grade A/B Honor Roll students were treated to a private pizza luncheon and highlighted on a special bulletin board.

The chapter plans to sponsor its second Big Hat Gospel/Jazz Brunch on Saturday, May 12, 2018, 11:00 am at Union Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets can be

purchased from individual members.

The 2018 Jabberwock will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Snipes Academy of Arts and Design. Contestants, ages 5 to 17, will compete for their respective Miss Jabberwock titles as Jabberwocky presents, "Enchanted Elegance: The Magic of Diamonds and Pearls".

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During Black History month, we remember the past in order to create a prosperous future. We salute and acknowledge the innovations, accomplishments and culture of African-Americans. From scoreboards to boardrooms and from concerts to congress, you are making differences that can be felt every day. Toyota salutes those who are driven to succeed because determination can lead to elevation.



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## "Black Panther" is the superhero-and heroines-we deserve

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "The film serves as a breath of fresh intellectual air; especially amid today's sociopolitical climate. It is the power of representation in its best form. It is empowerment on a higher level. It is inspiration to a different degree. It is black excellence exemplified that will leave audiences yearning to inhabit Wakanda forever." - Film critic Tonja Renee Stidum

As long as there have been movies, there have been movie heroes.

From Douglas Fairbanks' swash-buckling heroes like Zorro and Robin Hood in the 1920s, to Luke Skywalker in the 1970s to Harry Potter in the 2000s, the movies have always provided inspiration and role models for young people and a source for fantasy and imagination.

Most of these figures, as one might expect, have been white and male.

That is why the blockbuster superhero film "Black Panther", which opened this week, is such a significant milestone.

Few films have been more joyously anticipated, with advance ticket sales breaking records. The character, created for Marvel Comics by Stan Lee in 1966, already had generations of fans. Its A-list cast and crew include a number of Academy Award and Golden Globe winners and nominees. Setting aside its cultural impact, "Black Panther" has been hailed as one of the best-acted, best-directed, best-created superhero movies of all time.

But let us not set aside its cultural impact. Representation of women and people of color in film also has been an issue as long as there have been films. Actor and playwright Dylan Marron a few years ago introduced a web series entitled "Every Single Word," which highlights the shockingly small amount of dialogue spoken by actors of color in mainstream films. The entire Harry Potter series - more than 1,200 minutes of film - includes precisely 5 minutes and 40 seconds of what Marron calls "POC talk time." In 2015 and 2016, we took the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to task for the woeful lack of diversity among Oscar nominees.

Too often, even when women and people of color do have significant roles in film, negative stereotypes are reinforced. The Bechdel Test, named for cartoonist Allison Bechdel who popularized it, determines whether a work of fiction features at least two women characters who speak to each other about something other than a man.

Only half of all films pass this test. Screenwriter and novelist Nikesha Shukla proposed the Shukla Test, which determines "two ethnic minorities talk to each other for more than five minutes about something other than race," and *New York Times* critic Manola Dargis devised a variation, the DuVernay test - named for African-American film director Ava DuVernay - asks whether "African-Americans and other minorities have fully realized lives rather than serve as scenery in white stories."

"Black Panther" doesn't just pass these tests, it shatters the very precepts on which they rest. The significance of a powerful, intelligent, wealthy and resourceful Black hero cannot be overstated. The women of Wakanda, "Black Panther's" fictional African kingdom, are the true force behind the throne, and are as complex, varied and layered as white male characters usually are given the freedom to be.

When the first Black actress to win an Academy Award, Hattie McDaniel, faced criticism in the 1940s for accepting roles that reinforced negative stereotypes, she retorted, "Why should I complain about making \$700 a week playing a maid? If I didn't, I'd be making \$7 a week being one." Thankfully, the world of Wakanda is light-years from the plantations where McDaniel's "Mammy" character bowed and scraped to Scarlett O'Hara. I'm thankful that our children have the opportunity to see themselves on screen as kings and queens, warriors, scientists, artists and most importantly, the heroes of their own stories.

Marc Morial is president and CEO of the National Urban League.



SCENES FROM "BLACK PANTHER"

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## FILM REVIEW: "Black Panther" is everything Marvel needed

BY DWIGHT BROWN  
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The "Black Panther" character was first introduced into the Marvel Studios pantheon back in 1966. The launch took place in the comic book "Fantastic Four Vol.1" issue 52. So why did it take 52 years for that character to make its solo debut on the silver screen? Well, apparently it takes five decades to make a populous-loving, near-perfect Black Marvel film. And it is worth the wait.

Audiences got a taste for the newest incarnation of the character when T'Challa/Black Panther debuted in Captain America: Civil War, the saga in which Avenger characters battled against each other. With filmmaker Ryan Coogler ("Creed," "Fruitvale Station") as its director and spiritual guide and a script he co-wrote with Joe Robert Cole, this Marvel chapter is decidedly and unapologetically Afrocentric: it's all about the motherland and bit about urban America.

Upon the death of his father, the king of Wakanda, T'Challa, (Chadwick Boseman, "Get on Up," "42"), the prince, comes home to the mythical and modern, high-tech metropolis hidden somewhere in Africa. To ascend to the throne, the heir must take on challengers in a public ritual, witnessed by his people. He does. As the new king, vested with superhuman powers, "Black Panther" is the protector of his nation.

In short time, he is pulled out of his comfort zone when he is asked to track down Ulysses Klaue (Andy Serkis), a South African illegal arms dealer, who is involved with dastardly American mercenary Erik Killmonger (Michael B. Jordan). The two have a precious Wakandan artifact, made of "Vibranium," a powerful, mystical,

precious metal that empowers the kingdom and was the foundation material for Captain America's shield. The crooks intend to sell the relic to a CIA Agent (Martin Freeman). For some reason, Erik has an unbridled anger for T'Challa and his deceased father. He seeks their throne, which he feels is rightfully his.

The king is led into a dangerous Korean casino where the artifact purchase will go down. His guides are his love interest Nakia (Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o, "12 Years A Slave") who is a Wakandan international spy and Okoye (Danai Gurira, "The Walking Dead"), the fearless head of Dora Milaje, the Wakanda Special Forces. The success or failure of their mission holds a key to Wakanda's future.

Coogler's rich and dense script features a plethora of characters who have varied relations with the king: There's W'Kabi (Daniel Kaluuya, "Get Out"), head of security for the Border Tribe; Shuri (Letitia Wright, "Urban Hymn"), T'Challa's tech wiz sister, who is also a scientist and inventor who supplies her brother with weapons and gadgets; M'Baku (Winston Duke, TV's "Person of Interest") leader of the Jabari Tribe, who once challenged T'Challa; and the Queen Mother Ramonda (Angela Bassett).

Once the plot and characters are set in place, the storyline winds its way through various countries, highlighting strong rivalries, a touch of romance and some comic moments. What's different about this Marvel episode is that there are also themes that debate whether wealthy African countries should stay self-contained or become an active part of the diaspora and advocate for social and economic justice in other places. That's not the kind

of subplot or character motivation audiences will find in a Thor, Iron Man or a Captain America movie. Kudos to Coogler for being a courageous filmmaker able to handle social issues, as well as cartoon characters. Also, the dialogue can be very royal and serious or completely cheeky, like when Shuri off-handedly refers to the CIA agent as a "colonizer." It's a joke, but it's not a joke.

As a writer/director, Coogler has firmly established that his strength is in creating and developing intimate relationships that capture the viewer's attention. The innocent young man killed in "Fruitvale Station" and his mom were tight; the young boxer and elder pugilist in "Creed" had a strong bond too. Whether it's the king and his spritely little sister, his evasive lover or his archenemy, you never question the characters' interpersonal dynamics. Also, the director has chosen a very theatrical ambiance. The pageantry is as thick as that in a Broadway play, and the actors seem to relish the grandeur.

The overall look of the film is exceptional, though you have to get used to the potpourri of styles and effects: At times scenes feel like a hip Fast & Furious episode (the car chases). Other times like the Lion King (with a sweet Disney-ish tone). There are scenes of African landscapes that look like they are from an Abderrahmane Sissako film ("Timbuktu"). The space age, high technology elements of the underground city-state resemble Tron. The warrior rhinoceroses seem like they're straight out of "Jumanji" or "Jurassic World." Some of the space travel and ships evoke Star Wars. That's an observation, not a complaint. Though it would have been cool, if the footage looked completely different than anything audiences had ever

seen. The screen is ablaze with Africanesque costumes (Ruth E. Carter, "Selma") and exotic sets (production designer Hannah Beachler, "Moonlight"; set decoration Jay Hart, "L.A. Confidential"). The beguiling musical soundtrack (Ludwig Goransson, "Creed") and energized ultra-hip music ("All the Stars" by Kendrick Lamar and SZA) are candy for the ears. The footage is perfectly lit (D.P. Rachel Morrison, "Mudbound").

Boseman plays the stoic lead, and aptly balances vulnerability with an inner strength and determination. The overly confident and scampish Letitia Wright as his sis, the brave beyond reason Danai Gurira and gorgeously beautiful Lupita Nyong'o are a joy to watch and far more animated. The male co-stars have charisma too: Jordan makes a fine, bitter villain. Kaluuya and Duke match warrior instincts quite well. Bassett and Forest Whitaker as Zuri represent a generation of wise elders with great dignity.

It took forethought, intelligence, social consciousness, an understanding of black history and great artistry to make one of the most anticipated films of the decade a success. Coogler and his crew don't disappoint. This is one of the most entertaining Marvel movies ever made.

"Black Panther" is a vibrant, empowering allegory hidden beneath the cloak of a comic book movie, where most of the characters are Black, large and in charge.

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### "Black Panther" breaks records

## Believe the hype: "Black Panther" sets box office records with \$192 million

BY LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE  
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"Black Panther" starring Chadwick Boseman, Lupita Nyong'o and Michael B. Jordan, surpassed box office expectations during its opening weekend.

With \$192 million in ticket sales so far, the film is expected to take in \$218 million over the four-day President's Day weekend and an incredible \$361 million worldwide. According to ComScore, global ticket sales were set to reach \$387 million over the weekend.

According to Entertainment maga-

zine, "Black Panther" is already the eighth-largest single-day gross for the film industry ever and the third-biggest opening for a superhero movie.

"Black Panther" scored a \$75.8 million opening day. "The Avengers" opened with \$80 million and "Avengers: Age of Ultron" opened with \$84 million. The film also became the highest-grossing title in history at 33 AMC Theaters across the country, according to a report in the Hollywood Reporter.

"Black Panther" earned more at those cinemas on Thursday evening and Friday-along with advance ticket sales for other times during the

weekend-than any other movie has in an entire weekend. The number of theaters setting revenue records climbed to 80 locations, more than 10 percent of the entire circuit," wrote Hollywood Reporter.

With that, "Black Panther" makes director Ryan Coogler the top-grossing Black director in film history. The previous record was held by "Straight Outta Compton," which made \$214 million worldwide in 2015. Marvel established the Black Panther character in the 1960s and the film features a majority African American cast and many strong female characters.

The pre-release news, nine month-long marketing campaign and anticipation over "Black Panther" mixed with good reviews and the politics of the time produced a ton of buzz around the film, long before it was released.

What word of mouth will now do for the film may mean that even more records will be broken.

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"Black Panther" raked in nearly \$200 million over its first weekend. Lupita Nyong'o (left) and Letitia Wright star in "Black Panther."

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# Those who do nothing on gun control fail our children

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The United States is failing in what surely is the first duty of government - protecting our children from threats that they cannot deal with themselves. Voters and politicians are failing our children.

After 17 students and teachers were killed and a dozen wounded on Valentine's Day by an unbalanced 19-year-old firing an AR-15 rifle at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., the students vowed no more as they buried their friends.

Young organizers are reaching out to students across the country to enlist them in a national drive to force action on sensible gun laws. As a first step, they've called for a national demonstration in Washington on March 24 called March for Our Lives.

More demonstrations across the country will come. "We want this to stop. We need this to stop. We are protecting guns more than people," said Emma Gonzalez, 18, one of five core organizers, as reported in *The New York Times*. "We are not trying to take people's guns away; we are trying to make sure we have gun safety." Gonzalez, a student at the Florida school, invited politicians from any party to join, but she warned: "We don't want anybody who is funded by the NRA. We want people who are going to be on the right side of history."

In a stunning opinion piece in *The New York Times*, Christine Yared, 15, a freshman at the school who huddled in a closet when the shooting broke out, wrote that her parents settled in Parkland because the school had a "stellar reputation and because we thought that it was a safe place to live."

She called on people to "work together beyond political parties to make sure this never happens again."

People visit a makeshift memorial setup in front of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Monday in Parkland, Florida. Police arrested and charged 19-year-old former student Nikolas Cruz for the Feb. 14 shooting that killed 17 people.

She argued sensibly: "If a person is not old enough to be able to rent a car or buy a beer, then he should not be able to legally purchase a weapon of mass destruction. This could have been prevented. If the killer had been properly treated for his mental illness, maybe this would not have happened. If there were proper background checks, then those who should not have guns would not have them."

A recent study using data from the World Health Organization and the global Human Mortality Database, found that America is now "the most dangerous of wealthy nations for a child to be born into." Higher infant mortality - high particularly among the poor in states that refused to expand Medicaid - accounts for some of that. Gun violence accounts for much of it.

The U.S. suffers 21,000 "excess deaths" - deaths above the average - for children under 19 every year. As one writer noted, think of that as three Sandy Hook or three Stoneman Douglas shootings a day, every day of every year. We have failed our children.

Yet, President Donald Trump responded to the latest school shooting with "prayers and condolences," never mentioning the word gun. After he was elected, he went to the National Rifle Association convention. The NRA had spent millions in support of his election.

"You came through for me," he pledged, "I will come through for you." There is no more brazen statement of the corruption of our politics. Since 1968, America has lost more lives to gun violence than we have in all the wars of our nation's history from the Revolutionary War forward.

Our leaders are failing in their duty to protect our children. The NRA and the gun lobby reward politicians who block sensible reforms, and punish those who promote them.

A majority of Americans support sensible gun laws. Yet no progress is made. Politicians fear that they will risk their seats if they oppose the gun lobby. They choose their own political career over the duty to protect our children. After each mass shooting, there is outrage and tears, but no action.

Perhaps the young organizers from Parkland can break through. They can reach millions of their peers through social media. Their passion is clear: It is not partisan, not liberal or conservative, but moral. At 18, they can register and vote in large numbers.

Even now, they can organize marches and demonstrations, do research that exposes who is on the take and who is in the pocket of the gun lobby, run registration and voter education drives. Our leaders have failed our children. Our parties won't do the hard work needed. The news media will soon turn to new outrages and new stories.

Our children are at risk. Now they are calling all of us to account. Maybe they have the grit and the moral clarity to break through the icy indifference of those who claim to lead us. Christine Yared wrote: "We need to expose the truth about gun violence and the corruption around guns."

Please. If you have any heart, or care about anyone or anything, you need to be an advocate for change. Don't let any more children suffer like we have. Don't continue this cycle. This may not seem relevant to you. But next time it could be your family, your friends, your neighbors. Next time, it could be you." She and her classmates have witnessed the unbearable. Let us heed their call. *Jesse Jackson is founder and president of Rainbow Coalition.*

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SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The *Whittemore Community Magazine* extends maximum congratulations to The Reverend Dr. Covia L. Stanley for being the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Coastal Carolina University (CCU) on December 15, 2017. The award was part of the CCU Fall 2017 Commencement exercises held at the HTC Center on campus.

Rev. Stanley is Pastor of Mt. Calvary No. 1 Missionary Baptist Church in Conway and is Moderator of the Kingston Lake Missionary Baptist Association. He has served coastal South Carolina as a physician and a minister for the past 20 years.

A native of Brunswick County, N.C., Stanley was valedictorian of his class at Union High School in Shallotte, N.C. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology/chemistry from N.C. Central University in Durham; a master's degree in parasitology from North Carolina Central University; and a medical degree from the University of Buffalo. He trained in OB/GYN for his residency at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill.

Stanley also earned a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Union University. He worked as a medical technologist at Duke University Medical Center prior to medical school and as an OB/GYN clinician for the Virginia Department of Health in Richmond, where he worked with then City

Councilman Tim Kaine on a number of community service initiative relating to criminal domestic violence, juvenile justice and other issues. Stanley is also a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves Medical Services Corps (OB/GYN). In 1998, Stanley was named the medical director of Region 6 (Horry, Georgetown and Williamsburg counties) of the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Since retiring from this position in 2013, he has served as staff physician for the S. C. Department of Mental Health.

He is the recipient of many honors, including the James A. Hayne Award, the highest honor for public health in South Carolina. Other awards include the following:

- Personalities of the South, 1982
- National Health Services Corps, 1987
- Alpha Phi Alpha Achievement Award, 1996
- Recognition Award for Contributions in Health Care, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mid-Atlantic Region, 1996
- International Who's Who of Professionals - 1997 Edition
- Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care Millennium (2000) Edition, 2004
- Who's Who in America, 2001
- Who's Who in the World, 2002
- Elouise J. Davis Service Award, Spiritual and Medical Services Rendered, Conway Chapter of NAACP 2000 and 2008
- Concerned Citizens Operation Reach Out of Stanley Horry County - August 25, 2007
- RESOLUTION, S. C. Senate - August 25, 2007



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REV. DR. STANLEY AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE



REV. DR. AND MRS. COVIA STANLEY

- RESOLUTION, S. C. House of Representatives - August 25, 2007
- RESOLUTION, Horry County Council - August 25, 2007
- RESOLUTION, City of Loris, S. C. - August 25, 2007
- Champions for Children, Horry Georgetown Technical College, October 26, 2007
- NACCHO Recognition Award Chairman of MCH Workgroup, Sept. 2008
- Heroes in The Field Award, SC Chapter of March of Dimes, Sept. 2008
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Leadership Award, Memphis, Tenn. July, 2010
- Scroll of Merit Award, highest award in the National Medical Association, July 27, 2013 in Toronto, Canada at the Annual National Medical Association Convention
- James A. Hayne Award, the highest award in public health in South Carolina,
- May 22, 2014 in Columbia, SC at the S. C. Public Health Association Conference

- Dr. Frank Avant Award, Countywide Community Development Corporation, Celebrating the Dream, Wilmington Convention Center, Wilmington, N. C., July 2, 2014
- Humanitarian Award 2015, March 15, 2015. Silver Star Masonic Lodge #333 Prince Hall Accepted Masons of South Carolina, Longs, South Carolina.

Dr. Stanley has been married to the former Ms. Lillian Chadwick of Durham, NC for 48 years. They have two sons, Covia L. Stanley, II and Quentin C., one daughter-in-law, two granddaughters and one grandson.

# HIV rates remain high in the Black community

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE  
SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE  
FROM NORTHSTAR  
NEWSTODAY.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was Wednesday, February 7th, but if you missed the parade that acknowledged the day, you're not alone because there wasn't one. There were some panel discussions. But discussions concerning HIV have largely gone silent because many people erroneously believe the disease has been defeated.

Although HIV infections and HIV deaths have declined in recent years, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimates that 1.1 million people are currently living with HIV in the U.S. and 470,000 are African-American. This number includes 74,100 individuals who don't know they are infected and are at higher risk of transmitting the virus.

The disease has continued to cut a deadly swath through the Black community since 1981 when it was first discovered. By U.S. region, the South has the highest rate of recent HIV infections, accounting for the majority of Blacks newly diagnosed with the disease, which was 63 percent in 2016.

HIV/AIDS was the sixth-leading cause of death among black men 20 to 44 years old and the fourth leading cause of death among black women 35 to 44 in 2015. There are many reasons why this plague continues to spread almost unabated and almost unnoticed throughout the black community, but a significant reason is that the disease is not talked about as much as it was years ago. This relative lack of ongoing public discourse about HIV/AIDS may have given rise to a false sense of safety in the black community.

The other leading causes of death among Black men are heart disease, cancer, accidents and homicide.

Major reasons for the high rate of HIV infection include

poverty, lack of access to health care, higher rates of some other sexually transmitted infections, lack of awareness of HIV status and stigma, stated the Kaiser Family Foundation in its report "Black Americans and HIV/AIDS: The Basics," published this month.

"Black Americans are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS since the epidemic's beginning," reported Kaiser Family Foundation. "Although Blacks represent only 12 percent of the U.S. population, they account for 43 percent of HIV diagnoses; 43 percent of people living with HIV and 44 percent of people who have died from HIV, which is a rate greater than that of any other racial or ethnic group."

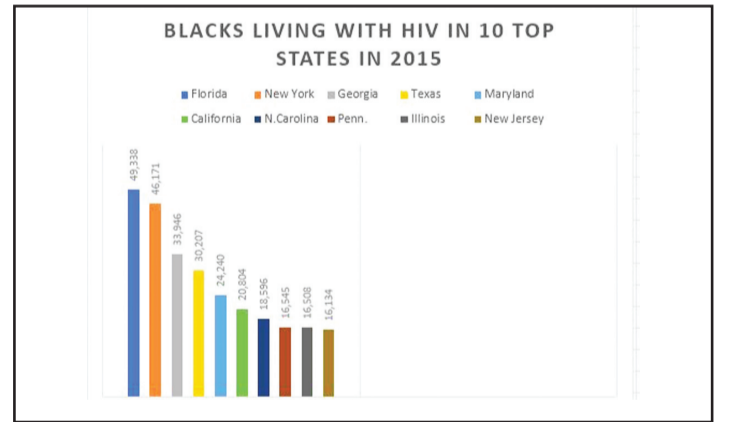
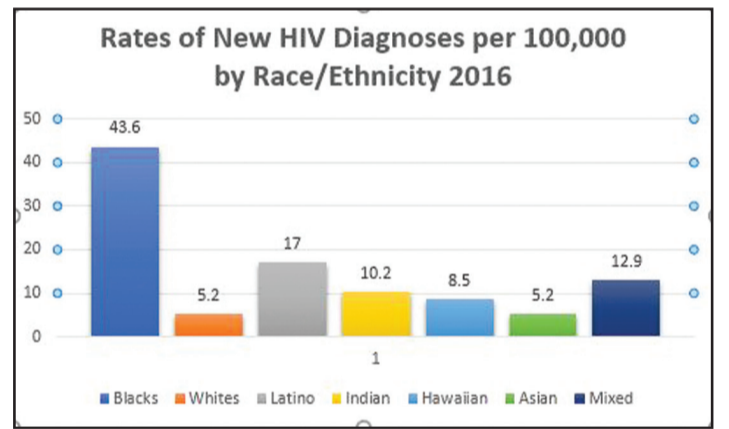
The Black community's lack of knowledge about medicines that control the virus and their reluctance or refusal to take advantage of available treatment options has also contributed to HIV's spread.

Kaiser published its report years after the introduction of PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis, commercially called Truvada), which helps prevent individuals who are HIV-negative from contracting HIV. Although PrEP was introduced five years ago, it is not well known among Blacks.

Gilead Sciences, Inc., which manufactures the only Food Drug Administration-approved form of PrEP, reported the drug's uptake was low among African-Americans. Between 2012 and 2015, only 10 percent of all new PrEP prescriptions were written for Blacks.

Blacks also did not take the threat of HIV/AIDS seriously, probably because of a lack of information. The late comedian Robin Harris told a joke about black people wanting AIDS because they believed it was money being given to white gay men who at the time were the largest group suffering from HIV infections. "I want some of that aid," said Harris, "mimicking a black man in his comedy routine."

I worked in Philadelphia



GRAPHS BY FREDERICK LOWE

as a reporter for the *Philadelphia Daily News*. The Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists sponsored a luncheon on HIV/AIDS. We went to black gay bars to tell people about the event. A startling number said they would not attend because they did not care if they contracted HIV/AIDS.

A reporter for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* said she wasn't going to attend because she did not to be in the same room with gay men and women. Needless to say, the luncheon was lightly attended.

But one woman who served food at the luncheon said she had heard about HIV/AIDS, but this was the first time it had been explained to her. She thanked the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists for hosting the event.

There are other reasons why HIV has spread unchecked in the black community.

Kaiser reports that the course from HIV diagnosis to viral suppression reveals missed opportunities in

reaching Blacks. "While 84 percent of Blacks are diagnosed, 46 percent remain in regular care and 43 percent are virally suppressed. Blacks also may be less likely to sustain viral suppression." (This occurs when antiretroviral therapy, ART, reduces a person's viral load, or HIV RNA, reduces the viral load to an undetectable level. Viral suppression does not mean a person is cured; HIV remains in the body, but it is checked).

Meanwhile, HIV is very much here. It's an ever-present danger and one that's getting worse though we're being assured that it is getting better.

In 2015, African-Americans had the highest age-adjusted HIV-death rate - 7.9 per 100,000, compared with 1.1 per 100,000 for Whites.

Newly diagnosed Black gay and bisexual men are younger than their White counterparts, with those aged 13 to 24 accounting for 36 percent of new HIV diagnoses among black gay and bisexual men in 2016 compared to 15 percent among Whites.



**Mr. James Herbert Taylor**

Mr. James Herbert Taylor, formerly of the Scotts Hill Community in Wilmington, North Carolina died Wednesday January 31, 2018 at the Brooklyn Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. Funeral service for James was held on Wednesday February 7, 2018 at Glorious Church of God in Christ, Brooklyn, NY. Internment was in Plainlawn Cemetery, Hicksville, NY.

James was born on December 27, 1936 in Wilmington, NC. He was the fourth of eight children born to the late John Taylor Sr. and Mae Durham Taylor. At an early age James attended Old Scotts Hill A.M.E. Church in Scotts Hill N.C. He also attended New Hanover County public schools to include Williston Senior High School. In his youth he was an avid small game hunter. In 1962 he was joined in Holy Matrimony to the love of his life Lucille Bunting. From that union God blessed them with two loving daughters, Tjaunna Faye and Felicia Josette. JAMES aka "MUNKEY" as he was affectionately called by his wife, migrated to Brooklyn New York. He was employed as a truck driver for Dimaggio Trucking Co. and as a Fire Watch Security Officer for Brooklyn Navy Yard for over 35 years.

During his lifetime Mr. Taylor had an exceptional love for country and western music. It was his dream to visit and mount the stage of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. In February of 2005, that dream became a reality.

In addition to his parents, JAMES was predeceased by brothers Isaac Bryant, John Jr., Richard Allen, and Louis Stephen; sisters Etta Rice and Florence Simmons. He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Quiana Lewis and Sean Taylor.

James leaves behind to cherish his memories, his loving and devoted wife of 55 years; Evangelist Lucille B. Taylor; two loving daughters; Tjaunna Faye McCleod (Fred) of Brooklyn, New York and Felicia Josette Dettmer (Donald) of Bushkill, PA. Five grandchildren; Sheldon, Shavar, Shajuanna, Sharod and Shamia. Eleven great-grandchildren; two brothers; Willie Andrew Taylor (Alma) of Richmond, VA and David Earl Taylor of New York City, Five sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; two goddaughters; Brea and Asha. A host of nephews, nieces, cousins, neighbors of Putnam Ave. and friends.

**Ms. Inez Hairston**

On today, we rejoice for God has called his daughter home. Our hearts are heavy and spirits with deepest sadness. Today we will still give Thanks to the most high for blessing our lives with

his beloved. Laugh in remembrance of her peculiar personality. Be encouraged by her love for God, her willingness to serve him with all she had. However, the greatest gift any parent could leave their children are the prayers she puts before God. Let us try to model her prayer life and her walk with the Lord.

Ms. Inez Hairston was born in Eden, North Carolina on May 17, 1943 to Ester Holland and Moyer Golden. She was one of 11 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hassel Hairston, one child Melvin Hill, and sisters Loretta H. Stultz, Florence H. McCollum, Reathon Moore and Karen Moore.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children Meshell Holland, Stacey Holland, Toninette Graves, Janenette Holland, Anthony Holland, Lolila Holland, Catherine Richardson, Kristie Holland, Heather Hairston, William Hairston, Jason Hairston and Latisha Parker; thirty grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at on Friday, February 15, 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](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Cornelia Elaine DeBouse**

Cornelia Elaine DeBouse died February 8, 2018. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Life Changing Ministries. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Cornelia was born on June 3, 1953 to the late Cornelius and Virginia DeBouse. She grew up in Philadelphia, PA and graduated from Thomas A. Edison High School. She worked for Bayox Cigar Factory and was an avid and passionate volunteer for the Home and School Association for the Philadelphia School System. She relocated to her birth place of Wilmington, NC and gained employment with Food Lion for twelve years. She was a member of Life Changing Ministries.

She is survived by: two daughters, Ernestine (Paul) and Candace; one son, Atiba Jamam; nine grandchildren: Chryatina, Jar'El, Dyani, Sean, Da'Shawn, Micha, Jazmin, Ta'Niah and Caleb; three great-grandchildren; Chance, Cane'ron and Cherish; five sisters, Deborah (Calvin), Gwendolyn (Eugene), Melanie, Madeline (Aubrey), and Colethia; two brothers, Orin (Geraldine) and Bruce (Cherise); and a host of nieces nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Regina Pandora Porter Williams**

Regina Pandora Porter Williams died February 9, 2018. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 16, 2018 at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Regina was born on October 8, 1963, in Wilmington, NC to Feola Fullard and was raised by her guardians, Johnston and Jannie Canty. She was preceded in death by her mother, her guardians and

six brothers and two sisters. Regina loved the Lord and strongly believed that all things are possible. She graduated from New Hanover High School and obtained her degree from St. Augustine University in Raleigh, NC. Marrying Tony Williams after college, that union brought forth two children, Knoeing and Tony. Regina had a brief career in runway modeling and worked for many years in sales as a manager and sales representative in telecommunications. She furthered her education by attending Miller-Motte Technical College.

Regina leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Knoeing Williams; one son, Tony Williams, Jr; siblings, Dora Porter, Michael Porter, Kenneth Porter (Mary) all of Wilmington, Leon Porter of Orangeburg, SC and Evelyn Murphy (David) of Florence, SC; three grandchildren, Aaron, Aiya and Messiah; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including special friends, Pamela, Clara, Beverly and Candy. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**David Thomas**

David Thomas died February 7, 2018. Funeral services were held Friday, February 16, 2018 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. David, lovingly known as Lil Dave or Uncle Dave was born to James David Thompson and Beatrice Thomas on June 22, 1957. He attended New Hanover High School. Dave was known for spreading wisdom, knowledge, love, laughter and joy through his joking. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Deloris Parker and brother, Lorenzo Thomas.

He leaves to cherish his memory: sisters, Joan Johnson, Marie Richardson, Carolyn Jean Thomas and Patricia Thomas, all of Wilmington, NC; aunts, Gwen Pellom (Leonard) of Fayetteville, NC, Connie Armstrong of Durham, NC and Pamela Jenkins of Rochester, NY; uncle, Frank "Lil Sonny" Milligian of Rochester, NY; a host of nieces, nephews and two special friends, Brenda Miller and Bernard Lee. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Evelyn Yvonne Brown Lee**

Evelyn Yvonne Brown Lee died February 10, 2018. Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church-Masonboro Sound. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Evelyn, daughter of the late Mr. Willie and Ethel Brown was born on March 13, 1953. Evelyn was educated in the public schools of New Hanover County. She was employed at MJB Manufacturer and Louisiana Pacific for many years until she became sick and no longer able to work. Evelyn was a faithful member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church where she sang on the choir, worked on the kitchen committee and served in many other capacities around the church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, George Murphy and Willie N. Brown both of Wilmington, NC and two sisters, Sarah L. Carpenter of Winston-Salem, NC and Grace E.

Brown of Orangeburg, SC. Loved ones who will always cherish many memories: her loving husband, Larry Lee of the home; three daughters, Amanda Melvin of Tampa, FL, Tameka (Timothy) Bunting and Missy Pellom of Wilmington, NC; one son, George Pellom of Charlotte, NC; one adopted son, Kenneth Williams; two sisters, LaTanya (Hayes) Gainey of Orangeburg, SC and LaHonda (Richard) Johnson of Wilmington, NC; fifteen grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three special friends, Ida Mae Greene, Alice Gibbs Moten and Vicky Bowman; one godson, Rahmaire B. Goodman and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Mrs. Theresa Walker**

Mrs. Theresa Walker died February 19, 2018. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Mt. Zion AME Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**James G. Cole**

James Galloway Cole was born on October 12, 1934 to the late Aaron and Mary Cole. He departed this life on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Wilmington, North Carolina. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Thorington, five brothers and three sisters.

James graduated from Armor High School. After high school, he served in the armed forces. Upon returning from service, James lived in Middletown, CT where he worked at Erhart Manufacturing Company for many years.

Upon retirement, James returned home to North Carolina where he joined Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Foggy. While at Spring Green he was a faithful member of the usher board.

James spent his spare time with family and friends. He was a reliable handyman who enjoyed traveling, music and making others laugh. James was also an avid photographer who was loved in the community for his playful nature and revered for his pragmatic attitude.

James leaves to cherish his memory one son, Anthony Jenkins (Theresa); two sisters, Letha Murray and Shirly Cole of Brooklyn, NY; two grandchildren, Kristle Brown of Windsor, CT and Danielle McKoy (Robert) of Reigelwood, NC; one great grandchild, Asia DeJesus; a special niece, Cynthia Shaw; three best friends, Marvin Brown, KD Troy and Herman Simpson and a host of cherished nieces and nephews. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Bishop Arizona Hartsfield**

Bishop Arizona Hartsfield, age 72, of Bolivia, passed away

Sunday, February 11, 2018. Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at the Brunswick Community College Odell Williamson Auditorium. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Community Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Sandra Wilson Jenkins**

Sandra Wilson Jenkins, age 69, of New Haven, CT (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Friday, February 16, 2018. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

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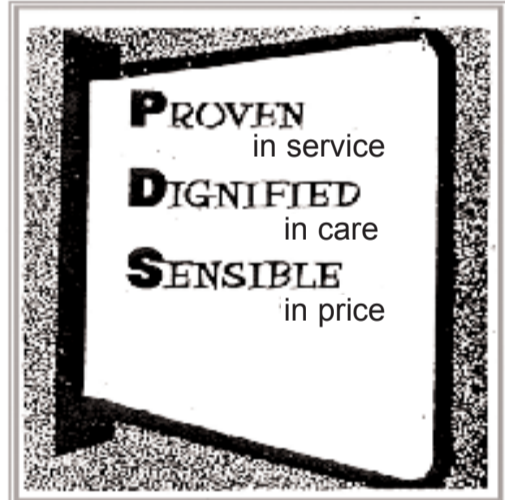
**Ralph Grady**

Those we Love remains with us  
For Love itself lives on  
Cherished memories never fade.  
Because a loved one is gone,  
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Jennifer & Javoke Terrell

New Hanover County

St. Andrew AME Zion Church, 9th & Marsellar St., will hold their community outreach lunch on the 4th Saturday, February 24th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Everything is free.



Bladen County

The Youth Missionary Ministry of Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church is collecting white athletic socks to distribute to the local nursing homes. The goal is to have 200 pairs of socks. Sometimes it's the small things that are the greatest gifts. The youth believe that giving a pair of socks to keep the nursing home residents' soles warm and comfortable can bring the Love of Jesus to their soul. Collection Dates: February 12th - March 11th, 2018. Drop off locations: WBLA Radio Station 1440 AM; 512 Peanut Road; Elizabethtown NC Mondays - Fridays and at the church Sundays 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon and Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. Contact: Minister Leslie Smith at Lesliemsmith2011@yahoo.com for additional information.

Religious Briefs

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## Harrell to speak at Faith Temple COGIC

Pastor Larry Harrell of Pine Valley Church of God will be the guest Evangelist at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday, February 25th at Faith Temple Church of God In Christ located on 1119 South 4th Street, Wilmington, NC.

This begins a series of exciting "Evening Glory" services planned for 2018.

All are invited to come and experience the Glory. Elder Lorenzo Edge, Pastor.



PASTOR LARRY HARRELL

## Jephthah Chapter celebrates Annual Sweetheart Tea

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What a fantastic celebration and a glorious fellowship!

On Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 4:00 p. m., Jephthah Chapter IV celebrated their Eighteenth Annual Sweetheart Tea at 602 Orange Street (Habib Temple)! What a wonderful time! This is an extraordinary occasion to which the members of the chapter look forward each year.

This tea is one of several fundraisers given annually by Jephthah Chapter to offset the charitable contributions given in the community, including a scholarship, which is given when the fundraiser is successful. This enables a high school graduate to help with college expenses. Jephthah Chapter could not do this without your (the public's) support.

Mistress of Ceremony was Minister Darlene Robinson. Our opening song was "Victory Is Mine". Greetings followed by Sister Karen McIntyre, Worthy Matron of the chapter. Prayer was led by Brother Alphonso Robinson, after which Sister Carolyn Washington gave the Welcome.

Minister Darlene Robinson sang "I Love To Praise Him," followed by a poem, "A Valentine to the World," read by Sister Geraldine Armstrong, as a memorial for Sister Henrietta Evans.

Selections were sung by the M & R Gospel Singers, Le Ron Montgomery and Mychal Robinson. What a spiritual time in uplifting our Savior in song!

Time was taken out for door prizes. Many nice prizes, with ticket numbers, were given to the guests. Members of the chapter were excluded. Selections were then given by Brother Leroy Brown (Martha) Gospel Singers. What a time! What a time! What a mighty good time!

The Gospel Sensations,

Johnnie Mae Pridgen, Carolyn Washington, and Carolyn Green sang "If I Couldn't Say A Word."

The finale of the Sweetheart Tea was a waltz to "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" done by Sister Karen McIntyre, Worthy Matron and Brother Michael Morrison, Sister McIntyre's fiancé. They are to be married April 28, 2018. This was very befitting for the occasion. Jephthah Chapter's first waltz was given by Brother Jimmy Lightfoot and his wife, Sister Darlene Lightfoot.

A special presentation was given to Sister Armstrong (to her surprise) by Mrs. Vanessa Nixon, daughter of Sister Johnnie Mae Pridgen. Remarks were given briefly by Sister Armstrong, Chairperson, and Sister McIntyre in lieu of Sister Mary Ratchford, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 19, singing a special selection for Sister Armstrong, "When the Gates Swing Open," after which, Sister Ratchford gave brief remarks, followed by introductions of Sister Olivia Dowe, Past Grand Lecturer, and Brother James Lightfoot, District Deputy Grand Master of District 19.

Special thanks to other members of Jephthah Chapter IV, Sisters Dorene Crumpler, Linda Moore and Eva Battle for their participation. Last, but certainly not least, to our guests and friends for their presence and contributions, who support us each year.

Without you, this occasion would not be successful. A delicious repast of foods, desserts, beverages and lots of tea, of course (smile), was served. What a wonderful fellowship! GOD willing, we will see you next year!

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful, arrogant or rude. It beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things. Love never faileth". I Corinthians 13:7-8.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

### Moments in Black history - Mama, where did you come from?

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

This is the day that the Lord has made. We all are so glad to be here.

Our choir and devotion leader, Mr. George Hill, started the Senior Citizens' Fellowship off by singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer was led by President Eloise Purdie. We thank Mrs. Purdie so much for such an uplifting prayer, one which we all needed. To God be the glory!

The next song was "Steal Away." Yes, sometimes we all need to steal away to Jesus. What a wonderful devotional period! Thank you!

Minister Sharon Pollock gave us "A Tribute to Black History." Why do we celebrate Black history? Brother George Hill introduced our speaker for today, Sister Michelle Brooks. What a wonderful presentation she made! She used as a reference for her message, Marie Bradley's book, Mama, Where Did You Come From? Thank you so much! We truly love you!

Next, we had a reading by Sister Janice Gordon, Langston Hughes' poem, "Aunt Sue's Stories."

Lena Boykin embraced us with "The Oak Tree." This brought a message of encouragement. She also did

"Invictus" by William Ernest Henley.

Minister Henrietta McGlenn sang "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See."

Sister Mary Martin inspired us with a reading, "What if There Were No Black People." How appropriate this was for this season of the celebration of Black history.

We were favored with a few words of acknowledgement of our visitors by President Eloise Purdie. We welcomed Sister Jackie Green. She joined our group at the time. We are most glad to have her as a member.

Minutes were read by Sister Mildred Ellerby. As

usual, she did a lovely job.

It was now time for our callers to be recognized. Sister Mary Martin had the most members present. We thank all of the callers and members of the Senior Citizens' Fellowship.

Announcements were made, and Sister Mary Martin brought us "smiles" for today. In so doing, she brought us laughter, and laughter is good for the soul. What a treat! Thank you!

Our circle was formed at this point, we were led in prayer by Henrietta McGlenn, and the meeting was adjourned.

There were 45 members present today.

## TELL SOMEBODY

### "The blessing of obedience and success"

Obedience to God's commandments will always benefit the one who chooses to obey. We all want to be blessed, and obedience is God's way for blessing his people. It may be easier said than done, but when it comes to walking in obedience to God, it is always going to be a worthwhile endeavor! Everthing that God commands his people to do, will always work for our good. The Word of God is True, and every promise he has made, he will perform and it shall come to pass.



Sylvia Hooper

Deuteronomy 28:1-13 lays out the benefits and the blessings directly attributed to obeying God. "And IT shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shall thy be in the city, and blessed shall thy be in the field.

Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, an the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways.

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God and walk in his ways.

And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord: and

they shall be afraid of thee. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord swear unto thy fathers to give thee.

The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thy hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shall be above only, and thou shall not be beneath: if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

When Jesus walked the face of the earth, he walked in obedience to the will of God the Father. Jesus prayed, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, in The Lord's Prayer. Jesus was totally submitted to the will of God and also wholly committed to doing his will. Jesus Christ, our Lord

and Savior set the example for modern day disciples to do as he did, and to walk as he walked. The inspiration and the motivation for disciples today, is the promise of manifold blessings for maintaining the conduct and character becoming a Child of God and a Born Again Believer. Be encouraged. Be obedient. Be blessed! 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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This the 22nd day of February, 2018

Mazell Holmes, Executor 25972 HWY 210 Currie, NC 28435

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A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

Mike Kozlosky

Executive Director Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization February 22, 2018

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