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MISSING



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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HARRY DAVIS

Artist Harry Davis will be memorialized on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at New Beginning Christian Church (NBCC) 3120 Alex Trask Drive Castle Hayne. PAGE 10

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

Know the candidates

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, the time is here when the election process has started. Citizens have registered to run for elected offices here in Brunswick County and

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FIFTY CENTS

COMMUNITY EMBRACES TARGETED CHURCH

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

[WILMINGTON] They came to Speaks Temple AME Zion Church to show concern and support.

They left with a message that they needed to do more to love.

The pews were filled Sunday at the predominately Black Speaks Temple, with many White people attending, outraged by the angry racist letter sent to the church and its Pastor Dierdre Parker, a week earlier.

They wanted to show that the unnamed racist who sent the inflammatory missive that talked about "porch monkeys...big lipped ape men...and blue gummed people [with illegitimate children everywhere]..." as

being "Niggertown, of course..." did not represent how they thought or their respect for the Black community.

In fact, at least two White couples brought their Black adopted toddlers as a symbol of their willingness to stand up to racism for them.

"Lord...the one who sent this...let's call it what it is...a hate letter..."

prayed Ken Sharpe, a visiting White minister, "... Father God, we don't condone what this person did at all. We're not a part of that, but we also just lift him up in prayer to you as well...that he would come to know the right from the wrong and that hatred is not you. You are love."

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CASH MICHAELS PHOTO

Pastor Dierdre Parker leads worship at Speaks Temple AME Zion Church Sunday after the racist hate letter is exposed.

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. DOUGLASS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

DOUGLASS ACADEMY CELEBRATES 200TH BIRTHDAY OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS Kelina Gause-Fogle, 1st Grade, answers a poster that asks "Education is important because..." during celebrations marking the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass. The day-long event was organized and held at Douglass Academy, the tuition-free K-5 public school at 6th & Red Cross Streets. The day's events included specialized lessons, inspirational posters, 5th graders reading self-penned paragraphs on Frederick Douglass to the rest of the school, a school-wide rendition of the song "happy birthday", and a lot of smiles with cupcakes.

UNCW grad named Operations Coordinator of Douglass Academy

Brittany Adams of Leland, NC has been appointed Operations Coordinator of Douglass Academy, effective February 5th, 2018, by its Board of Trustees.

Set amidst bustling downtown Wilmington, NC, Douglass Academy is in its 6th year as a high-performing program of classical education for kindergarten through 5th grade. With parents in North Carolina having the freedom to choose - tuition free - where their children are educated, Douglass Academy is a public charter school that draws nearly 200 students from the growing city of Wilmington.

"Brittany is hardworking, conscientious and consistently makes a positive impact", said Baker Mitchell, the founder and President of The Roger Bacon Academy, which provides educational, administrative, and operational support to Douglass Academy. "She forms great relationships with her students and their families. She is truly invested

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BRITTANY ADAMS



CONGRESSMAN G. K. BUTTERFIELD (D-NC-1)

Butterfield to evangelicals: Trump is not a moral leader

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a definition of the term "evangelical" means, "...being in agreement with the Christian Gospel..." and "...emphasizing salvation through faith...through personal conversion..."

And yet, when it comes to Pres. Trump - whose alleged ethical shortcomings range from sleeping with a porn star four months after his wife gave birth to their son, to dabbling with White supremacists, evangeli-

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REPORT

Blacks comprise more than 40 percent of U. S. homeless

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM NORTHSTARNEWSTODAY.COM

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Although Blacks comprise 12.5 percent of the nation's population, they are over-represented among the nation's homeless as housing prices increase and because fewer units of affordable housing are being built. These two factors are compounded by existing housing discrimination and

the black unemployment rate, which is always the nation's highest.

This constellation of factors often results in Black people sleeping in the streets or in homeless shelters.

Last year, the United States' homeless population was 553,742. Of this number, 224,937 were homeless Black men and Black women, accounting for 40.6 percent of the total homeless population, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The White homeless population was 260,797, accounting for 47.1 percent of the total homeless population.

The Hispanic homeless population was 119,419, accounting for 21.6 percent of the total homeless population.

HUD gathers its figures during a Point-in-Time estimate which is always taken during the last week of January. HUD's report to Congress concerning homelessness was released in December 2017. Last year's homeless count was a .7 percent increase over 2016 and a 13.1

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North Carolina. I find myself looking at two states, one of Whites and one of Blacks. There is not very much from which to choose. If you study the State politics, you might ask for more information or background as to what our elected officials have done for the people of Brunswick County, Black or White. You might find some who have played a good game but only for themselves. This County is beginning to be onesided. If you are of higher society you do well, but if you are of lower society, or happen to be poor, then you get what is left. It's called conservative politics.

I was glad to know that Mr. Charles Warren has put his name in the running for sheriff. He is a very educated person with the good of the people on his mind and on his agenda. Mr. Warren has a Master of Science degree from Springfield College and a Bachelor of Science from New Hampshire College. He served as a policeman from 1976-1999. From 1999 to 2006 he worked for a care management company as a counselor and advocate. He served as a Brunswick County commissioner from 2008 to 2012. He is well qualified for the position for which he has registered to run and many of the openings for which we need elected officials.

Check the qualifications of our candidates and see who has the same or better. Make sure you know your candidates and what they represent!!!

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



PHOTO BY AMIYAH KING/HOWARD UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

High school teachers from Maryland and Washington gathered in front of the White House to demonstrate to demand President Trump address the issue of gun violence in the wake of 17 killed at a mass shooting in Parkland, Fla. The students earlier marched to the Capitol to tell congressional leaders they want action to keep them safe from gun violence.

Students across nation march for gun control

BY AMIYAH KING

(Trice Edney News Wire/Howard University News Service) - Tens of thousands of high school students across America were marked with an unexcused absence Wednesday, but everyone knew where they were.

In the Washington area, high school students from DC Public Schools and from public schools in Maryland marched to the Capitol and then to the White House to demand Congress and the president institute gun control legislation that will keep them safe. The march was organized by students from Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Md., and Bethesda-Chevy Chase in Montgomery County, Md., in response to the recent shooting in Parkland, Fla.

It was exactly one week ago Wednesday that 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz opened fire at Stoneman Douglas High School, killing 17 students and wounding dozens more. Cruz, who had been expelled from the school, was charged with 17 accounts of murder of his classmates, teachers and other school officials. The shooting was the 18th school shooting in the first two months of this year.

Student survivors at the school have launched a nationwide effort to focus attention on gun control in the wake of the shooting. Other student demonstrations were reported in Illinois, Florida and Texas.

Washington-area students walked out of their classes today at 9:30 a.m. where they followed each other in procession to Union Station where they joined other protestors who took public transportation from Maryland. From Union Station, thousands of high schoolers marched to Capitol Hill and later participated in a sit-in demonstration outside the White House.

HOMELESS

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percent decrease since 2010.

Among the homeless, men outnumber women. In 2017, 335,038, or 60.5 percent of the homeless population were men compared with 215,709 or 39.0 percent women, according to HUD's 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress.

Individuals who are transgendered accounted for 2,092 or 0.4 percent of homeless people.

The count is made by tens of thousands of volunteers who visit 3,000 cities and counties where the homeless are known to be, including emergency shelters, transitional housing and unsheltered locations.

Transitional housing provides people a place to stay and some supportive services for up to 24 months. Unsheltered homeless includes people living on the streets, in cars or in parks.

HUD reported that homelessness in 30 states and the District of Columbia has declined, but in West Coast cities, including Los Angeles,

During the sit-in, students gathered in a semi-circle to hear leaders talk about why they were there.

"No more thoughts and prayers," said student leader Daniel Shepard. "If this isn't the last school shooting, we'll be out here every opportunity we get."

In response to the speakers, students shouted, "No more silence and gun violence. Hey, hey, Ho, ho, the NRA (National Rifle Association) has got to go."

Teachers and parents were mixed with the crowd of demonstrations either as chaperones or to provide support for their children and their cause.

"I don't think they need my help," said Mandi Mader, mother of three who attended the march in support of her children. "I'm just one more body to represent them here."

Most students said they were advocating for the implementation of gun control laws in Congress as a solution to the crisis.

Talia Fleischer, a sophomore at her high school, said she hopes to see "a sign that something will be done in Congress."

"Countries like Australia and England have great gun control laws, and they have no mass shootings," she said.

In 1996, Australia passed the National Firearms Agreement after a mass shooting in Tasmania in April of that year. In that incident, a 28-year-old man, armed with a semi-automatic rifle, shot and killed 35 people, and injured 18 others <http://www.loc.gov/la w/help/firearms-control/australia.php>, in what was known as the Port Arthur Massacre. Under the 1996 law, Australia banned certain semi-automatic, self-loading rifles and shotguns, and imposed stricter licensing and registration requirements.

Paul DeVries and his daughter, Brechje DeVries, were among the demonstrators. Brechje DeVries, 17, moved



PHOTO BY AMIYAH KING/HOWARD UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

Classmates, from left, Sally Egan, EmmaMcMillan and Avery Brooks, display their signs seeking better gun control. There were similar student rallies across the nation.

from the Netherlands to the United States a year ago and attends high school in Maine. Her father was in the U.S. for one of her sports activities in the Washington, and the two decided to attend the demonstration.

Brechje DeVries said mass shootings are almost unheard of in her country. Her country has experienced only one mass shooting in its history. She said she is stunned and frightened by their frequency in the United States.

"It's scary," she said. "There have been threats at schools near me, so it definitely comes close to me."

Her father said he is worried for his daughter.

"I feel the frustration," he said. "There are a lot of teenagers here, and I think that speaks for itself."

Joseph Byler, a senior at his school, said the Florida shooting is what sparked him to attend.

"[I hope] the inability of Congress to pass gun control policies disappears," Byler said. "I hope after today, we get universal background checks on gun purchases."

Since the shooting in Florida, President Trump has flirted with the idea of proposing restrictions to purchasing guns, from more intense background checks for gun purchasers to the elimination of bump stocks, the tool the Las

Vegas shooter used to kill more than 50 people.

Via Twitter, Trump said, "Whether we are Republican or Democrat, we must now focus on strengthening Background Checks!"

Trump, who received millions of dollars in support from the National Rifle Association in his run for presidency, until now has consistently backed away from any restrictions on guns. Student protestor Steven Vasquez said his school has armed security and students feel relatively safe.

"But not right now," Vasquez said. "Hopefully our kids dying will help the government see that they need to do something."

falls more heavily on communities of color, but especially on the African-American community," wrote Eric Tars, a senior attorney for the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

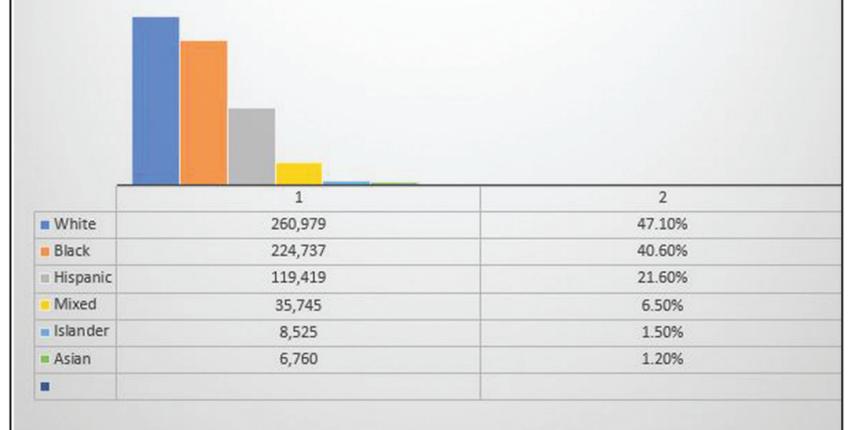
Homeless people of color are especially vulnerable to the effects of biased policing

because living in public spaces creates opportunities for police intervention, Tars said.

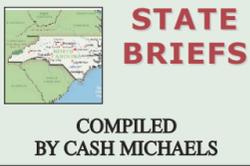
Dr. Moser Jones wants policymakers to study long-ignored connections between decades of structural racial discrimination against African Americans and other black persons.

Jones, an assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, wrote, "Black persons' general elevated risk for becoming homeless as a result of long-standing discrimination and other factors have depleted communities' resources."

Demographic characteristics of homeless people



GRAPH BY FREDERICK H. LOWE



STATE BRIEFS

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

GOVERNOR SAYS COURT GOT ELECTION BOARD RULING WRONG

[RALEIGH] A three-judge panel got it wrong when it only struck down part of a Republican law pertaining to membership of a combined state Board of Elections and state Board of Ethics Enforcement. The court should have struck down the entire law, and allowed the NC Board of Elections stand alone with a majority Democratic membership, says Gov. Cooper. He was railing about the original GOP law that mandated eight members on the combined Elections and Ethics Enforcement Board, saying that the legislature had no right encroaching on his executive right to appoint members. The court agreed, but only slashed that portion of the law. Gov. Cooper's attorneys have now petitioned the court to take another look, and kill the entire law before it becomes law next week.

A MONTH LATER, FAYETTEVILLE TEACHER ARRESTED FOR ABUSING STUDENT

[FAYETTEVILLE] According to an arrest warrant issued by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Dept., Dawn Owen, a Fayetteville high school special needs teacher, allegedly hit a disabled student on the head with a ruler, and then grabbed the student by the hair and walked across the room. However, the arrest warrant is dated March 5th. Officials have a hard time explaining why it took a month to issue the warrant, especially since Owen was placed on leave as soon as the incident occurred. Owen, who has been a special needs teacher since 2003, is currently on paid leave.

NCNAACP LEADER LIKENS TRUMP JUDICIAL CANDIDATE TO ADOLF HITLER

[WASHINGTON, DC] In an effort to undermine the upcoming US Senate vote confirming conservative Raleigh attorney Thomas Farr to a lifelong appointment to the Eastern District federal bench, Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NCNAACP, likened Farr, who used to work for the late North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, told reporters while visiting Washington last week, "Tom Farr in the Eastern District with the legal authority to decide the fate of African-Americans - hear me somebody - is tantamount to Adolf Hitler wreaking havoc among our Jewish sisters and brothers, and Saul, who later became the apostle Paul, breathing out cruelty to Christians." "The NC Republican Party quickly countered that statement, issuing its own, saying, "There is simply no place for a state leader to refer to those who have different political philosophies as Adolf Hitler." No word yet on when the full US Senate will vote on Farr's nomination.



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in the students of Douglass Academy and focuses her will into helping them triumph."

Ms. Adams started with Douglass Academy as a second-grade teacher this year, after having worked at its sister school, Columbus Charter School (CCS), for five years

prior to that - teaching three years of first grade and two years of second grade. Ms. Adams graduated from The University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a degree in elementary education and is currently working on her Master's in curriculum and instruction.

Her goal as Operations Coordinator is "to dedicate all my energy to making sure our students get the most out of

our classical curriculum and lessons." She added, "The students at DAC have big hearts and talented minds. I can't wait to serve them in my new capacity as Operations Coordinator."

The Roger Bacon Academy is an educational management company serving four tuition-free charter schools in southeastern NC, which are operated by the non-profit Charter Day School, Inc.

The four schools include Charter Day School in Leland, South Brunswick Charter School in Bolivia, Douglass Academy in Wilmington, and Columbus Charter School in Whiteville.

Since 2000, the Roger Bacon Academy has provided educational, administrative, and operational support to its community of four tuition-free charter schools. Its signature educational program com-

bines the proven Direct Instruction teaching method with a robust classical curriculum - a combination which consistently produces best-in-county academic performance by its schools. RBA's family of schools welcome any student regardless of income, ability, or address. Parents or prospective teachers are invited to visit EnrollRBA.com or TeachRBA.com for more information.

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As much as Pastor Dierdre Parker said she intended to conduct a worship service, even she couldn't ignore the outpouring of support, the new faces in the church, and the opportunity to use the ugly incident as a way to teach that racism is wrong, and God's children need to come together to combat it.

"We are here, Father, to let a hateful world know that there is love, and love exists, and love is action....Pastor Parker prayed passionately, as the con-

gregation clapped and said 'Amen.'"

"I thank you [Father] for those who don't look like me and those who don't believe like me, but thought enough of me to show up today!"

During her sermon, Pastor Parker was blunt, asking rhetorically that if it weren't for the hate-filled racist letter, "...would we all be worshipping together right now?"

She then gave a social justice lesson to her White visitors, chiding the church overall for mostly staying silent in the face of rampant racism; criticizing those who call African-Americans "race-

baiters" if they openly complain about unfair and unjust treatment at the hands of Whites; and that even though she was deeply appreciative of the many who attended service to support Speaks Temple Sunday, "this is not a moment but a movement."

"You can't go home to your everyday life thinking that you ended racism just because you went to a Black church one Sunday...." she declared, later adding, "So where's the love? We have only been giving lip service to love, for love is action!"

Parker urged that whites adopt the same policy that

government officials have suggested when you see something suspicious you know is inherently wrong - "When you see something, say something." In other words, if you see racism, challenge it, either right on the spot, or later when it counts.

Rev. Parker said black people face being forced to live by a different set of rules every day, because there are whites who openly dispute the fact that racism does exist.

"It's time for us to stop being so afraid to have the hard conversation," Parker continued, noting that Blacks and Whites are fearful of having a frank

discussion about race. "If we don't have these conversations, they will always be hard."

Parker concluded her sermon on race by saying, "When we get so cool...that I can come to your house and go into your refrigerator, and you can come to my house and go into [mine], then...that's when things will change!"

Meanwhile, the Wilmington Police Department had a patrol car parked across the street to monitor the church for safety. They say they still have no idea who sent the racist unsigned hate letter a week ago, postmarked from Charlotte.

BUTTERFIELD

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cal leaders, like Tony Perkins, of the Family Research Council, and Rev. Franklin Graham, whose iconic father, Evangelist Billy Graham, died at age 99 and was buried last week, are quick to turn that definition on its head because, for the first time in a long time, they believe they have a President who will do their bidding.

But not so fast! North Carolina Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) warns them.

"Evangelicals may have a seat at the table, but the political interest that's driving

[Trump's] agenda does not include evangelicals because the President could care less about moral values and ethics and respect for human beings," Butterfield said in a recent interview with the Black Press.

"This President is about making money for himself and for his friends. He is completely unqualified to serve as President. The American people know it, and I'm waiting for the day...and it's not far out....when the American people will say, "We've got to have an ethical President."

According to Franklin Graham, conservative and Christian Americans have exactly what they need in Donald Trump.

"Our country's got a sin problem," Rev. Graham recently told MSNBC. "We certainly don't hold him up as the pastor of this country, and he's not, but I appreciate the fact that the President does have a concern for Christian values. He does have a concern to protect Christians, whether it's here at home or around the world, and I appreciate the fact that he protects religious liberty and freedom."

Indeed, White evangelicals voted overwhelmingly for Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton during the 2016 presidential campaign. In interviews with *The Washington Post*, evangelicals say they are well aware of

Trump's flaws, but "...perceive him as a fellow sinner willing to fight the forces of the establishment on their behalf."

Label those "forces of the establishment" as liberal, represented by the media and the Democrats. As long as Pres. Trump continues fighting those "forces," evangelicals say they will stick with him."

Rev. Dr. William Barber, Co-chair of Repairers of the Breach, which is leading the upcoming Poor People's Campaign, says the problem is much bigger than Trump.

"We can't just lay this reality of what we're seeing at the feet of Trump," Dr. Barber told the program "Democracy

Now" recently. "Trump is a symptom of a deeper moral malady, and, if he was gone tomorrow or impeached tomorrow, the Senators and the House of Representatives and Ryan and McConnell and Graham and all them would still be there. No matter how crazy they call him or what names they call him or how angry they get with him, it's all a front because, at the end of the day, his antics, but they support his agenda."

Rep. Butterfield agrees. You know, politics certainly has its place," he said, "...but we also have to have a moral leader, and Donald Trump is not a moral leader."

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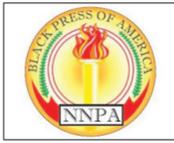


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GUEST EDITORIAL

Conformist clothing, revolutionary resistance in appreciation of Black Women's History

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

One of the joys of watching the Black Panther film was enjoying the many ways Afrodescendent women were portrayed. We were protective mamas, and Angela Bassett's signature lip curl said it all. We were technology-driven pesky little sisters. We were Warrior Queens.

We were intimate and affectionate lovers. And we were resplendently attired. A clothing junkie could just about die and go to heaven thinking of the ways that the Maasai tribe inspired uniforms, rocked by the shaved-headed sisters who were guards, could be translated into contemporary attire - a dress or a suit, perhaps?

The wardrobe perfection of the Wakanda warriors also reminded me, in the words of the late Dr. Dorothy Irene Height (1912-2010) that "it's not what's on your head, but what's in your head". Height, the longest serving leader of both Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated (as the tenth president from 1947-1956), was also the longest serving President of the National Council of Negro Women (1956-1997). When I think of her, especially in the context of Black Panther, I am reminded that clothing is sometimes part of a weapons arsenal, and that Black women don't necessarily need spears to win wars.

Mary McLeod Bethune was Dr. Height's predecessor at NCNW. Her image will be the first Black state image in the elusive Statuary Hall. Mrs. Bethune was a warrior for Black people, and she was often humbly dressed. She didn't need a spear, or a designer suit. She spoke to Presidents, especially to 32nd President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, about race matters, and because she had a relationship with Eleanor Roosevelt, she was heard.

My favorite Mary McLeod Bethune story is one where she was walking into the White House when a guard greeted her by saying, "How are you, Auntie?" Her response, which should be entered into the "One Liners Hall Of Fame", was "Which one of my brothers children are you?"

In other words, Black women were not allowed the honorifics of "Mrs., Miss, or Ma'am". That guard wanted to take Mrs. Bethune "home", with the "Auntie" greeting, so connected to enslavement. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of what is now Bethune Cookman University, did not blink before putting a racist in his place.

Now, she will stand in her place in Statuary Hall. Each state is allowed two statues of pivotal leaders in the Capitol's Statuary Hall. Presently there are a dozen confederates, nine women, and not a single Black person in the Hall. In 2002, states were allowed to switch out their representatives, and Florida's legislature agreed that Bethune was an important representative of the state, and that they were willing to switch a white man out for this Black woman. She will be the only Afrodescendent in Statuary Hall.

Two more states are considering switch outs, so the count of women in Statuary Hall may grow. But no state seems to be considering switch outs in favor of Black luminaries.

There has been a bust of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Capitol Rotunda since 1986. There is a statue of Frederick Douglass in Emancipation Hall at the Capitol Visitor's Center. And there is a nine-foot statue of Rosa Parks in Statuary Hall, not as a representative of a state, but as an icon lifted up by President Obama.

She isn't sporting a spear, because she doesn't need one. She is depicted wearing the same clothes she wore when she refused to move to the back of the bus, the clothing that many Black women wore in those days, conforming to the politics of respectability, wearing the garments of the nonthreatening middle class while engaging in acts of revolutionary resistance.

The ways that we, Black women, represent are important. We signal with our Afrocentric attire, with the kente draping our shoulders, with the Adinkra symbols that resonate in our jewelry. Black Panther reflects that and allows us to revel in the lushness (however distorted) of our African roots.

Yet we must not forget the quiet revolutionaries who got as much done wearing hats and gloves (like Dr. Height) as other did with lifted fists and metaphoric spears. When we celebrate this Women's History Month, we must celebrate those Black women who fought for us, no matter what they were wearing. Their resistance is the foundation for the work we must do moving forward.

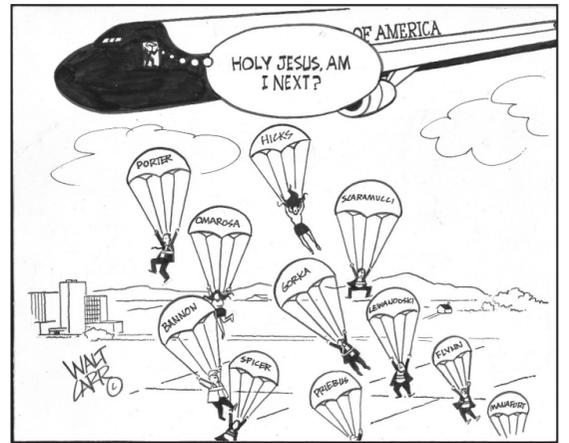
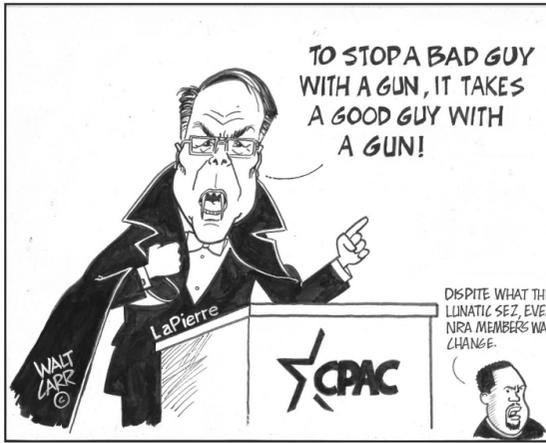
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MATTERS OF OPINION

RAINBOW COALITION

Home-grown reactionaries; not Russians, are greatest threat to our elections

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

This past weekend, we once again gathered in Selma, Ala., to commemorate "Bloody Sunday," the March 7, 1965, march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge that was savagely put down by police.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

That march - and the march from Selma to Montgomery that followed under federal protection - helped galvanize public support for the Voting Rights Act that President Lyndon Johnson signed into law that year. Now the right to vote is under systematic assault once more. In Shelby County v. Holder, five activist right-wing Supreme Court judges in 2013 ignored precedent and the will of the overwhelming majority of Congress to gut vital enforcement mechanisms in the Voting Rights Act.

Shelby rolled back some of what was won in Selma. Immediately, right-wing legislators in states across the country rolled out legislation setting up new barriers to voting. Before Selma, segregationists used a poll tax, literacy tests

and often violent intimidation to keep African Americans from registering to vote.

After Shelby, states used new tricks and traps: gerrymandered districts, photo ID requirements, purges of the voting rolls, reduced time for early voting, limiting the number of polling places, particularly in African-American neighborhoods, and more. In 2010, those same activist right-wing judges had also overturned decades of precedent in Citizens United v. FEC, opening the gates for corporate money - often contributed in secret - to flood our politics.

Much of that goes to negative ads designed to drive down the vote and drive up cynicism. In the South before Selma - despite the 15th Amendment that prohibited states from infringing on the right to vote on account of "race, color or previous condition of servitude" - the campaign to lock African Americans out of the polling booth worked. It took the civil rights movement, marches and sit-ins, peaceful demonstrators suffering beatings, arrest and murders and many years to pass the Voting Rights Act and then to get it enforced.

The foes of voting rights never gave up. They never stopped trying to turn back the clock. Now, their unrelenting campaign against voting

rights is bearing fruit. In response, we need a new movement to protect and extend the right to vote. Strategic litigation is needed to counter the right's legal maneuvers.

Legislators should replace the new restrictions on voting with legislation that makes voting easier, not harder: Automatic and same day voter registration, extended periods for early voting, longer hours for polling booths to stay open for working people, an end to political gerrymandering, an end to felony disenfranchisement, curbs on big money in politics and more.

We once more need reform to revive our democracy. That won't happen without a modern day people's movement as courageous and as relentless as that in Selma nearly half a century ago. Much attention has been paid to the Russian interference in our 2016 presidential election. Surely it is bizarre that President Donald Trump's State Department has spent not one cent of the millions appropriated for countering Russian cyber subversion of our election. Steps to protect a true vote and to expose and limit foreign intervention in our elections are vital.

But we should be clear: The greatest attack on the right to vote comes not from the Russians but from home-grown reactionaries who

want to make it harder for African Americans, Latinos, the young and working people to vote, and easier for big money to influence our elections. The democratic revival that accompanied the passage of the 15th Amendment after the Civil War was met with a fierce reaction that ended up imposing segregation - legalized apartheid - across the South.

The democratic revival that followed passage of the Voting Rights Act and the civil rights movement has similarly been met with a fierce reaction that is undermining voting rights in states across the country. Now the question is whether that reaction will spark a new movement to protect the right to vote. Voter suppression matters. The purge of the voter rolls in Florida surely cost Al Gore the presidency in 2000. The new laws that helped suppress Black votes in Wisconsin helped cost Hillary Clinton the presidency in 2016. The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy, but it is neither explicitly guaranteed in the Constitution nor guaranteed in practice. It is once more under attack, and once more must be defended and extended.

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REALITY CHECK

Remembering Lerone Bennett, Jr. Master journalist, Master historian, Master teacher

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Brilliant journalist/historian Lerone Bennett, Jr., who died at age 89 on February 14, 2018, in numerous *Ebony* magazine articles and books, made Black History come alive to millions of people in the United States and throughout the world. It is almost prophetic that the great historian died in the middle of Black History Month.

A. Peter Bailey

During my eight years working in *Ebony's* New York City office and at several conferences of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, I had an opportunity to personally talk to and closely listen to the wisdom that he abundantly provided. When it came to Black History, Lerone was a Master Teacher. He always spoke calmly but emphatically when exposing the outright lies that we had been told about American history, especially when it came to black folks. I know at least a dozen people who became history-lovers after reading one of Lerone's books or hearing him speak.

In the introductions or prefaces Lerone informs readers, the motivation for each of his books. They include the following:

1. **Before the Mayflower: The History of the Negro in**

America (1962)

The quote is from the 1964 revised edition. "This is a history of 'the other America' and what happened to them when they got here. The story begins in Africa with the great empires of the Sudan and Nile Valley and ends with the Second Reconstruction which Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 'sit-in' generation are fashioning in the North and South..."

2. **The Negro Mood (1964)**

"In five essays organized around the general theme, the Negro Mood, I have attempted to dig beneath the surface and expose the psychic mechanisms of the Black fury that is rolling across the land."

3. **Confrontation: Black and White (1965)**

"The Negro rebellion is a classic example of the confrontation of blacks and whites as symbols and as presences. This epochal event, which is beginning not ending, is unfolding on several levels..."

4. **Black Power U.S.A: The Human Side of Reconstruction 1867-1877 (1967)**

"The history of this period has been a matter of extreme controversy for several decades. Until quite recently, most white historians denounced the 'Africanization' of the South as a 'soul-sickening spectacle' of 'military despotism,' 'graft' and 'inefficiency.' Woodrow Wilson, to cite only one example, was appalled by the whole era and wrote scathingly of the former slaves as a 'host of dusty children untimely out of school. Within recent years, modern scholars, following

the lead of W.E.B DuBois and other Negro historians, have proved conclusively that the works of Wilson and other conservative writers were white-oriented distortions of Reconstruction reality. I have attempted in this brief history to give wider currency to the findings of these scholars..."

5. **Pioneers in Protest (1972)**

Lerone didn't write a preface or introduction for this book but it includes the following: "For the modern pioneers and martyrs: Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Medgar Evers."

6. **The Challenge of Blackness (1972)**

"The words were written and spoken in a variety of contexts. What holds them together is a common concern with the challenge of blackness as expressed most concretely in the thrust of black people for political, economic, and cultural power."

7. **The Shaping of Black America (1975)**

"This is an essay towards a new understanding of the long and continuing attempts of African and African descendants to possess themselves and the new land. This essay is historical reconstruction grows, organically and chronologically out of an earlier book, Before the Mayflower. First of all and most important of all, this is developmental history instead of chronological history..."

8. **Great Moments in Black History: Wade in the Water (1979)**

"This book is an attempt to answer questions about central events in the shaping of

black-white America. It is an attempt to view history from the inside and it is based, whenever possible, on the response of participants and contemporary observers. The book explores fifteen dramatic turning points from the first black national convention to the March on Washington..."

9. **Forced Into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream (2007)**

"This is not a biography; this is a political study of the uses and abuses of biography and opinion and it suggests, among other things, that your identity, whatever your color, is based, at least in part, on what you think about Lincoln, the Civil War and slavery. Lincoln or somebody said once that you can't fool all of the people all of the time. By turning a racist who wanted to deport all Blacks into a national symbol of integration and brotherhood, the Lincoln myth-makers have managed to prove Lincoln or whoever said it wrong. This is the story of how they fooled all of the people all of the time and why."

Finally, another major contribution of the Master Teacher is the article "Why Black History is Important to You" in the February 1981 *Ebony*. It includes the immortal observation that "the past is a bet that your fathers placed that you must now cover."

Say Amen somebody. Thanks Brother Lerone.

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Hope

Through all of the weird machinations of her boss, and members of his Administration, Hope Hicks has been labeled the 'glue' holding things together at the White House. But events have occurred that even she could no longer tolerate. Having lost Hope, no one seems to know what will happen at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC. I, for one, am happy for Hope. Although she was paid well, it seems that her burden in dealing with #45 was just too great to continue running interference for him. Everyone has a breaking point.

Surprisingly, Attorney General Jeff Sessions' push-back against the unceasing public attacks directed at him by #45 seems to signal his breaking point against 45's many transgressions - real and suspected. As AG Sessions appears more willing to fully

support and defend the 'rule of law,' hope increases that we may not have to endure this craziness much longer.

There is increasing hope for those of us who have grown weary of the series of guilty pleas, indictments, and an almost daily confirmation of Russian meddling in our election processes. Hope emerges for those of us who're unwilling to wait an indeterminate period of time for responsible gun control. While Robert Mueller's investigation forges ahead to its ultimate conclusion, students in Florida and across the nation are gearing up to pressure lawmakers to enact legislation that will provide for greater public safety. We've all heard 45's empty promises for positive change, but our youth are forcing politicians to reconsider the fixes that will result in real change.

There is renewed hope in the demonstrated corporate responsibility of Hertz, Dick's Sporting Goods, Spectrum, Delta and United Airlines, and others who exert their influence upon the creation of effective gun control legislation. #45 may be feeling the pressure. In White House meetings, he has stunned the NRA and its phalanx of supporting politicians with proposals for change that can only be called unconventional or unbelievable for a Republican politician. I'm not convinced that #45 won't try to wiggle out of the changes he's vocally supported, but I'm convinced that thousands of students, organized for real change, will not waiver in their demand for sensible gun control. The NRA doesn't have enough money to erase the horror of Parkland's massacre from their memories.

Kenidra Woods, a 17-year-old student from Missouri who helped organize the recent protests at her school said, "There is no reason a 19-year-old boy should've been able to purchase an AR-15," referring to the gun used by Nikolas Cruz, the suspect in the Parkland, Florida school massacre. Those murders have launched other walkouts across the country aimed at stricter gun control, and surely there'll be many more if politicians fail to act.

Good schools have taught students their rights, and they've chosen to exercise them. A small group of single-minded special interest types are hell-bent on silencing the

protests of our youth. Reflecting their hope for the future (and to their credit) our youth assert that First Amendment Rights won't be subordinate to those of the Second.

Hope springs eternal as teachers and a public majority reject the notion of transforming teachers into in-school gun slingers. Most will acknowledge the extreme challenges of modern teaching. Short-sighted gun proponents like #45 and Florida Governor Scott only worsen prospects of school violence with their proposal to arm teachers for the reward of a "small bonus." I only hope that the Dalton, Georgia teacher who barricaded himself in a school room and began shooting gives reason to reconsider this ill-devised plan.

Students pursue gun control today! Their awakening may result in a similar pursuit for women's rights, voting rights and immigrant rights tomorrow! #45 may have lost his Hope, but these students renew hope for us all!

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

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES On Billy Graham

The late Rev. Billy Graham was beloved by many, for too many, he reneged on the opportunity to be the voice of Biblical Christianity, the Christianity which appeals to the marginalized of this society and this world.

He was clearly the spiritual voice of white Southerners; he became the embodiment of white Protestant evangelicalism.

He knew God - but not a sovereign God but, rather, a deity which supported and approved of white supremacy. Graham was a product of his white Southern upbringing in a culture which maligned and treated black people harshly. He grew up seeing white Christians, themselves products of "the Southern way of life" and many, the children and antecedents of slave holders, proclaim the "rightness" of white supremacy and the inherent inferiority of blacks, browns, and Jews.

He remained silent too often when his voice could have shaken the very foundations of a religion supported by white supremacy. When President Richard Nixon said something disparaging about Jewish people, Graham was publicly silent and in a conversation with Nixon, said that few of his Jewish "friends" knew what he truly thought about Jewish people. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/21/opinion/billy-graham-death-missed-opportunities.html>) He knew and preached about the love of God, but it seems that he, like other white Christians, was only able to marginally extend that love to people of color.

He felt a need to push his brand of Christianity on the world - in Africa and elsewhere, hoping to convert people from what he called the "evil" religion of Islam.

He never participated in a march or demonstration held to advocate for the civil and human rights of black people.

Once interviewed him when I was a reporter in Baltimore. The city was abuzz with excitement because he was to hold one of his crusades that evening. I was not excited, but angry, because I recognized his power as a preacher; I had watched crusades, when, after he preached about the love of God for all people, individuals flocked by the hundreds to him, wanting to give their lives to Jesus.

I was angry because I was sure that had he said to the millions of people who whom he preached that racism was wrong and out of the will of God, racism would be largely diluted. He didn't have to answer to a church congregation, which too often dictates what its pastor can and cannot say. He was free and he could have done it but he never did. And so, after asking him a stream of expected questions, I asked him why he had never preached against racism.

His eyes clouded over and he looked away ...and then said, still not looking at me, that racism was never going to end until we started inviting each other into each other's homes.

That was all he said. Needless to say, my anger was not abated.

Later that evening, in spite of myself, I tuned in to his crusade, which was being televised and in the midst of that sermon, I heard him say to those people what he had said to me, "we will never be right until we start inviting each other into each other's homes."

It occurred to me, when I heard that, that he was probably grappling with how to deal with his own demons of racism and white supremacy in light of the Gospel of love, which he preached so well. It occurred to me that cultural Christianity had replaced the Christianity of the Bible, which at its core had strength because of its message of the worth of all of God's children, no matter their color, race or religion. The God of the Bible was a lot different than the God of cultural Christianity, and it seemed that Graham was aware of that.

But he stuck to his whiteness. He stuck to preaching a message which was balm to the souls of white people who, while they hated others, yearned for the love of God. Graham was not successful (because he did not try) in making his followers understand that their hatred of people because of their skin color was out of the will of God.

I resent his cowardice on that issue, even though I admit that he was a powerful preacher and evangelist.

White supremacy is an evil which is so formidable that historically, white preachers have stayed away from trying to preach a message of radical inclusivity. They have manipulated the Bible to fit their cultural beliefs and practices, and to make sure their privilege and way of life was protected.

That is not Biblical Christianity; it is cultural Christianity in its most base form.

That Rev. Graham's body was placed in the rotunda of the Capitol Building in DC says a lot about how people - primarily white but not all - respected this man. I have no issue with that. But the fact that he catered to and honored a political system that oppresses so many was not something for which he should be held in high esteem.

Mr. Graham let a lot of people down, he delivered words of empowerment to people and also words of justification and advocacy for the way these Christians treated people of color. They were taught about racism in a way that many white preachers before Graham did: that racism was bad but not immoral or wrong. In doing that, he turned his back on people to whom God extended love as well.

And that was a sad and tragic failure of the ministry of a man whom God anointed to reach millions.

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Helping college graduates to repay their loans isn't the only challenge. The challenge is enabling and empowering all our young people to make their fullest contribution to our country. This is, in the last analysis, a debt that all Americans owe to ourselves and our nation's future.

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TO BE EQUAL

Black (immigrant) lives matter

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"As we move forward in dialogue and action, as we question the legitimacy of documents, policies, and practices that render some bodies legal and others "alien." We must also push ourselves to acknowledge and address the intersections of immigrant identities. Over the past decade, as the immigrant rights movement in our country has expanded, our understanding of immigration has narrowed to the non-Black, Latino experience." - Opal Tometi, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, "Why The Black Immigrant Experience is Central to Lasting Social Change," State of Black America 2017

We are long overdue for a discussion about immigration as it relates to Black immigrants, particularly at this moment as the current presidential administration clamors to end legal protections for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, and congressional leaders lurch from one proposed bipartisan solution to another in search of a permanent legislative fix. To

be sure, to live in this country as an undocumented person is to live a life overshadowed by fear, but combine that fear with the harsh realities of race in our nation and you have a volatile mix.

The numbers are troubling and telling. Black immigrants make up a small percentage of DACA recipients. They are an estimated 12,000 of 700,000 recipients, and comprise less than 10 percent of all our nation's entire immigrant population, but at 21 percent, they are predictably overrepresented in deportation proceedings as a result of criminal convictions, and according to the deputy director of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration, the same yawning disparity holds true for detention rates. BAJI's State of Black Immigrants report estimates that "one out of every five noncitizens facing deportation on criminal grounds before the Executive Office for Immigration Review is Black."

While undocumented Black immigrants share a universal story of migration, struggle, and survival, they must also contend with the heightened risk of social vulnerability commonly tied to race in our nation. As we enter the proverbial ring to fight for the civil and human rights of those brought to this country as children, recognize no other home, and as President Obama once noted, are "Americans in their heart, in their minds, in every

single way but one: on paper," we must ensure that solutions that benefit one immigrant community do not derail the opportunities of another. Therefore, the stories and voices of Black immigrants must remain top-of-mind and relevant throughout this debate.

The Trump administration recently left the fate of these 700,000 undocumented immigrants in the hands of the Supreme Court. A decision to allow the Trump administration to end the DACA program - which currently shields those young men and women from deportation - would have resulted in the near immediate loss of that protection. The added travesty for Black immigrants is that over-policing in their communities and increased engagement with the criminal justice system would have increased their risk of deportation. But in a widely expected setback, the Supreme Court rejected the administration's request to hear the case. While the court's decision offers a timely lifeline to DACA recipients, who faced the imminent expiration of the program's legal protections, the reprieve is temporary.

The disturbing language said to come from the White House claiming that Nigerians live in huts, that all Haitians have AIDS, or that Africans should return to their slur-worthy countries, would evidence a disdain for immigrants who come from majority Black

countries. Various proposed congressional resolutions have highlighted the urgency of amplifying the experiences of Black immigrants. There are bipartisan proposals on the table that offer a permanent fix for DACA recipients and DREAMers (undocumented immigrants who are eligible, but have not applied for DACA), in exchange for ending established channels to legal immigration such as Temporary Protected Status (TPS), protections for immigrants who come from countries experiencing environmental or social upheaval, the visa diversity lottery program, and family-based immigration programs - some of the very programs that created and create legal pathways for Black immigration.

We are stronger together. The immigrants' rights movement needs to be inclusive and incorporate the realities of its diverse constituencies. Now is the time for rights groups, advocates, and allies to begin to specifically look at and address the complicated needs and reality of Black undocumented immigrants whose stories and voices are rarely heard above prevailing media narratives. It is time to affirm that their lives matter, too.

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

The student loan debt crisis is a civil rights issue

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

From attacks on voting rights to police killings of unarmed civilians and growing inequities in earnings and wealth, the civil rights gains of the past six decades are facing threat after threat. But one front in the fight for full equality - meaningful access to higher education - is particularly urgent. With 65 percent of jobs soon requiring more than a high school diploma, the need is greater than ever, especially for African Americans and other communities of color.

More than 50 years ago, Congress passed the Higher Education Act (HEA), intending to open the doors to higher education by providing students with financial assistance and low-interest loans. Conventional wisdom has traditionally held two things: 1) Higher education is the great equalizer; 2) It is okay to take out debt for the tickets to upward mobility: a college education and a home mort-

gage. These life decisions - and the struggles and sacrifices that made them possible - helped to build and grow the Black middle class.

Now, aspirations for advancement are colliding with the discriminatory legacy of the financial crisis. Our country's student loan bill has skyrocketed. Student debt is now the second-largest source of household debt after housing. Forty-four million Americans have \$1.4 trillion in student loan debt. One reason: Since the 1990s, the average tuition and fees at our universities have jumped an average of 157-237 percent depending on the type of institution.

As with the Great Recession, people of color, poor people, and predatory institutions are at the center of this socioeconomic catastrophe. They must also be at the center of the solutions.

We must face up to the fact that students of color are more likely to borrow for their education and, unfortunately, to default on these loans. Even Black college graduates default on their loans at almost four times the rate of their White counterparts and are more likely to default than even White dropouts.

This increased risk of

defaulting on student loans is the direct result of inequities in financial resources, as well as discrimination in hiring, salaries and, all too often, social capital. In 2013, the median White family had 13 times more wealth than the median Black family and 10 times more wealth than the median Latino family. African American students tend to take out more debt than their White counterparts, and both Blacks and Latinos are more likely to default than Whites. Since Blacks with bachelor's degrees earn only 79 percent and Latinos only 83 percent of what their White counterparts earn, African American and Hispanic students have a harder time repaying their loans.

Further contributing to the crisis, Blacks and Latinos comprise 41 percent of the students at the high-cost, low-quality, for-profit colleges. These institutions frequently fail to prepare students for high-salary jobs, instead saddling them with exorbitant debts that they can't repay.

How then can we address these challenges? Education Secretary Betsy DeVos wants to ease regulations on the loan servicers and for-profit colleges that have gotten us into this mess. U.S. Rep.

Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.) of the House Education and Workforce Committee would take this effort even further. Her proposal for reauthorizing the HEA, the "PROSPER Act," would ensure that students will have to borrow more to get a postsecondary education with the very real likelihood that they will never pay off the debt. This would all but guarantee that predatory, for-profit programs would continue to rise exponentially right alongside our national student debt bill. Efforts to make student aid more costly for students rather than hold institutions accountable for what they do with the aid reflects either a catastrophic misunderstanding of the root causes of this issue or something more disturbing: the blatant effort to recreate the system we had before the HEA was enacted. In this system, traditional college was by and large only accessible to the wealthy, who were usually White.

Fixing our broken student debt system should not mean un-doing years of progress since the HEA or saddling marginalized groups with a lifetime of debt. Instead, we

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The Black Press:

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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

"Miss Eva Palmer Arriving," an afternoon with local author and talk show host Derrick Anderson will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 4:00 at Pomegranate Books. Derrick's debut novel, is about African-American life in the armed services during the Vietnam War. Derrick will be discussing the book and signing copies. Pomegranate is located at 4418 Park Avenue. For more information please call 910-452-1107.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephens 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 branch events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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LET'S TALK BEAUTY

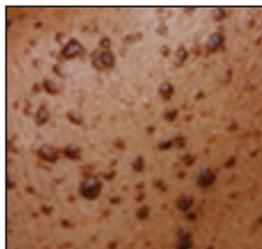
Are they really moles?

Moles we all have them right? Are they true moles or something else lurking on your face. Growing up in an African Americans, some



Tameka B. Small

Asians and Polynesians or Brown families as I call it. I'm sure you've seen these so called moles on someone in your family. As a child I can remember seeing these moles all over my grandmothers face as well as other family members. We referred to them as beauty marks. I never really knew it was an actual difference between those beauty marks and true moles. What exactly are those brown and black beauty marks that seem to be prevalent on Ethnic skin. They are not true moles, they're actually called Dermatitis Papulosa Nigra also known as DPN. This condition is basically, multi sized benign lesions that increase with age. These little benign lesions are typically found on the face, but have been found on the neck, chest and back as well. These spots



ARE THEY MOLES?

are simply harmless and can easily be removed if chosen. If you choose not to remove them you will simply just have them to continue to accompany you as you continue to mature. So embrace them as a part of our ethnic culture of say goodbye to them by seeing a trained and licensed professional. The procedure to remove the DPN's is very simple an requires little down time. Yes in essence we all have moles, but knowing the difference makes it easy to embrace and understand ethnic skin. If you have any questions on regards to your skin, please head over to majikhandsdayspa.com and leave me a message. Thank you!

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Living on a farm and gardening

I grew up on the farm, and living on the farm involved hard work. There was much work to do every day, and much of it involved planting and growing seeds. This was in the fields where crops were planted and cultivated and in the garden, where flowers, fruit, and vegetable. The gardens were usually a smaller plot of ground usually located nearer the house and yard.



Verniece Stanley

Once we got out of bed in the mornings, the day usually started with the preparation of a good hot breakfast. After we got a good breakfast, the next thing was usually to feed the farm animals and the pets.

This was a task one was not likely ever to forget. The pets were most normally separated from the work animals and were fed in separate locations.

Weeding plants was very important because weeds sometimes grow tall and cover the plants. The roots from the weeds also have a tendency to choke out the plants. This happened with the various types of plants and vegetation, cotton, peanuts, corn, etc. Today organic products may be applied to the plants in order to retard the growth of weeds and promote the growth of the beneficial plants. Plants need plenty of sunshine and water for the enhancement of growth.

In flower gardens, all kinds of flowers are grown. This may include roses, daisies, geraniums, tulips, etc. These flowers are grown beautifully and are often cut or picked and taken to others as a symbol of love or

honor. Sometimes they are taken to hospitals and given to patients or to senior facilities and given to senior citizens. This often leads to outbreaks of happiness among the sick or the elderly.

Growing fruit and vegetable gardens is just another step toward the advancement of healthful living by promoting healthful eating. Fruit and vegetables are often harvested from the gardens and used to feed our families or distribute to families in the community. This is a noble deed, particularly since there are those who need good fresh fruit and vegetables but have no access to them. According to a study done by the hunger relief organization, Feeding America, 2.7 rural households face hunger. This is a heart-breaking thought, especially when we consider we live in the richest nation in the world. At

other times, produce is harvested and taken for sale to farmers' markets, but still far too much food is wasted in America every day.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

Wilmington radio station broadcasts live from Douglass Academy!



DOUGLASS ACADEMY STUDENTS BEING INTERVIEWED BY 106.7

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Four local 5th Graders-- Dynczil Rhodes-Davis, Ny'Drebya Johnson, Thailan Lee and Taneya Harrison-- were inter-

viewed live in a special broadcast from Douglass Academy, the tuition-free K-5 public school at 6th & Red Cross Streets.

The Big Talker 106.7 dedicated it's January 23rd morning program to Douglass Academy in honor of National School

Choice Week - a nationwide effort in support of Charter Schools. The broadcast also featured interviews with parents

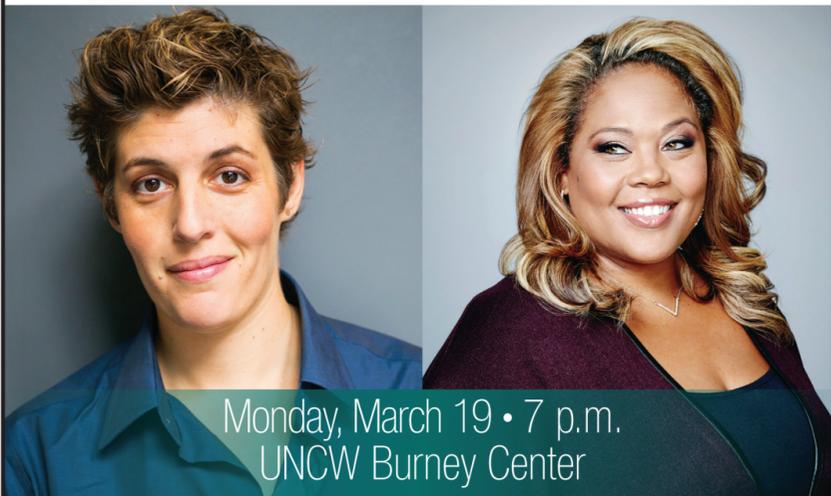
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Smithfield Foods donation brings new indoor archery facility to Victory Junction

Randleman, NC (March 5, 2018) — The Smithfield Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Smithfield Foods, Inc., is pleased to announce its gift of \$500,000 to Victory Junction, a children's camp committed to enriching the lives of children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses by providing life-changing camp experiences. Smithfield's donation will fund the camp's new indoor archery range.

Since 2004 Victory Junction has served 47,903 children and their family members through a variety of programs — onsite through summer and family weekend camps and off-site through the camp's outreach program, Reach, which brings camp-like experiences to children in hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses.

The new and improved Smithfield Foods Archery Range will provide a safe

gathering place for campers to learn archery, make friends, and enjoy the adventures and experiences of camp life—a welcomed break for children who spend most of their year enduring medical treatments or hospital visits.

"Historically, the archery range has been among the most popular program venues at Victory Junction," said Chad Coltrane, chief executive officer of Victory Junction. "The activity is currently offered at an open-air range but is only operational when weather permits. It is also positioned in an area of Victory Junction's campus that is subject to flooding during heavy rains. Smithfield's generous gift will allow us to create an indoor venue for this activity to provide uninterrupted fun for our campers, regardless of inclement weather."

Construction of the new

indoor facility began on Jan. 31, 2018, and is expected to be completed by May 1, 2018. Like all facilities at Victory Junction, the Smithfield Foods Archery Range will meet the rigorous safety standards of the American Camp Association and will be staffed and supported by certified professionals—allowing campers of all ages and abilities to enjoy the activity.

Victory Junction was the dream of Adam Petty, a fourth-generation race car driver from the famous Petty family and a rising star in the sport. After Adam's tragic passing from a racing accident in 2000, the Petty family realized his dream of a camp to serve children with serious medical conditions through the opening of Victory Junction in 2004.

Smithfield, a longtime sponsor and supporter of NASCAR, applauds Victory Junction, the Petty

family, and their important connection to the NASCAR community.

"Smithfield Foods is proud to support Victory Junction—an incredible place where campers experience positive, life-changing impacts well beyond their time at camp," said Keira Lombardo, senior vice president of corporate affairs for Smithfield Foods and president of the Smithfield Foundation. "We're pleased that the indoor archery center will provide yet another bright spot at camp where children can gain confidence in their abilities and what they can achieve."

For more information about Victory Junction and its camp programming, visit victoryjunction.org.

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About Victory Junction

Victory Junction is a year-round camping environment for children, ages six to 16, with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses. Co-founded by Kyle Petty and his family in honor of their son

Adam, the camp is located in Randleman, North Carolina. Victory Junction exists to provide life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun and empowering, in a safe and medically-sound environment, always at no charge to children and their families. Since the camp's inception, more than 47,000 children and families have received not only a circle of support but experiences thought to only be possible by healthy children through a variety of programs; onsite through summer and family weekend camps and offsite through the camp's outreach program, Reach. Victory Junction is a member of the SeriousFun Children's Network of Camps founded by Paul Newman, and is accredited by the rigorous guidelines of the American Camping Association. To learn more, please visit www.victoryjunction.org.

Smithfield Foods supports Butler Avenue Elementary students with donation for digital advancement

Smithfield Foods, Inc., is proud to announce that the company has contributed \$7,400 to Butler Avenue Elementary School. The donation provides funds to supply second and third grade level students with Chromebooks for in-class use, which help advance students for grade-level requirements and beyond.

"Smithfield's donation opens a doorway to knowledge for our students," said Robert Turlington, principal of Butler Avenue School. "The ability to place in the hands of a child a device that can open doors to infinite lessons, instruction, and assessments that can all be structured to meet the individual needs of each and every student is invaluable to a teacher. For the student, it provides them an opportunity to excel beyond expectations."

Butler Avenue Elementary has entered a digital age where teacher instruction, lessons, tutoring, assessments, and enrichment are now delivered using digital tools. Without the digital tools and systems used on Chromebooks, students may fall behind, unprepared to meet the technological demands of the 21st century work force.

Prior to the donation, the school reported a limited number of Chromebooks,

which were only available for teacher instruction and did not meet students' needs. Providing Chromebooks for students helps teachers ensure all children succeed by giving teachers the versatility to differentiate instruction at the level of students' capacity and target specific areas for growth.

"Nurturing our communities is something we care deeply about at Smithfield," said Terry Orness, general manager of Smithfield's Clinton, North Carolina facility. "We're passionate about opening opportunities for all, at every age, and helping future generations enter the workforce more prepared. It's truly a privilege to provide the children of our Clinton community with the tools needed for educational success."

Smithfield Foods' support of Butler Avenue Elementary aligns with its commitment to contribute to the vitality of the communities where its employees live and work. Smithfield's Clinton, North Carolina facility was established in 1950 and employs more than 1,800 local employees.

For more information about Smithfield's charitable efforts, visit www.smithfield-foods.com/key-outreach-efforts/smithfield-foundation.

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Arthur Lovan

Arthur Lovan died February 24, 2018. Funeral services were held 10 AM Friday, March 2nd at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC.

Arthur was born on October 5, 1937 in Nortonville, Kentucky to the late Isaac and Lillian Lovan. After graduating from high school, Arthur enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served his country for over twenty years during which time he fought in the Vietnam War. After honorably retiring from the Marines, he became a member of several military based organizations; including, the Shriners, VFW and in 1990, the Montford Point Marines where he has been a charter member for twenty-five years. Arthur served as past President of Chapter 25 of the organization and was currently serving as the chapter's Vice President.

He was a faithful and active member of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Arthur immensely loved his wife, Catherine of fifty plus years who preceded him in death, his sons and grandchildren. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was also preceded in death by one son, Darren; two brothers, Norman and Dennis and one sister, Betty. Arthur leaves to cherish very fond memories: his sons, Fred (Jennette), Reggie (Cynthia) and Medgar (Amy); grandchildren, Kamilah, Kayleigh and Kayleb; two brothers, Greg and Randy (Deborah); two sisters, Edith and Cozette; an aunt, Niece Keaton and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Marvin James Cooper

Marvin James Cooper died on December 27, 2017. Memorial services were held 12:00 Noon on Friday, March 2, 2018 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Marvin, son of the late William James and Eloris Brown Cooper was born on March 2, 1948, in Bolivia, North Carolina. Marvin embraced independence at an early age, working and purchasing his first care at age 16. The songwriting skills of Jimi Hendrix inspired him to fill many notebooks with his own personal lyrics and poetry. The positive impact Marvin had on the lives of many will last forever.

He is survived by his children: LaChun Cooper; Marvin James Cooper, Jr., LouMar Cooper all of Wilmington, NC; six grandchildren; stepson, Freddie Brown; sister, Joyce Cooper Lanier (John T.) of Richmond, VA and brother, Frederick L. Cooper (Cheryl)

of Wilmington, NC; a devoted cousin, Morris Lee Brown of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Inez Moore

Inez Moore died on February 26, 2018. Funeral services were held 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Sunset Park Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Melvin Edward Clay

Melvin Edward Clay died February 28, 2018. Funeral services were held 12 Noon on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at Enoch Chapel MB Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Melvin affectionately known as "MC" was born on January 19, 1956 in Wilmington, NC. He was the son of Essie Waddell Clay and the late Deacon Charles R. Clay, Sr. Melvin was educated in the public schools of New Hanover County and received his high school diploma from Monterey Adult School in December 1975. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1973. While serving in the Army, he studied at San Francisco State University, Monterey Peninsula College, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, completed courses on handling of subhuman primates and received a diploma for Veterinary Animal Specialist. He achieved the rank of Specialist Fourth Class E4 and received an Honorable Discharge in June 1977. Upon returning to Wilmington he attended Cape Fear Community College. He was skilled in troubleshooting electrical problems that other electricians could not solve. He joined Enoch Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in 1971. After many years of study and ministering, he received a certificate of license into the gospel ministry in October 1995. He joined Price Cathedral AMEZ Church in 2014 and attended and worked diligently and faithfully until he became ill. He served on the Board of Evangelism, a Lay Member and Sunday School Teacher. In addition to his father, Melvin was preceded in death by two brothers, Daniel Clay and Dean Clay; he will be greatly missed and his memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his beloved mother, Essie Waddell Clay; a loving and devoted sister, Karen Clay Beatty (friend, Wayne), two brothers, Charles Clay, Jr. and Russell A. Clay (Daisy); sister-in-law, Mary Clay; uncle, John Jenkins (Ella Mae), all of Wilmington, NC; nephew and

cousin like brothers, Keita Simpson and Dr. Phillip Clay; special cousin and nurse, Rev. Elizabeth Hatgett; close cousin, John Jenkins, Jr.; nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; like a brother, Reginald Newton; attendant, Darrell Greene a host of other relatives and friends. He took special attention to his great-niece, Chloe Brown and great-nephew, Deacon and Ezra Brown. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Yemanja Wright

Yemanja Wright died Sunday, March 4, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Macedonia FBH Church. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Janie Brown

Janie Brown Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018 at Evergreen AMEZ Church, Delco. Burial will follow in the Salem Cemetery, Delco. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Carrie Baldwin

Carrie Baldwin Funeral services will 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Warner Temple AMEZ Church. Burial in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Vander McAllister

Vander McAllister funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Summerville AMEZ Church. Burial will follow in Summerville Church Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Merrick

James Merrick Funeral services will be 12:00 Noon on Thursday, March 8th at Mt. Calvary AME Church, Navassa. Burial in Mt. Calvary Church Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Carolyn Morse

Carolyn Morse Memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Abraham M. Levine

Abraham Morris Levine, son of the late Abraham Morris Levine and Margaret Ann Henry was born on April 16, 1943 in Washington DC. He entered peaceful rest on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Brunswick Cove Nursing Center, Winnabow, NC. Funeral services were held on

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Salvation & Deliverance Family Worship Center Cemetery

Abe, as he was often called, grew up in Kelly, NC. Abraham accepted Christ at a young age and renewed his faith recently. He was married to Jettie Bowen Levine and to this union three children were born. He moved to Wilmington, NC where he met Minnie Hayes. He worked as a Longshoreman for 30 years until he retired. He was a kindhearted person that did not mind helping his family. Anyone who called on him for help, he would be there if he could. He often did welding jobs for people around town, while working on his full-time job. He had an infectious smile and a funny sense of humor.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three daughters, Kim Bonita Levine, Melinda Bowen and Gerald Murphy; one son, Eugene Hayes; one grandson, Daniel Terrell Roberson and three sisters, Easter Patrick, Merry Christmas Black and Rebecca Black.

He leaves to cherish his memories four sons, Abraham Morris Levine Jr. (Cynthia) of Raleigh, NC, Michael Hayes (Rhoda) of Wilmington, NC, Reginald Hayes (Denise) of Wilmington NC and Bob Hayes (Dianne) of Wilmington, NC; three daughters, Debbie Bowen Lynch (Ronnie) of Riegelwood NC, Jacqueline Hayes of Raleigh NC and Janice Harris of Wilmington, NC; five sisters, Lottie Henry of Woodbridge, VA, Ruby Anderson of Chicago, IL, Nettie Miller (Andrew) of Columbia, SC, Mary Corbett (Norris) of Leland, NC and Aletha Black (Nick), of Clarkton, NC; three brothers, David Black (Pearl) of Watha, NC, William Levine of Wilmington, NC and George Levine of Homestead,

Florida; eighteen grandchildren, twenty eight great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. *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.*

Robert A. Edge

Robert Alexander Edge, age 54, of Southport, passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Edge's life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 12, 2018 at Christ Body Ministries in Southport. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Dark Branch 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.*

Bertha L. Lloyd

Bertha L. Lloyd, age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ms. Bertha's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Hettie B. McClain

Hettie B. Lawson McClain, age 92, of Bronx, NY (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Monday, March 5, 2018. Arrangements are pending and will be announced. *Services entrusted to Davis*

Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Willie Freeman

Willie Freeman, age 82, of Leland, passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Arrangements are pending and will be announced. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

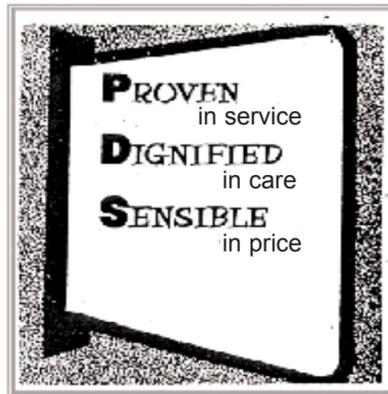
Card Of Thanks



The family of Georgette Fennell Jackson gratefully acknowledges and thanks the wonderful circle of friends who surrounded us, supported us, and lifted us up during this time of bereavement. Your love and care will always be remembered. Please continue to pray for Georgette's son, Dameon, who remains in the hospital recovering from his injuries sustained from the car accident. May God continue to bestow His richest blessings on each of you.

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New Hanover County

Faith Temple COGIC, 1119 S. 4th St., will hold their Annual Women's Celebration on Thursday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. with guest speaker Elder Sandie W. Faulk of Kingdom Impact Global Ministries, Fayetteville, NC and on Friday, March 9th at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, March 11th at 11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be District Missionary Dorothy Newsome of Charlotte, NC.



Religious Briefs

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Ministries, Inc., 3701 princess Place Drive will hold Revival 2018 from Monday, March 12th - Thursday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. nightly and praise and worship at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Sunday, March 11th will be the revival kick-off at 4:00 p.m. with The Reverend Derrin Davis, Sr., pastor of the Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church as guest speaker. The Reverend Terry Jones is the revivalist, pastor of Metropolitan AME Zion Church, Hartford CT. Various choirs and praise teams will serve throughout the week.

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.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

A farewell but never forgotten celebration

BY FANNIE ALLEN
AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a cool and cloudy morning, but that didn't stop the Senior Citizens' Fellowship from gathering. We are always glad to meet and greet one more time. We were greeted by President Eloise Purdie for the last time. She will be relocating to Charlotte, N. C. Our choir, along with Mr. George Hill,

opened with "Blessed Assurance." A very fervent prayer was given by Mrs. Mattie Holes. Next, we sang "Revive Us Again." Mr. Warren Murphy played the piano for us today, and we were grateful. We had one visitor today, Mrs. Jennie Shepherd. Ms. Angel Dualeh sang a solo, "God is Real." Mrs. Gladys Taylor gave us the purpose of the meeting today, which was to honor Mrs. Eloise Purdie. Mrs.

Cynthia Sparrow presented Mrs. Purdie with a plaque and flowers. Members then shared their love and presented Mrs. Purdie with tokens of appreciation. She received cards and other gifts. Mrs. Purdie will be missed by all. Mrs. Purdie sang "Jesus Is All the World to Me." Reverend Thomas Duran sang "Have I Given Anything Today?" It was great to be a part of this celebration.

We sang the grace and had a wonderful brunch. It was enjoyed by all. We were given a poem, "It Takes a Whole Village." We also were given a butterfly to continue to spread her beauty and wings. The Fellowship thanked the committee, Mrs. Mary Green, Ms. Cherry Pearson, Mrs. Sheila Ross and Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow, for the brunch.

There were 56 present. To God be the glory!

TELL SOMEBODY

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be made known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." Phillipians 4:4-7

Complain - To express dissatisfaction, pain, bitterness, resentment, grief, or to find fault

Life and death is in the power of the tongue, and when we complain repeatedly it cause negativity to set up in our spirit. The words that we speak not only affect others that we are displeased with, they also have an effect upon the one doing the talking (complaining). When trials and tribulations come upon us, just being human causes us to express ourselves when things go wrong, but after awhile, we have to move forward or it will set in our heart, mind and spirit in a way that is more harmful to us than the



Sylvia Hooper

one we are complaining about!

It was said, that the infamous Helen Keller gave this quote. "I cried because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet."

Christians suffer in the real world just like other people, but we have a Hope that lies within to keep us going, when we would give up. We have an assurance that, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." The prophet Chambers spoke a Word in the house of the Lord and said, "Things are going to get better after this!" No matter how bad things are right now, reality says, it can get worse, so don't complain!

The famous poet, Helen Steiner Rice wrote a poem, Never Borrow Sorrow from Tomorrow. Deal only with the present. Never step into tomorrow. For God asks us just to trust him and never borrow sorrow. In many situations we find that our attitude determines our altitude. Though well qualified for a job, a supervisor make pass you over for a much needed promotion. Not because you are not qualified, but because of your complaining attitude. Your boss on the job would rather train a less qualified person, than to listen to constant murmuring and complaining from you. Think about it, and purpose in your heart to say...."I won't complain!"

You may feel that you have

a right to complain. This may be true, but you also have a right to praise the Lord. Phillipians 4th. Chapters says, Rejoice in the Lord always. There is something to be happy for every single day that you wake up and find yourself in the land of the living. People of all ages are leaving this world everyday, so don't take life for granted with constant complaining. Give it a rest, and give God some praise!!!

Be careful for nothing. Don't be so anxious that your emotions become toxic. When you go to God in sincere prayer, in the Name of Jesus, and tell him all about your trouble, he will hear you and answer your prayer. When you thank him for what he has already done, get ready for more blessings. After you have prayed through, things may look the same with no sign of change, but your reward for seeking the face of the Lord will be an impartation of his peace. The peace of God is hard to understand or explain at times, but the promise to you as a Believer is to keep your heart and your mind through Jesus Christ. After this, it gets easier to say, "I won't complain."

Three reasons not to complain are these and many more.

1. Complaining affects the people who are listening to you.

Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that

which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

2. Sometimes we need to just be content, be encouraged, and wait upon the Lord until he renews our strength.

Phillipians 4:11-12, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

3. Complaining may displease God.

Numbers 11:1-4, "And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and his anger was kindled;"

Consider your present situation, and Tell Somebody, "I won't complain!"

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!

Artist Harry Davis to be memorialized

Harry Lee Davis died peacefully at home the morning of Saturday, February 10, 2018 after extended health challenges related to paraplegia. Harry's wife, Joanne was with him during his transition into eternal rest and it was made with the grace, wisdom, and flawless love of God. Harry was born on June 25, 1949 at Community Hospital in Wilmington, NC to Anna Ray Simpson Davis and Charles Edward Davis, Sr. (deceased). His maternal grandparents were Gladys Bannerman Everett and Andrew M. Simpson, and his paternal grandparents were Thomas Jeff Davis and Era Brown; all are deceased.

Harry attended public schools in New Hanover County and graduated from Williston High School in 1967. After graduation he joined the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division, and became a military policeman (MP) at Fort Bragg, NC. It was there that Harry's life was forever changed. In 1970 a fellow MP's gun accidentally discharged and the bullet struck Harry under his collarbone, hitting his spine, and leaving him confined to a wheelchair. From that wheelchair Harry decided what type of man he would become, and he began to uniquely define himself as the man that you know. After this debilitating injury, Harry began to rediscover his talent as an artist, was determined to work out and stay healthy, and he decided to enter college. Harry earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1979 from the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW). Throughout his life, Harry was an avid fisherman, reader, movie watcher, and music lover. Those who know him are aware that almost any Motown song met with his approval and the Temptations were one of his favorite singing groups.

Harry was married (1984-1989) to Brenda Waddell Sutton Davis (deceased) and became step-Dad to her three children, Don, Andrea, and Eric. Don and Andrea's father, Sgt. Larest C. Sutton was killed in action in Vietnam in 1969. After the children graduated from Laney High School; Don in 1985, Andrea in 1986, and Eric in 1990 and their mother's passing in 1992, the three moved to the Houston, Texas area. Don graduated from Texas Southern University (97) and owns Modern Barber College in Houston, TX where he lives. Don's daughter Taylor is finishing her freshman year at Xavier University in New Orleans, LA. Andrea Sutton Chapman, a graduate of Texas Southern University (08) owns Cut Close Barber Shop and her husband, Roderick H. Chapman, Sr., is a member of the Houston Fire Department. They live in Baytown, Texas and have two adult sons, Roderick II (Michelle) and Brendan. Roderick and Michelle have two grandchildren, Roderick Chapman III and Kavery Chapman, all of Baytown, TX. Harry's youngest stepson, Eric Williams is the father of six children, Eric Jr., Dallas, Deion, Erica, Eli, and Teric. Eric graduated from Modern Barber College and works at Arts Barber & Style Salon in Baytown, TX where he and his children live.

Harry married Dr. Joanne E. Nottingham, on July 11, 1997 in Wilmington, NC, two years after they met at the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in 1995 at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. As a professor, Joanne shared her love of her students with him and Harry shared his love of art with her. Harry was appreciative that Joanne loved his adult step-children as if they were her own. Joanne was appreciative that Harry loved her brother Jimmie, nephew James IV

"Jamie", sister Janet and brother-in-law Joe Terrasi. Harry also had a special bond with his mother-in-law, Martha Eleanora Nottingham until the day she died. Harry and Joanne built a wonderful and full life together traveling to his art shows, sharing fun times at home with family, friends, and lots of DocNott's university friends, students and former students. They also enjoyed simply being alone together. As a couple, their love was undeniable to anyone who was fortunate to be in their presence for a while.

Harry was a self-taught artist who developed his natural ability and artistic techniques through trial and error along with long hours of practice. Working with oil paints on canvas, his two trademarks are a painstaking attention to detail and bold, bright colors. Over the years Harry became widely recognized as one of the premier African American artists in the country and he was the recipient of many awards and honors. His work has appeared in numerous group and solo exhibitions for over forty-five years. The Harry Davis style is impressionistic realism in bright, vivid colors. He often told those who asked that he didn't try to say anything profound or philosophical in his paintings, yet they are powerful and striking images that rarely fail to move the viewer. His painting The Pipe Player was singled out by U.S. Art Gallery magazine as a truly notable work of art. Harry's enigmatic works of African life, the rural African South, and spiritual images are highly sought additions to private and public collections. In more recent years Harry, a life-long boxing fan, incorporated paintings of boxers and jazz and music images into his portfolio of work.

Harry was first publically recognized by the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta

Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 1974. He was named 1981 Special Volunteer from the State of North Carolina and 1983 Handicapped Citizen of the Year; in 1985 he won a Blue Ribbon and Honorable Mention at the National Rehabilitation Association Art Show and an Honorable Mention in 1986. Beginning in 1988 Harry worked with students in Wayne, New Hanover, and other NC counties to teach them about art and African culture from his perspective and through his artwork. He was named the Greenwood Middle School Friend of the Arts in Goldsboro, NC in 1996 and he received the Esther Paige-Hill Award in 1997. Harry won the Best in Show Award at the 2001 NC Azalea Festival and was named 2001 Man of the Year by the Town Hall Community Education and Cultural Center in Wilmington, NC. In 2006 Harry was selected as the featured artist of the 59th North Carolina Azalea Festival and in 2013 he won the Best of Show Award at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. Over the years Harry was recognized by the Central Intelligence Agency in McLean, VA, U.S. Office of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights in Bethesda, MD, the King-Tisdell Cottage Museum in Savannah, Ga, Black Artist Guild in Kinston, NC and the Arts Council in Washington and Wilson, NC. In Wilmington NC Artworks Gallery, Chase Gallery, Harvest Moon Restaurant, and Cape Fear Seafood showcased his artistic talent and work, as did LyBenson's Gallery in Beaufort, SC.

Private owners of Harry's artwork include Michael and Kathy Allen, Halle Berry, the late singer James Brown, the late actress Nell Carter, Perry and Beth Davis, NC Supreme Court Justice Henry Frye, Sherry and Blythe Jordan, Michael Kingoff, Steve Levine, Carl Lumbly, Gloria Naylor,



HARRY DAVIS

C.C.H. Pounder, James and Linda Robinson, Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital and Mr. Geri Vital, Denzel Washington, Dr. Eugene and Mrs. Kathy Wright. Among public owners is Harry's alma mater, the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW); in 2006 the William Madison Randall Library at UNCW housed his artistic papers in the Manuscripts Collection. The collection is a reflection of his artistic career featuring newspaper clippings, correspondence with celebrities and children, and publications featuring his work.

Harry leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Dr. Joanne E. Nottingham (Belville, NC); mother, Rev. Anna Davis; brother, Rev. Charles E. Davis Jr. (Lula); and sister, Carol Davis Young (all of Wilmington, NC) and his three step-children, Don Sutton of Houston, TX, Andrea Sutton Chapman (Roderick) of Baytown, TX, and Eric Williams of Baytown, TX. Other survivors include three aunts, Carolyn Whitley (Long Creek, NC), Hattie Crews (Cambria Heights, NY), and Lucy Farris (Wilmington, DE); four nieces, Glenda Cooper (Sherman) of Jacksonville, FL, Wanda Thomas (Leland, NC),

Charlene Clark (Timothy) of Lithonia, Ga, and Tanisha Parker (Wilmington, NC); and "brothers from other mothers" Thomas Lawson, Abdul Shareef, Gregory Hinnant, Barton Hatcher, and Larry "Poncho" Brown, as well as many cousins, nieces and grand-nieces, nephews and grand-nephews, other relatives and friends.

Harry was a cool dude, friend, mentor, and fishing partner to an extraordinary number of people and the positive impact of his life and legacy is far-reaching. You'll notice that a starry night sky is a little brighter.

A memorial celebration will be held 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at New Beginning Christian Church (NBCC) 3120 Alex Trask Drive Castle Hayne. The family will greet friends following the service. Flowers and memorial donations may be made to NBCC. The family especially thanks Dr. Warren Hsu at Wilmington VA, Dr. William Powers at NHRMC, Dr. Matthew Sincock at Wilmington Health, Dr. Mark Morgan of Wilmington Plastic Surgery, and all of the nurses who cared for him in hospital and at home.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Jonathon Reed Whitesell**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of May, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of February, 2018

James Brooks Whitesell, Administrator
3259 Kellerton Place
Wilmington, NC 28409

February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **William Arnold Wells, III**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **25th day of May, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of February, 2018

Mazell Holmes, Executor
25972 HWY 210
Currie, NC 28435

February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Kimberly V. Cave**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **25th day of May, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of February, 2018

Cynthia L. Cave, Executor
1203 Fifth Ave.
Farmville, VA 23901-2309

February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 2018

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Christina Keegan, having qualified on the 30th day of January, 2018, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Victor E. Sizemore (18-E-121)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at **DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC**, 1213 Culbreth Drive, Suite 343, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405, on or before the **15th day of May, 2018**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 15th day of February, 2018.

Christina Keegan
Personal Representative
ESTATE OF VICTOR E. SIZEMORE
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
1213 Culbreth Dr., Ste 343
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2018

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Vincent W. Auber (18-E-148)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **May 16, 2018** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of February, 2018

Rose Brown, Administrator of the Estate of Vincent W. Auber
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 001**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
L.K.L. (DOB: 12/12/2016)
TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor male child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than **APRIL 10, 2018**, said date being forty (40) days following the first date of publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply for the relief sought. You have the right to attend the hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS is scheduled for **MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018**, at 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter.

This the 1st day of March, 2018.

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

March 1, 8, 15, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 16 JT 70**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
K.C.W. (DOB: 07/31/2014)
TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor male child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than **APRIL 10, 2018**, said date being forty (40) days following the first date of publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply for the relief sought. You have the right to attend the hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS is scheduled for **MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018**, at 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter.

This the 1st day of March, 2018.

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

March 1, 8, 15, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
BEFORE THE CLERK
18 E 201**

The undersigned having duly qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **VERNON LEE MONROE, JR.**, late of Wilmington, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **25th day of May, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of February, 2018.

Cathy M. Pleasant, Executrix
Estate of Vernon Lee Monroe, Jr.
Jeffrey P. Keeter
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Nellie E. Harrell**, deceased, of the Davidson County, TN, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of June, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of March, 2018

Audley Freed, Ancillary Executor,
c/o Kirschbaum, Nanney, Keenan & Griffin, P.A.,
P.O. Box 19766,
Raleigh, NC 27619

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Maxine W. Wall**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of June, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 8th day of March, 2018.

Robert Lee Wall, Executor of the Estate of Maxine W. Wall
2228 Parham Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Odell Sidberry**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of June, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of March, 2018

Helen McClammy McCrary,
Administratrix
112 Edgewater Club Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411

March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
File No. 17 CV 004547**

**JANAY FOSTER, Plaintiff
vs.
LEE THOMPSON, Defendant
To: LEE THOMPSON**

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than 40 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 1st day of March, 2018.

Janay Foster
1308-A North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 1, 8, 15, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JA 1**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
I.B. (dob: 24 December 2017)**

**TO: RESPONDENT-PARENTS,
JANET BARNETT and
STEPHEN BARNETT**

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

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on January 2, 2018 alleging that I.B. is a neglected juvenile. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, February 15, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Ms. Barnett has been assigned Attorney Margaret Jennings. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 762-0850, 1501 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC.

Mr. Barnett has been assigned Attorney Lyana Hunter. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 343-5400, 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING TO ADJUDICATE THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 12th day of February, 2018.

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

February 15, 22, March 1, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Richard Vollers Hanson, Sr.**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of June, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of March, 2018.

Richard Vollers Hanson, Jr. and Nancy Hanson Scheunemann, Co-Executors of the Estate of Richard Vollers Hanson, Sr.
2313 Lynnwood Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

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

All persons, firms & corporations having claims against the Estate of **David Price** deceased of New Hanover County NC are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before **June 1, 2018** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All Debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment

This 1st day of March, 2018.

Kathryn Parish, Executrix of Estate of David Price
709 Robert E Lee Dr
Wilmington, NC 28412

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Patricia Scott McKay**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of May, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of February, 2018

Iva Scott Joyner, Administratrix
603 N. 5th Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
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•Bid Opening: Friday, March 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

•Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pickup beginning 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2nd at the Central Office.

•Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or you can Download Project Manual at no cost -- www.wha.net (under Business Opportunities/IFB)

•Questions; E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than March 16th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net

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