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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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The Easter Season

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are now upon the Easter season, wherein every person, no matter what color, race or creed, should have the love of God in his or her heart. This

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REV. BARBER SAYS "PICK UP THE BATON"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL



It is not widely known, but 50 years ago next week, on April 4, 1968, civil rights leader, The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was supposed to be in Wilmington, N. C. to take part in a voter registration campaign, sponsored by the local branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

However, a few days earlier, Dr. King called to postpone his appearance, saying that he was needed in Memphis, Tenn. to support the sanitation workers, who were going on strike there.

As King stepped out of his room on the second-floor of the Lorraine Motel to speak to an aide down in the parking lot, a gunshot rang out at 6:05 p. m., and the civil rights

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leader was fatally struck in the face. After being rushed to a nearby hospital, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was officially pronounced dead at 7:05 p. m.

Next week, the nation, and indeed the world, will commemorate that fateful day when, as has been said many times since, "They killed the Dreamer."

The man who is seen today as "The Dreamer's" natural successor, Bishop Dr. William Barber, II, former president of the NCNAACP, and current leader of another social justice organization, Repairers of the Breach, says with many of the basic rights for which Dr. King fought and died still under assault - voting rights, civil and equal rights, fair housing, equal

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50 YEARS AFTER



FILE PHOTO

Andrew Young and others at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis point to where the shot came from that killed Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968. The civil rights leader was in Memphis to support a sanitation workers' strike and was on his way to dinner when a bullet struck him in the jaw and severed his spinal cord. King was pronounced dead after his arrival at a Memphis hospital.

Wilmington community prepares to remember Martin Luther King's planned visit to Williston High School

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The night that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, he was scheduled to be in Wilmington. The civil rights leader was to speak at Williston High School that evening to headline a voter registration drive, but was persuaded to remain in Memphis another day in support of that city's sanitation workers' strike.

Now, 50 years later, a coalition of Wilmington civic, and non-profit, and religious leaders is organizing

an event to remember Dr. King's final days and to imagine how his life - and the nation's history - might be different if he had kept to his original schedule.

On Wednesday, April 4th, the anniversary of Dr. King's death, the public is invited to gather in the gym of Williston Middle School where Dr. King would have spoken.

The program will feature music of the Civil Rights Era, video footage of the assassination, and clips from his famous "Mountaintop" speech. Our keynote speaker, Governor Roy Cooper, will give a speech in regard to Dr. King and his life's work.

WECT-TV anchor Frances Weller will serve as the program's mistress of ceremonies. Governor Roy Cooper will deliver a keynote address.

"We believe that the 50 Year Commemoration event will be a wonderful opportunity for the Wilmington community, in all its diversity, to gather under one roof and celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," says New Hanover County District Attorney

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CONGRESSWOMAN ADAMS

Adams wins for HBCUs in 2018 omnibus budget

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BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Who says there's nothing but bad news coming out of our nation's capital?

Despite her usual blunt and frank assessment of what she routinely sees as the "negative" policies of the Republican majority in Congress, and President Donald Trump in particular, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) had little to complain about last week.

Beyond announcing Sunday that she will seek a third term in office, representing Charlotte-Mecklenburg and parts of surrounding counties that make up the 12th Congressional District, and then on Monday being inducted into the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women's History Hall of Fame, Adams was pleased that many of her district and issue priorities, especially relating to Historically Black

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Linda Brown, plaintiff in landmark school desegregation case, has died

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Linda Brown, the named plaintiff in the 1954 landmark civil rights case "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka" in which the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the nation's public schools to desegregate, has died.

Ms. Brown died Sunday, March 25, in Topeka, Kansas, where she was born on February 20, 1942. She was 76 and had lived in Topeka most of her life. Tyson Williams, a spokesman for Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel, confirmed her death.

She became part of American history on May 17, 1954, when a unanimous Supreme Court overturned Plessy v. Ferguson, the court's 1896 decision that declared separate but equal facilities were constitutional.

In its 1954 ruling, the Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools were inherently unequal and ordered the desegregation of the public schools with "all deliberate speed."

The fight to overturn Plessy v. Ferguson began years earlier.

In 1950, the NAACP Legal Defense and

Educational Fund Inc. asked a group of black parents if they would attempt to enroll their children in all-white schools knowing they would be denied admission because of school segregation.

Brown, who was in third-grade, lived in an ethnically diverse neighborhood but like the area's other black children, Brown had to walk four miles to a school that was segregated for black children

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STATE BRIEFS

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

STUDY SAYS UNC BLACK MALE ATHLETES HAVE LOW GRAD RATES

[CHAPEL HILL] According to a new study by the University of Southern

California's Race and Equity Center, black male athletes at UNC-Chapel Hill have the lowest graduation rates of any Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) school. Sixty-five schools were studied for the USC report, conducted by USC Prof. Shaun Harper. Forty-three percent of black male athletes who attended UNC-Chapel Hill between 2007 and 2010, graduated within six years - the

lowest rate in the ACC. That's contrast to 90 percent of all UNC students attending during that same period. Some observers at UNC attest the poor numbers to racism n "old admissions practices."

OUTRAGE AFTER SHAW UNIVERSITY SELLS RADIO STATION

[RALEIGH] Shaw University says the sale of its 50,000-watt radio station, WSHA-FM, is a move towards progress that will allow it's communications department to grow and expand. But critics see the sale the station's 88.9 frequency to a white Christian broadcasting company as a sellout for "a few pieces of silver," said one Facebook poster. The station went on the air fifty years ago, and was one of the first owned and operated by an HBCU. It plays a mixture of jazz and public affairs programming,

and has become a voice for Raleigh's African-American community. The school will retain the call letters and the radio tower, and will go online with its programming.

GREEN PARTY NOW OFFICIALLY ON NC BALLOTS

[RALEIGH] As of Tuesday, the progressive Green Party is now officially on North Carolina's election ballot.

The party qualified for automatic access on the ballot in 35 states across the nation during the 2016 presidential election. The Republican-led NC General Assembly approved the automatic ballot access, and even congratulated the Green Party. Many feel, however, that the GOP did so, hoping that the Green Party would attract voters away from the Democratic Party.

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Ben David. "Dr. King's life and legacy represents a moral high

point in America's recent history that has inspired people all over the world, and can serve to further unify our community."

David co-chairs the MLK Commemoration Commis-

sion, along with Bertha B. Todd, a retired New Hanover County educator. Todd, a longtime employee at Williston High School, helped create an atmosphere of calm

at the school the day following Dr. King's death.

The 50 Year Commemoration begins at 6:30 p.m.; doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Admission is free of

charge. The New Hanover County Sheriff's Office and the Wilmington Police Department will be on hand to help with crowd management. No weapons or large

bags are allowed at this event.

More information about the 50 Year Commemoration can be found at mlkandilm.wixsite.com/1968

HBCUs

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Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in North Carolina and elsewhere, were addressed in the \$1.3trillion federal budget that Pres. Trump had threatened not to sign last week, but after a little veto drama, eventually did. Besides more money for the military and the staving off of another government shutdown, the new budget gave HBCUs the following: · The maximum award for Pell Grants is raised by \$175.00; however, this does not include an index to inflation, a shift to

mandatory funding, or a restoration of Pell Grant eligibility.

· It increased TRIO and GEAR UP funding by \$60 million and \$10 million, respectively;

· National Park Service's (NPS) HBCU Historic Preservation Program is funded at \$5 million, in line with the Clyburn-Adams amendment to the House Interior Appropriations bill;

· Increased funding for the HBCU Capital Financing Program by \$10 million to allow schools experiencing financial difficulty due to their loans a deferment on payment for 3 to 6 years.

Congresswoman Adams, the co-chair of the Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus, was elated.

"I'm thrilled to see the critical resources for HBCUs for which our coalition advocated, such as the expansion of the Capital Financing Program, included in the 2018 omnibus. This measure will ensure security for nearly a dozen HBCUs and the students they serve, including Bennett College, in North Carolina, through expanded access to essential funding for campus infrastructure and student programs," she said.

"I led the effort to include

this change in the omnibus because, as a professor at Bennett College for 40 years, I witnessed first-hand the opportunities that HBCUs provide their students. I'm pleased that this bipartisan measure was included, and I will continue to review the bill in its entirety to make certain that it is inclusive of our 12th District priorities."

Ratification of the Omnibus budget came on the heels of the successful HBCU STEAM Day of Action on Capitol Hill, where the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus joined forces with the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) Caucus, and, according to Rep.

Adams' office, "... brought HBCU presidents and administrators from thirty-four schools, including NC A&T, Johnson C. Smith University, Shaw University and Fayetteville State University, and industry leaders, to Capitol Hill to meet with key members of Congress and senior staff from both parties and in both chambers. The meetings allowed the coalition to advocate for bipartisan priorities impacting HBCUs and increased efforts to diversify the workforce. Those priorities include increased resources for 1890 land grant universities through the Farm Bill, reauthorization of the Higher

Education Act, STEM initiatives, and appropriations.

"HBCUs graduate top minority talent, including more than 40% of African American engineers. We cannot diversify our workforce without their inclusion," Rep. Adams said in a statement. "Despite this fact, HBCUs are not receiving equal resources and opportunities as their peer institutions. The Bipartisan HBCU Caucus is proud to host the first ever HBCU STEAM Day of Action to push for bipartisan legislation to continue fighting for increased resources for our schools and 21st Century opportunities for all."

REV. BARBER

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employment, etc. · today's generation of freedom-lovers should remember King's legacy and sacrifice, with careful consideration, and determined non-violent action. "To say that here, years after his assassination, is something we should think about deeply," Dr. Barber said, "but we dishonor the memory of Dr. King and all those who suffered if we simply commemorate his assassination." "You do not commemorate an assassination of a leader or a prophet," Dr. Barber continued. "You certainly

don't celebrate. There's only one thing you do - you go to the place where they were killed, and you reach into the blood, and you pick up the baton, and you carry it the next leg of the way."

"That is our calling [now], and I know that would be Dr. King's dream for us because, as he said in his last sermon, "Nothing would be more tragic, than for us to turn back now!"

The man who succeeded Dr. Barber as president of the NCNAACP, The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, also believes that the baton for freedom, justice and equality must go forward, but believes firmly that, just like in Dr. King's day over 50 years ago, young

people are rising to the challenge, and demanding change, as dramatically seen last weekend during the State and nationwide March for Our Lives demonstrations in cities like Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh.

"I was a sensitive 16 year old when Dr. King was killed, and can still remember how the traumatic news of his death sparked an array of emotion in me," Dr. Spearman recalls. "That trauma still lingers in my body 50 years later and moves me to continue fighting for the justice."

"King was, and still is my hero. His death did not stop the movement, as movement ordered by God is never stopped with the death of the leader. It did, however, take



FILE PHOTO

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on new dimensions as fit of us struggled to find our way in the movement. There are

many who have picked up the torch, including the youth of #Marching

ForOurLives. They respect and are equipped to carry on the legacy today."

BROWN

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although Sumner Elementary, an all-white school, was only four blocks away.

Her mother and father were Leola and Oliver Brown. They were parents of three girls. Brown said her father, a pastor, questioned why his daughter had to walk so far to attend school.

"My father pondered, 'Why? Why should my child walk four miles when there is a school only four blocks away,' she recalled.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. wanted to file a lawsuit on behalf of 13 families nationwide, challenging De Jure school segrega-

tion, which is based on laws or actions of the state. It is unlike De facto segregation which happens by fact rather than by legal requirement.

Thurgood Marshall, who in 1967 would become the first African-American Associate Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, was one of two lead attorneys and strategists. The other was Charles Hamilton Houston, former dean of Howard University Law School.

In 1952, the NAACP filed a lawsuit consolidating five cases.

Linda Brown's name was alphabetically at the top of the list of plaintiffs, making her the named plaintiff in the consolidated case.

When the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision,

Linda Brown was in junior high school and at a grade level that had been integrated before the 1954 decision.

In the late 1970s, Brown worked with the ACLU. She argued the district's schools were still segregated. The Court of Appeals ordered three new schools constructed.

Although she was a civil rights activist, speaker and education consultant, Brown complained that the media treated her as a lofty historical figure, not a human being.

After the Supreme Court ruling, the family moved in 1959 to Springfield, Missouri. Two years later, her father died. Remaining members of the family returned to Topeka.

She attended Washburn University and Kansas State

University. Linda Brown was married three times. She was divorced and later widowed. She married William Thompson in the mid-1990s.

Sherrilyn Ifill, president and Director-Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, said "Linda Brown is one of that special band of heroic young people who, along with her family, courageously fought to end the ultimate symbol of white supremacy-racial segregation in the public schools."

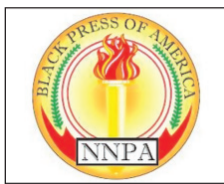
Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer tweeted: "Linda Brown's life reminds us that sometimes the most unlikely people can have an incredible impact and that by serving our community we can truly change the world."

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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

RAINBOW COALITION

We need to revive King's campaign against poverty

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

April 4 will mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, shot down on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

At the time, we had come to Memphis to support striking sanitation workers seeking a living wage and a union. Dr. King was focused on organizing a Poor People's Campaign, an effort to bring people together across lines of race, religion and region to call on the country to address the grinding poverty of the day.

Fifty years later, poverty remains unfinished business. In Memphis, according to the authoritative 2017 Memphis Poverty Fact Sheet compiled by Dr. Elena Delavega of the University of Memphis, nearly 27 percent of the population - more than one in four - is in poverty. A horrifying 45 percent of children live in poverty. They suffer from inadequate food, health care, insecure housing and impoverished schools.

Poverty has been going up among all races, except for people over 65, protected a bit by the earned benefits of Social Security and Medicare. Memphis is the poorest metropolitan area with a population over 1 million in the United States.

In the last years of his life, Dr. King turned his attention to the plague of war, poverty and continued racial injustice. He understood that the war on poverty had been lost in the jungles of Vietnam. The Civil Rights Movement had successfully eliminated legal segregation and won blacks the right to vote. Now it was time to turn to this unfinished business.

We should not let the trauma of his death divorce us from the drama of his life, nor the riots that came in reaction to erase the agenda that he put forth for action.

At the center of that agenda was a call grounded in the economic bill of rights that President Franklin D. Roosevelt put forth coming out of the Great Depression and World War II. Americans, he argued, had come to understand the need for a guarantee of basic opportunity: the right to a job at a living wage, the right to health care, to quality public education, to affordable housing, to a secure retirement.

Now, 50 years later, we should revive Dr. King's mission, not simply honor his memory. In the course of those years, African-Americans have experienced much progress and many reversals.

Over the last decades, blacks have suffered the ravages of mass incarceration and a racially biased criminal justice system. In 2008, African-Americans suffered the largest loss of personal wealth in the mortgage crisis and financial collapse.

Schools have been re-segregated as neighborhoods have grown more separated by race and class. New voter repression schemes have spread across the country. Gun violence wreaks the biggest toll among our poorest neighborhoods.

Through his life, Dr. King remained committed to non-violence. He sought to build an inter-racial coalition, openly disagreeing with those who championed black separatism or flirted with violence.

He would have been overjoyed at the young men and women organizing the massive protests against gun violence, building a diverse movement, making the connection between the horror of school shootings in the suburbs and street shootings in our cities. And he would have been thrilled to see his nine-year-old granddaughter, Yolanda Renee King, rouse the crowd with her presence and her words: "My grandfather had a dream that his four little children would not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character. I have a dream that enough is enough and this should be a gun-free world, period."

Now as we mark the 50th anniversary of his death, let us resurrect the mission of his life. Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland set the tone, when he announced that the city would offer grants to the 14 living strikers from that time, and establish a matching grant program to subsidize the retirement savings of active sanitation workers. He hopes to expand this to all city workers not covered by the public pension plan.

At the national level, we should act boldly. Social Security and Medicare have dramatically reduced poverty among the elderly. With a jobs-guarantee policy, a Medicare for All program, a \$15 minimum wage, debt-free college and affordable child care, we could slash poverty, open up opportunity and lift hope across the country.

We have the resources; the only question is whether we have the will. That will take organizing, non-violent protests, voter registration and mobilization - a modern-day poor people's campaign.

"We will not be silenced," said the young leaders at the March for Our Lives. That surely is a necessary first step.

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

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MATTERS OF OPINION

Remember (the truth about) the Alamo

On a Saturday evening in February 1955, like a million other kids in America with their eyes glued to black and white televisions, I sat watching Walt Disney's version of the Battle of the Alamo.

What we saw was the popular actor Fess Parker portraying a heroic Davy Crockett on the ramparts of the famous old Spanish mission battling Mexican soldiers in the defense of freedom.

What I did not know at the time was that the history surrounding this battle, and the role of Americans in the early history of the Mexican republic, was being extremely distorted.

Walt Disney never told us that slavery was the reason for the battle and the ultimate creation of the Republic of Texas, which later became the state of Texas.

On September 16, 1829, the

Afro-Mexican president of Mexico, Vicente Guerrero, signed a decree outlawing slavery in that nation at a time when the southern United States was deeply in thrall to slave labor.

While most of Mexico welcomed the emancipation decree, its northern region, known as "Texas," was largely populated with American Southerners who had moved west in search of more fertile land where their slaves could produce cotton.

To accommodate the "Texican" slaveholders, Texas was exempted from the decree for one year. But after the period of exemption ended in 1830, the Texicans refused to free their slaves and the Mexican government demanded that they comply with the law or face military intervention.

While military intervention did not occur for another six years, several violent conflicts broke out in the interim between Texicans and the Mexican government, some escalating to the use of arms.

Finally, in 1836 Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna led an army north from

Mexico City to put down what had grown to be a Texas insurrection and freeing slaves along the way.

Determined to resist Mexico's intention to free their slaves, Davy Crockett and roughly 200 other Texicans gathered at the Alamo in San Antonio to block Santa Anna's advancing army. Santa Anna laid siege to the Alamo, and after 13 days, it fell.

While the "heroes" of the Alamo were under siege in San Antonio, Sam Houston and other Texicans were less than 200 miles away drafting a constitution for the hoped-for independent Republic of Texas. That constitution contained the following guarantees that chattel slavery would be protected in Texas:

"...[N]or shall Congress have power to emancipate slaves; nor shall any slaveholder be allowed to emancipate his or her slave or slaves, without the consent of Congress..."

The Texas constitution established additional racist policies by stating:

"No free person of African descent, either in whole or in

part, shall be permitted to reside permanently in the Republic, without the consent of Congress..."

Weeks after their defeat at the Alamo, the slaveholding Texicans got what they wanted when they defeated Gen. Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto and forced him, as a prisoner, to sign the Treaty of Velasco. That treaty recognized Texas as a republic, independent of Mexico, but it also stated in part:

"[A]ll private property including... negro slaves... that may have been captured by ... the Mexican army or may have taken refuge in the said army ... shall be restored to the Commander of the Texican army..."

The Mexican government refused to recognize the Treaty of Velasco and consequently did not return any slaves. But Texas continued as a slaveholding republic and later as one of the slaveholding states of the United States.

BLAYTON

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Bipartisan energy for HBCUs

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC) ain't nothing but the truth. She was elected to Congress in 2014, she was committed to making a difference. One of her early acts was the founding of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus, which she Co-Chairs with Alabama Republican Bradley Byrne. She has grown the Caucus to a bipartisan, bicameral group of 74 members, including an array of Congressional Democratic Black Caucus members like Karen Bass (D-CA), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), GK Butterfield (D-MO), HBCU champion Jim Clyburn (D-SC), former Delta Sigma Theta Sorority President Marcia Fudge (D-OH), and many others.

Many of the HBCU members aren't African American or Democrat but understand the value of HBCUs, like Adams' fellow North Carolinian Mark Walker (R), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO), Trent Kelly (R-MS), Jared Polis (D-CO), and others. Adams has also attracted 13 Senators, of both parties, to the HBCU Caucus, including Cory Booker (D-NJ), Richard Burr (R-NC), Tim Scott (R-SC), Kamala Harris (D-CA), David Perdue (R-GA) and others. Alma Adams has done an outstanding job in making the case for HBCUs with her colleagues.

I'm not surprised. Adams is a double dipping HBCU graduate, having earned an undergraduate degree and a master's degree from North Carolina

A&T State University. (She earned her doctorate in Art Education and Multicultural Education from the Ohio State University). She spent nearly 40 years as a Professor at Bennett College (she was a faculty member when I was President of Bennett), while simultaneously serving on the Greensboro City School Board, the Greensboro City Council, the North Carolina State Senate (and Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus). After she retired from Bennett College, she ran for Congress and prevailed through gerrymandering to be elected to a second term in 2016. Through it all, she has been a champion for HBCUs, using her platform through the North Carolina Legislature to provide scholarship opportunities for students, and infrastructure provisions for campuses. Steele Hall, Bennett's art gallery, would not be there were it not for Congresswoman Adams' advocacy and her acumen for collaboration.

Now, as a member of Congress, she has assembled a coterie of HBCU advocates to lobby for HBCUs, even as higher education authorization is being considered. Between a breakfast sponsored by Lyft, a lunch sponsored by Intel, and a reception at Google headquarters, three hundred or so people, including members of Congress, HBCU Presidents (I saw FAMU President Larry Robinson and the first woman to lead Bowie State University, Dr. Andrea Hawkins Breaux at lunch), and other stakeholders challenged themselves to think about ways HBCU can both attract more resources, and prepare themselves for the evolving world economy.

(<http://www.southerneducation.org/ResourceCenter/SEF-Blog/SEF-Blog-1/February-2018-Black-History-Month/The-Promise-and-Possibilities-of-Woke%E2%80%9D-HBCUs.aspx>).

The authors indicate that HBCUs must have a social justice and equality focus and that they must "actively and purposefully combat the insidious effects of racism in society." They've thrown a gauntlet out for HBCUs because too many are so busy replicating the PWI model of higher education that they've forgotten part of our original purpose.

HBCUs were founded to educate African American people, but they were also founded to liberate us from the shackles of enslavement and economic disparity. This can be done both by educating professionals - lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers, and the like, but also by preparing freedom fighters. In recent years, the focus has been more on the former than the latter.

Harvey and Nelms suggest that a "woke" HBCU has a curriculum that focuses on Afrocentric education, global education, and community education. While much of the conversation at the luncheon I attended focused on engineering and STEAM (with Oregon Democrat Suzanne Bonamici, STEAM Caucus Co-Chair focusing on the balance that comes when STEM is paired with the arts), one of the more poignant moments was Alabama Congresswoman Terri Sewell's plea for financial support for HBCUs as she lamented the projected closing of Selma's Concordia University at the end of this academic year.

Her plea made me wonder why there aren't more members of the Congressional HBCU Caucus. Every Southern Republican Senator ought to be HBCU advocates. Why? HBCUs are economic drivers for their states. They provide education, generate jobs, and are engines

of local economic development. While most African Americans are Democrats, few are indifferent to Republican support of HBCUs that is transformative. Instead, at about the same time that Congresswoman Adams' luncheon was taking place, Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) was forced to take Miseducation Secretary Betsy DeVos (of good sense) to school for her apparent indifference to the racism that young Black and brown students experience in school.

Regardless of political affiliation, everyone who spoke at the Adams/Intel luncheon was clear about the value that HBCUs bring to our nation, even as some made the case that HBCUs must step up with innovation, certificate programs, community college partnerships and more. As Harvey and Nelms point out, there are many ways we can improve HBCUs, but we can't afford to lose them. Christian Josi, former Executive Director of the American Conservative Union and (gasp!) former Board Member of the Jesse Helms Center is alarmed at the frailty of our HBCUs. Lamenting the closing of Concordia University, he said, "Historically, culturally, morally, we have an obligation to ensure that our HBCUs thrive. If Concordia fails, it is on all of us." Yet tragically, despite the energy of legislators like Congresswoman Alma Adams, there are too many southern senators who are prepared to turn their backs on HBCUs.

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.amazon.com for booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit www.julianne-malveaux.com.

New New Hanover County child data card reveals troubling lack of progress on child poverty

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RALEIGH, NC-The new New Hanover County Data Card shows that child poverty and hunger remain major problems for children. 42.5% of New Hanover County children still live in poor or near-poor homes, a major risk factor for negative educational, health, and economic outcomes in the future. Additionally, 22.1% of New Hanover County children live in food insecure households, putting at risk their immediate health, safety, and ability to learn.

NC Child, the statewide advocacy group that authored

the report cards, called on elected officials and candidates for office to champion children's issues in the coming election and to take specific actions to address the ongoing child poverty crisis in North Carolina.

"Big problems demand big solutions," said Michelle Hughes, executive director of NC Child. "Each year, our elected representatives have an extraordinary opportunity to use public policy to improve the lives of children and families. In 2018, we hope candidates will take bold steps to support families by making affordable, high-quality health insurance available in North

Carolina, investing in our public schools, and expanding access to quality early learning programs for young children."

The data snapshot shows how children and families are faring in 15 key areas of well-being. Aside from family financial security, North Carolina and New Hanover County are making halting progress toward improving children's health and education, but a stronger investment in evidence-based policy solutions is needed to assure children's current well-being and long-term

success.

66.8% of women in New Hanover County received early prenatal care in 2016 vs. 66.0% in 2015. Statewide, 69% of women received early prenatal care.

Relatedly, 8.0% of babies were born at a low-birthweight in 2016 vs.

8.1% in 2015. Statewide, 9% of babies were born at a low-birthweight.

In 2017, 83.4% of high school students graduated on time compared to 83.3% in 2016. Statewide, 86.5% graduated on time.

"Marginal progress is better than no progress, but the fact remains that our state's children face far too many barriers to success. Treading water isn't good enough," said Whitney Tucker, research director at NC Child. "North Carolina's children demand our best efforts to improve their circumstances now so they can thrive in the future."

The New Hanover County Data Card also includes sample questions that constituents can ask candidates for office about their plans to accelerate North Carolina's progress on key issues facing children, such as early education, family financial security, and access to

health insurance for parents. NC Child calls on constituents, candidates, and current elected officials to make children their top priority in 2018.

To compare New Hanover County child well-being indicators with other counties or statewide data, follow this link.

About NC Child: C Child is a statewide nonprofit, non-partisan advocacy organization that builds a strong North Carolina by advancing public policies to ensure all children - regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of birth - have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Learn more at www.ncchild.org.



Fifty years later, Fair Housing Act has failed to deliver full justice

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
OF THE CENTER FOR
RESPONSIBLE LENDING

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Although golden anniversaries are often considered milestone moments accompanied by festive celebrations, two such observances in April 2018 are bittersweet memories for much of Black America. One took the life of an unparalleled preacher, orator, author, activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. The other marks the enactment of what many would argue is the strongest of the civil rights laws enacted during the 1960s: The Fair Housing Act.

As observances begin across the country, now is an appropriate time to recall how fair housing was a key issue for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In fact, Chicago became his chosen battleground for fair housing, bringing a national spotlight to the multiple ills of segregated and sub-standard housing. In early 1966, Dr. King moved his family into one of the city's ghetto apartments to dramatize

how people were forced to live.

On August 5, 1966 during a march through an all-white neighborhood, a riot exploded with racial taunts and hurled bricks. Remarking on the hostility encountered, Dr. King said, "I have seen many demonstrations in the South; but I have never seen anything so hostile and so hateful as I've seen here today."

By the time Dr. King's life was snuffed out by a sniper's bullet in Memphis on April 4, 1968, the cause of fair housing was also on the minds of Congress. The same day Dr. King was martyred, the U.S. Senate passed a fair housing bill and sent it to the House of Representatives for further consideration. On April 10, the House passed the measure.

With a signing ceremony the following day, on April 11, President Lyndon B. Johnson's signature enacted a federal law that banned discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing. Legally, no longer could people be rejected due to their race, religion, or ethnicity.

In his remarks, President Johnson said in part, "With this bill, the voice of justice speaks again. It proclaims that fair housing for all - all human beings who live in this country - is now a part of the American way of life...We all know that the roots of injustice run deep."

Unfortunately, 50 years of legal roots supporting fair housing has failed to deliver full justice. For many Blacks and other people of color, fair housing today remains just as elusive as it was in 1968.

A year-long analysis of 31 million records by the Center for Investigative Reporting found that:

-The homeownership gap between Blacks and Whites is now wider than it was during the Jim Crow era. Another independent research report by the Economic Policy Institute found that the differ-

ence in Black homeownership between 1968 and 2018 is virtually the same - 41.1 percent (1968) compared to 41.2 percent (2018);

-In 61 metro areas across the country, Blacks were 2.7 times more likely than Whites to be denied a conventional mortgage loan;

-As the number of non-bank mortgage lenders rise, these businesses are not required to adhere to the Community Reinvestment Act that requires lending to low-income borrowers and in blighted areas.

Each year, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) releases an analysis of the annual Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the most comprehensive mortgage lending report, and the only one that includes data on lending by race and ethnicity. CRL's most recent analysis found that in

2016, conventional mortgage lenders continue to serve white and wealthier borrowers. Despite broad support for large banks following the most recent housing crisis, Blacks, Latinos, and other borrowers of color are mostly accessing government-insured mortgage programs such as FHA or VA. Even upper income Blacks are overrepresented in FHA.

In plain English, that means fewer banks are offer mortgage loans to average Americans and talks about the future of mortgage lending fail to provide for greater access. Once again, the same communities that suffered the worst losses during the Great Recession remain at a financial disadvantage. Homeownership is still a solid wealth building block. As home values appreciate, financial gains are achieved. But for those shut out of these opportunities, the chance to safely build family wealth is denied.

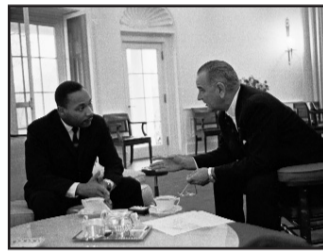
Further, a recent report by CRL and the National Urban League analyzing a proposed draft of legislation from Senators Bob Corker (TN)

and Mark Warner (VA) to reform the nation's housing finance system found it will harm access to affordable mortgage loans and the overall housing market. The proposal removes key affordability mechanism such as the broad duty to serve, including affordable housing goals. It also weakens fair lending enforcement under the Fair Housing Act by inserting business judgment protection for guarantors' decisions on access - despite the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that such claims are permissible under the Fair Housing Act.

Just as President Johnson stated 50 years ago, "We have come some of the way, not near all of it. There is much yet to do."

Despite the passage of a half century, our journey towards fair housing remains unfinished.

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Brunswick County

The Brunswick County Democratic Party will hold a Democratic Candidates Rally on Wednesday, April 4th at St. James Community Center, 4136 Southport-Supply Road, Southport, NC at 6:30 p.m. - Refreshments and from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Meeting/Q&A. Candidates for local, state and US Congressional offices will be answering questions about issues that are important to you and your family. For more information, see www.brunswickdem.org

Community Briefs

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Blacks came to Bolivia, NC

This was during the first half of the 19th century. Freed Blacks had increasing difficulties to survive. They had very little or no education and very little or no money at all. Their knowledge of freedom was the basic understanding of being free and independent.



Verniece Stanley

Slaves on the plantations were suffering. They were still working in the fields from sunrise to sunset. They were allowed to stop long enough to eat and take a short rest. Men, women and children used mules and other animals to cultivate the soil for cotton or other plants. Other arrangements were made on days of heavy rain, etc.

Cotton was a big source of income for the plantation owners, but picking it was hard work. It would take all day to pick a bag of cotton.

Hoes were used by hand to stop weeds from growing around the plants. If one made a mistake and cut the plants down instead of the grass around the plants, he or she would be severely punished.

A man named Lewis Wilson in Greenville stole a cow from the master's plantation which could have been used as food to feed a group of free slaves. The slaves needed food, water and a place to rest and sleep in the dense forest. Some of the senior citizens believed he received help from the Indians, who were great at offering help with directions. Indians had more knowledge in what they were trying to accomplish.

Lewis Wilson, in search of a safe free place, found land for sale in Bolivia, NC. The land was 20 cents a lot or 50 cents for two acres. He managed to get a letter to the free slaves in Greenville. It was great excitement to understand the letter, and they made preparations to leave at night.

There were seven sisters

traveling with the group. Their last names were given to Lewis as Wilson, Reaves, Randolph, Johnson, Evans, Fullwood and Smith. They were free and looking forward to a better future. With mules and wagons, stolen from their master's plantation, they had to travel at night in such a way as to leave no trails for others to find them. They would look for what was needed to find freedom.

Children who ran away from parents were in this group. One of the sisters gave birth to a baby while stopping to rest. Again the distance wasn't considered impossible because there was food and shelters to rest and care for the animals and keep animals in the best of health.

We understand there a willing mind to accept what they had and make it work to meet all their needs. They came here and proved how bold and aggressive human beings can be with little or no outside assistance.

They found the place called Bolivia. They could sing

songs of glory. This is our land this is our country. We have helped make America what it is today. In times like these, we must show more love and respect for today's society. There is a great amount of love waiting to be put to great use. Don't let the color of your skin keep you away from the greater blessings of life.

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.

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INQUIRIES... What Lenders really looking for

Many believe that if their credit is good they shouldn't have any problem obtaining a home loan. Well, good credit is very important but it only accounts for about 30% of what lenders look for in the loan approval consideration. There are several other factors in the other 70% for the overall checklist. This week, let's talk about one of them, INQUIRIES. Unlike other creditors, Mortgage



Brenda Dixon

lenders use a strict calculation of your Income vs. Your bills to determine how much of a mortgage you could comfortably pay each month. That calculation is called Debt/Ratio. We will talk about that more in next article, but it's important to mention now so you will see why multiple inquiries are negatively looked upon. When the lender pulls your credit, they will not only be looking for the credit score, they will also be looking to see if you had any recent inquiries. The inquiries come from other places of business pulling your credit for consideration of giving you a loan or line of credit to obtain goods and

services. Multiple pulls on your credit tell the lender that, "Oh more new debt may be on the way". That is a BIG red flag to the mortgage lender because after all you are there for them to consider giving you a loan for the biggest purchase in your life and they are very cautious about borrowers over-extending themselves with debt.

Mortgage lenders live by the philosophy that if the borrower already has this XXX amount of debt, and they are actively looking to get into more debt, then someone might come up short from being paid one month, and it will not be us, LOL. So, then here comes

the questions as to why ABC auto pulled your credit, and XYZ department store, or EFG credit card, etc. You will be asked if you got approved for this new debt, and even if you say No, then an explanation letter will be asked for and depending on how you respond, it may or may not work in your favor. Therefore, if you plan to start the homebuying process in the next 12 months or less, do not let anyone pull your credit unless it is absolutely necessary. When you get to the checkout and they say you can get an extra 25% off your purchase by applying for our store card, say "NO

THANKS". Car dealerships are the worst with inquiries. They will send your application to multiple places and before you know it you have 5+ inquiries. If your car is on its last leg but still gets you to point A to B, keep pucker, pocking your way until you finalize the home purchase. Lastly, also be mindful that every inquiry on your credit DROPS your credit scores. Your good credit can quickly turn to challenge the more you allow businesses to pull it. Be smart with that credit... Until next week.

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2018 EVENTS

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STREET FAIR PRESENTED BY WELLS FARGO - FREE
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Enjoy the sights, sounds, and mouth-watering smells of the 2018 Street Fair along the Cape Fear River in historic downtown Wilmington.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12



BILLY CURRINGTON WITH DRAKE WHITE AND THE BIG FIRE AND KENTON BRYANT
The Main Stage | 7:00 PM
Billy Currington's latest album bears the breezy title Summer Forever, but the talented Georgia native has spent more than a decade in the spotlight proving he's truly a man for all seasons.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13



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SATURDAY, APRIL 14



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Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presents 68th Annual Jabberwock

EDITORS NOTE: THIS IS A REPRINT FROM THE MARCH 22, 2018 EDITION. THE TITLE FOR MISS JABBERWOCK WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OFF OF THE PHOTO OF AHMANI MAPSON

BY JOYCE PARKER-HEWETT, PH.D.
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The Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will present the 68th Annual Jabberwock at Snipes Academy of Arts and Design on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 7 p.m. Featured in the pageant are the queens, contestants, and young gentlemen as Jabberwock presents "Enchanted Elegance: The Magic of Diamonds and Pearls."

Mackenzie Nelson, a young talented dancer will play the title of Jabberwock; the mystical character from Alice in Wonderland from which the pageant name is derived. The guest vocalist, Malik Shaw will serenade the queens and her court; and Sydney Watkins is a featured guest artist. The funds from Jabberwock is used to give scholarships to high school seniors from Brunswick, New



**MISS JABBERWOCK
AHMANI MAPSON
PARENTS:
WALTER MAPSON, JR.
AND KAYLA STACKHOUSE**

Hanover, and Pender counties. The funds also aid the Wilmington Alumnae to support the Five-Point Thrust of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and community activities and projects.

Highlights of the pageant include the crowning of Little Miss Jabberwock, Madelyn Purdie; Samantha Johnson, Jabberwock Prin-cess; and Miss Jabberwock, Ahmani Mapson.

The public is invited to attend.

Davis Funeral Home honors students of the month at D.C. Virgo



D.C. VIRGO JANUARY STUDENTS



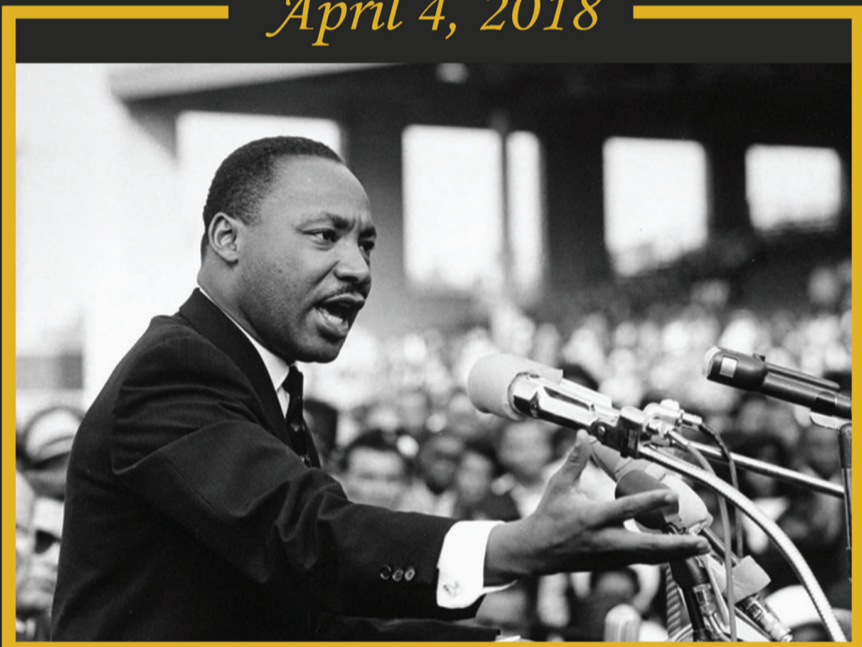
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April 4, 2018



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Doors Open: 5:30 | Program Begins: 6:30

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"Trusting in and Standing on God's Word"

April 5th - 8th



Rev. Diane Conley
McElraith Chapel AME Church
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April 5th & 6th @ 6 p.m.



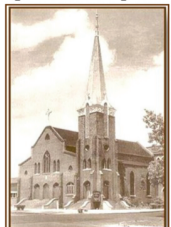
Reverend Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller
Women's Day Speaker
April 8th—10 a.m. Worship Service



Rev. Jermaine Armour
St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church
Wilmington, N.C.
April 6th @ 7 p.m.



UNC-W Gospel Choir / April 6th @ 7 p.m.



Reverend Thomas O. Nixon, Senior Pastor

Sister Lillie Shrewsbury, Chairperson / Sister Magdalene D. Johnson, Co-Chair

"So shall My word be that goes from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it..." Isaiah 55:11

Wilmington Ten Foundation seeks applicants

The Wilmington Ten Foundation for Social Justice, Inc. is seeking high school seniors for the Dolores F. Moore Scholarship.

Applications are now being accepted from high school seniors who currently reside in the Cape Fear Area Region. Applicants must be planning to enroll in a four year degree program by fall semester of 2018. The application deadline is

April 27, 2018.

The Dolores F. Moore Scholarship was founded in 2014. Mrs. Moore was a lifelong educator and civil rights leader. She was best known for her dedication to education, her efforts to free The Wilmington Ten, and her outstanding leadership of her local branch of the NAACP. She spent much of her life advocating for quality education for Blacks, and other underserved students.

For more information about us, the scholarship, and to complete an application; please visit our website at www.wilmtenfoundation.org. You may also contact us @ wilmingtontenfoundation@gmail.com.

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Dr. Beatrice Sharpless Moore

Beatrice Sharpless entered this world on April 18, 1921. She was the youngest of 11 children born to Paul James and Florence Rebecca Sharpless. She remains the last of all the siblings. She spent her childhood growing up in Wilmington, NC, and was fortunate enough to attend Knoxville College in Tennessee. She received her B.A. degree in education in 1942.

It was there where she also met her soon to be husband, Samuel E Moore Jr. In 1944, Beatrice received her Master's degree at the University of Illinois.

Bea, as she is affectionately called by everyone she knew, and her husband Sam moved to Philadelphia, Pa. It was there where they had their first born son Samuel E Moore III in 1946.

She had her second son Terence born in 1954 and in 1958 her daughter Monica was born.

Bea developed a passion for teaching young minds at an early age and started her storied teaching career at Shoemaker Jr High School.

From Shoemaker, she taught at Lincoln High School and Gratz High school where she was also English department head. From Gratz, she then taught at Northeast High school where again she also held the position of English department head. After Northeast, she spent 16 years teaching at Saint Joseph's University as an adjunct professor. She developed a scholarship fund in her name for minority students and today an endowment currently exists in her name. She also did a summer missionary trip to Israel to teach young students.

As much as she enjoyed teaching, her passion for traveling was unparalleled. Whether it was with her family, or friends her travels have taken her to Egypt, Africa, China, South America, Japan, Europe, Spain, Greece and other exotic locales. Many of her St Joe's student would anxiously wait to hear of her travel ventures both nationally and abroad.

Beatrice always wanted to give back to those less fortunate and she always thought to share her experience with others. Some of her memberships included: National Council for Teachers of English, National Council for Accreditation of Teachers, Delaware Valley Writing Council, Modern Language Association, Societas Docta, Inc., Phi Delta Kappa and Twigs

As a devoted member of vari-

ous church groups through the years, Bea has been a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, St Paul's Episcopal Church and St Luke's Church where she served on numerous guilds at all three. As an avid art lover, Bea loved opera, museums, theater, plays, music etc. She was a donor to the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia Art Museum Philadelphia Orchestra, and Constitution Center.

For those who knew Bea well, one of her most notable characteristics was she could absolutely "dress to the nines"

On Thursday, March 22, 2018, God called Beatrice home. She is survived by her children: Samuel, Terence and Monica and her 3 grandchildren: Brandon, Briana and Angelica.

We will all miss her humor, her smile, her cooking, her mentoring, her love.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Viewing: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5421 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144. Interment will follow in the Ivy Hill Cemetery. *Bruce R. Hawkins Funeral Home.*

Ms. Alice Marie Hensley Johnson

Alice Marie Hensley Johnson departed this life for her eternal resting home on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:35p.m. She was born on July 7, 1935 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Lesmon and Margaret McCall Hensley.

She grew up in the Masonboro Sound Community of Wilmington, N.C. and attended the public schools of New Hanover County. She was a graduate of Williston High School in Wilmington after which she attended the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College in Norfolk, Virginia. She was united in Holy matrimony to the late Lee Roy Johnson on October 8, 1961 and from this union three children were born.

She became a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Masonboro Sound at an early age and later a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Rocky Point, N.C. After moving to California, she later became a member of Living Stone Cathedral of Worship, Little Rock, CA.

She was a devoted and faithful wife to her deceased husband and a very devoted, generous, caring and loving mother and grandmother. She was a loving and kind person to her many relatives and friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Tracee Washington of Palmdale, CA, two sons, Terry Johnson of Corona, CA and Darryn Johnson of Leland, N.C. Four grandchildren; Alanna Washington of Palmdale, Donovan Johnson of Corona, CA, Christopher Johnson of Puerto Rico and Joshua Johnson of Leland, N.C. One sister; Mrs. Ernestine Durr of Chicago, IL, One daughter-in-law; Deborah Johnson of Corona, CA. Sisters-in-law; Ms. Brenda McNeil of Vallejo, CA, Mrs. Serena Hansley of Norfolk, VA, and Mrs. Elnora Hansley of

Wilmington, NC. Several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mr. Charles David Howard

Charles David Howard was born to Duncan McKeever and Belle McCormick on February 10, 1931. He entered into eternal rest on March 20, 2018 at North Chase Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Narva Howard, a sister Ms. Mattie King and a brother in law Thomas Watson.

Charles was the youngest of three children. He was united in marriage to Mrs. Narva Howard for 45 years. He worked at the Elks Lodge on Oleander Drive for 25 years before retiring.

Charles leaves to cherish his memory four daughters, Debra Watson and Tonya Sprauve of Wilmington, NC; Betty Harrison (James) of Fayetteville, NC and Shelia Martinez (Alex) of Durham, NC; his only son Charles S. Howard (Mary) of Wilmington, NC; one sister Martha of Texas; sister-in-law Katie Moore (Alton), two brothers-in-law Edward Watson (Cheryl) of Silver Spring, MD; and Dannie King of Spring Lake, NC; one niece Bettye Davis of Spring Lake, NC; seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, nieces, nephews relatives and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Retha L. Williams

Retha L. Williams, age 91, of Leland, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2018.

Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ms. Williams' life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 2018 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Interment will follow in the Grainger 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.*

Felicia R. Parker

Felicia R. Parker, age 42 of Jacksonville, NC, passed away Thursday, March 15, 2018. A memorial will be held at a later date. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com. *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.*

Virginia McMillan

Virginia McMillan died Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Funeral services were held 5:30 PM on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr Memorial Chapel.

On March 9, 1959 Virginia was born to the late Wilhelmina McMillan Gore and Thomas Porter Denkins, Sr. She attended New Hanover High School. For several years she worked at Surg Care as a laundry attendant and also cleaned houses on Wrightsville Sound.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, LaKeesha Haywood Glover (Richard) of Ellenwood, GA and Kersha Haywood Smith (Rodney) of Goldsboro, NC; two sons, Donald Haywood (Cynthia) of Goldsboro, NC and Timothy McMillan of Wilmington, NC; 16 grandchildren; two great-grands, sisters, Felbie Butler (Windell), Myra Burnett (Ronnie), Sabrina Staggers, Ginger Lee (David), Laura Denkins, all of Wilmington, NC; stepsister, Kecia Sketers of Wilmington, NC; brothers, Robert Gore (Yvette) and Joseph McMillan all of Wilmington, NC, Thomas Porter Denkins, Jr. of Winnabow, NC and Talib Shareef (Tahirah) of Washington, DC; aunts, Deloris McMillan of Whiteville, NC, Mae Bell McMillan of Wilmington, NC; great-aunt, Hannah Wilson of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Donnie Lee McMillan of Tabor City, NC and Nathaniel Denkins of Fuquay Varina, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends including special godmother, Joyce Everett of Wrightsville Sound and the Wilson and Goodman Families. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Shirley Smokes

Shirley Smokes died March 25, 2018. Funeral services will

be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Light of the World Missionary Baptist Church; 340 Covil Avenue. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Zezel Balloon

Zezel Balloon died March 25, 2018. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Zezel Balloon, one of the few remaining original Sea Breeze Community residents, departed this life on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at the age of 85. She leaves behind many memories. Zezel, born March 2, 1934 was the middle child of the late Roxie Fillyah Davis and Lloyd Davis and the sister of the late Elizabeth Knox formerly of Philadelphia, PA and James Edward Davis formerly of the Sea Breeze Community. Zezel was married to the late Irvin Leon Balloon "Scrap". She was the mother of nine children and will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her. In addition to her parents and her husband, Zezel was preceded in death by two children, Judith Balloon "Kaye" and Irvin Balloon, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her children, Willie "Avon", Griffen Cathey Morris, Juliet "Faye" Jacobs, Marion "Mattie" Balloon, Darin "Scrip" Balloon and David "Dunkin" Balloon; 16 grandchildren; multiple great-grandchildren; 17 nieces and nephews, including three special nieces, Lavonya Davis, Janetia Davis and Rodena Davis; one brother-in-law, Horace Jones; two sisters-in-law, Lillian Tate and Lois Blackage; many other family members and friends of the Sea Breeze Community. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Robert Boyd

Robert Boyd died March 26, 2018. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr.

Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



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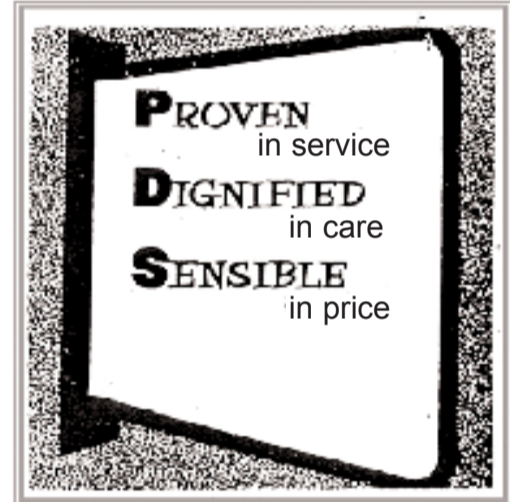
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Connie Drain Green
Funeral Director

New Hanover County

Church Women United will hold their Spring Forum on Friday, April 6, 2018. Coffee and sign in starts at 9:30 a.m. and the forum begins at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at Winter Park Presbyterian Church, 4501 Wrightsville Ave. The guest speaker will be Maria Age, Housing Counselor of Cape Fear Regional Community Development Corporation. If you are someone you know is having mortgage issues this is a forum you do not want to miss. Contact Angel Dualeh at 910-833-0167 for more information.

Religious Briefs

St. Andrew AME Zion Church, 1201 South 9th St., will sponsoring Hands-On CPR class on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.. The class will be taught by NHRMC EMT. The class is free.

St. Mark Episcopal Church, 600 Grace St., will hold their Holy Week Services as follows: Palm Sunday/Processional on Sunday, March 25th at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 28th at 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross; Thursday, March 29th at 6:00 p.m. Maunday; Friday, March 30th at 12:00 p.m. Good Friday; Saturday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil and Sunday, April 1st at 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer/Communion and at 11:00 a.m. Easter Eucharist.

St. Phillip AMEZ Church will hold their 2nd Annual Missionary Prayer Breakfast on Saturday April 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. A full breakfast will be served. Theme: "Missionaries...Keeping the Unity of the Spirit Together"! Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-21. The special guest speaker will be Apostle Cynthia Powell, of Valour Ministries of Grace, Inc. Wilmington, N.C. For more information for support and donations, please contact our Local President Sister Tonya Spraupe at 910-538- 5543 or 910-540-4406.

Brunswick County

Blackwell Chapel AME Zion Church and Moores Chapel will present The Crucifixion on Sunday, April 1st at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 237 Snowfield Rd. Se, Leland will observe their annual 100 Men in Black "Equipping the men of God to rise Up" musical program on Sunday, April 8th at 3:30 p.m. For more information you may contact Pamela Stanley at 910-231-3170.

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

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Saturdays

Table with dates and times: April 14th 11:30- 1:30, May 12th 11:30- 1:30, June 16th 11:30- 1:30, July 14th 11:30- 1:30, August 11th 11:30- 1:30, September 15th 12:00 - 1:30, October 13th 12:00- 1:30

Contact Margie Armstrong at 910-675-9260 or Bernadine Fulton at 910-264-8818 for futher information

ON-TIME MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED 2018 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GOSPEL MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA!! Includes contact info, date (April 7, 2018), location (1415 South 17th Street), and ticket information.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Women of God

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Oh, what a beautiful morning! Oh, what a beautiful day, a day on which the chill was in the air. God knows what we need. Our meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Mr. George Hill and the choir came forth and sang "Near the Cross." Prayer was led by Minister Doris McQuillan. Next, we sang "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Minister Doris McQuillan thanked everyone for all that was done for her during her illness. Our speaker today was Mrs. Michelle Brooks. She said,

"This is the day the Lord has made, and we should be glad and rejoice in it." March is National Women's Month. There have been many great women and those in the Bible are most inspiring to us today. Mary, the mother of Jesus, gave us the greatest gift there ever was, her Son, Jesus, who brought us salvation. She is the most honored woman of all time. Michelle Obama is our 1st Black First Lady. I Peter 2:9 says, "You are a chosen people, ... God's special possession." We all need the help of God to help us along our way. We need to recognize the good in everyone. Let love embrace us as we go about our day. The lives we touch will

always be a part of us. We need to find time each day to show love. What we lack now can be our strength in the future. We need to find love. McDonald's flipped their arch in honor of Women. You don't need to make a stand for yourself. God will stand for you. Mrs. Michelle Brooks was thanked for such a great message. We had expressions from the group which were encouraging. Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone for their participation so far for today. We had one visitor, Ms. Sheryl Jones. Roll call was done, and trip money was collected. Our minutes were read by Ms. Mildred Ellerby. The minutes were approved. Callers'

report was a tie between Mrs. Mary Martin and Mrs. Gladys Taylor. We then had announcements, and the sick report was given by Ms. Annie Haskins. Our time to laugh was done by Mrs. Mary Martin and we did. We had a reading by Minister Sharon Pollack. She said we need to see the beauty God has given us. We need to enjoy and embrace each other. Mrs. Julia Bibbs talked about the students' "March for Our Lives" this past weekend. Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together." Prayer was led by Minister Doris McQuillan. There were 44 present today.

TELL SOMEBODY

"I Am The Resurrection"

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:" John 11:25

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:



Sylvia Hooper

And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Corinthians 15:12-22

But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you." Mark 16: 1-7 "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 9-14 "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was

received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16: 19-20 Tell Somebody Happy Resurrection Day! Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

The Scarlet Elect No. 21, P.H.A.

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Washington, Brenda Williams and Brother Alphonso Robinson.

Who said "dreams" don't come true? I beg to differ with this assumption! With prayer and supplication and asking God to guide you, it can happen!

The creation of a Heroines of Jericho Court, in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina was a long-time dream of Sister Geraldine Armstrong. After gathering the required criteria from the Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho of the State of North Carolina, this dream began to materialize. It is also the intention of Sister Armstrong (providing God allows), to bring the "Purple and Black " female counter-part to Wilmington. The Heroines of Jericho is an androgynous degree conferred in America on Royal Arch Masons, their wives, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters. It is intended to instruct its' female recipient in the high and noble principles inculcated in the degrees, which will appeal to the better instincts of the human mind and to make known to them, the claims, which they have upon the protection of their husbands, fathers and companions, to communicate to them-"an effectual method of proving those claims". After several months of preparation, on Wednesday, January 1, 2014, the following members of the various Order of the Eastern Star Chapters, Prince Hall Affiliated (requirement, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star), met at the home of Sister Armstrong to begin fruition of the "dream". Those present were Sisters Geraldine Armstrong, Eva Battle, Evelyn Bryant, Dorene Crumpler, Carolyn Hedgepath, Barbara Lewis, Karen McIntyre, Linda Moore, Johnnie Mae Pridgen, Sherma Svitzer, Carolyn

The above mentioned are chartered members, as well as, Sisters Teresa Batts, Joni Callahan Tora Jacobs, Nadine Jordan, Teresa Keaton, Pamela Simpson, Marsha Williams and Brother Wayne Perkins. On a very hot day, August 9, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., The Scarlet Elect #21, was created with Heroine Denise King, Grand Most Ancient Matron, presiding. The creation was held at Habib Temple #159, 602 Orange Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. After which, a delicious repast was enjoyed, along with a fantastic fellowship.

The Scarlet Elect No. 21, received its' "charter" on February 13, 2015 at the "2015 York Rite Convention, Prince Hall Affiliated, held at the Raleigh Hilton, in Raleigh, North Carolina, under the leadership of Heroine Gloria Jean Smith, Grand Most Ancient Matron; Companion Henry Tindall, Most Worthy Joshua; Heroine Josephine H. Jones, Grand Secretary and the Honorable Milton F. Fitch, Jr., Grand Most Worshipful Master, Prince Hall Affiliated of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina. The objectives and goals of The Scarlet Elect Court #21 are to preserve the ritualistic excellence and awareness of subordinate courts, which constitutes the Grand Court of Heroines and to maintain a dutiful relationship between the Heroines of Jericho and the Royal Arch Masons. We look to recruit Christian minded women, who believe in "sisterhood" and are looking for an organization that prides itself of charitable benefits and giving back to the community by helping those in need or distress (The Good Shepard, The Link, etc.) Future plans includes donating a scholarship to high to school graduates, who are continuing their education of



HEROINE DORENE CRUMPLER

higher learning. The present officers are Heroine Dorene Crumpler (Most Ancient Matron), Companion James Reed (Most Worthy Joshua), Karen McIntyre (Vice Matron), Alphonso Robinson, (Vice Joshua), Carolyn Washington (Senior Matron), Pamela Simpson (Sr. Attendant), Johnnie Mae Pridgen (Jr. Attendant), Edna Ennis (Secretary), Eva Battle (Treasurer), Mamie Davis (Ark Bearer 1), Nadine Jordan (Ark Bearer 2), Gloria Keys (Ark Bearer 3), Wyoma Moses (Ark Bearer 4), Dornell Register (Inner Gate Keeper), Teresa Keaton (Outer Gate Keeper), Carolyn Hedgepath (Court Director 1), Tora Jacobs (Court Director 2), Teresa Batts (Court Director 3), Joni Callahan (Chaplain). Companions: Reginald Hagans, Darius Walker and James Parker. The Scarlett Elect #21 held its annual election for new

officers on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Grand South-Eastern Regional Deputy Eddie Jones and Grand Chaplain Doretha Kent of A. S. Swinson Court #17 of Goldsboro, North Carolina were in attendance for this election. The Scarlet Elect #21 will be having its Third Annual "Red and White Banquet" on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE, located at 1415 South 17th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. DONATION: \$20.00. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! Special thanks and appreciation, to you the public for the continued support and success in making it possible to The Scarlet Elect #21 to give charitable contributions in the community; possibly also, the addition of a scholarship to be given in 2018. We cannot do it without your support! A HELPING HAND CAN LIGHTEN ANOTHER'S BURDEN.

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

The undersigned, William L. Bennett, Jr., having qualified on the 8th day of March, 2018, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **William L. Bennett, Sr. (18-E-304)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at Graves May PLLC, c/o Attorney Rick Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, on or before the **21st day of June, 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 please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This the 9th day of March, 2018

William L., Bennett, Jr., Personal Representative
Estate of William Bennett, Sr.
Rick Graves
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 22, 29 April 5, 12, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Frances A. Hicks**, 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 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 15th day of March, 2018

Charles N. Hicks, Jr., Executor
3429 Chalmers Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28409

March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 16 JT 338**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
M.M.A.M. (DOB: 12/02/2016)**
TO: RESPONDENT - FATHER: JAMES DESHEA SHEFTALL

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 female child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, March 29, 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.

Respondent-Father, James DeShea Sheftall, has been assigned Attorney Shawn Evans. Attorney Evans may be contacted at (910) 251-6088, 611 Princess St, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 14, 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 29th 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 29, April 5, 12, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

**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
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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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
Before The Clerk of Superior Court
FILE NO.: 17 E 1495
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY M. EVANS, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of **Jerry M. Evans**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Gloria McClammy, Administrator, at the address set out to below no later than ninety (90) days from the first publication date of this Notice. This Notice may be pleaded as bar of any payment or recovery of same which is not given prior to the **7th day of June, 2018**. All person indebted to the decedent will please make them to the undersigned at either addresses set out below.

This the 8th day of March, 2018

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.
2803 Market Street
P.O. Box 696
Wilmington, NC 28402

March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Joyce Stout (18-E-363)**, 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 **June 30, 2018** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of March, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox, Executrix of the Estate of Joyce Stout
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Wilmington, NC 28401
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March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2018

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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
217 Royal Oak Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28409

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JA 214, 16 JA 81**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
E.D.D. (dob: 18 October 2008)**
A.M. (dob: 15 June 2002)

TO: RESPONDENT - FATHER OF E.D.D., ELISEO DURAN CASTILLO PUTATIVE-FATHER OF A.M., JORGE RAMIREZ and ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF A.M.

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 E.D.D. and A.M.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, March 22, 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.

Mr. Castillo has been assigned Attorney Kristen K. Callihan. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 763-6545, 317 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, NC.

Mr. Ramirez has been assigned Attorney Mark Ihnat. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 632-0635, 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC.

THIS THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH, 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
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March 22, 29, April 5, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON,
NORTH CAROLINA
RE- BID COPIER & PRINTER SERVICES
AUTHORITY-WIDE**

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

- Proposal Deadline: Monday, April 23, 2018 at 12:00 noon.
- Download packets: www.wha.net beginning Monday, April 2, 2018 and can be picked up at the address mentioned above between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- Questions: E-mail to Ms. Chauntrell Burns, cburns@wha.net no later than 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 16th.

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March 29, April 5, 2018

**INVITATION FOR BIDS SOLICITATION NO.: RFY17.12
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
SECURITY SERVICES AT SOLOMON TOWERS BUILDING**

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

- Pre Bid Conference and Site Tour will be held: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the Central Office.
- Bid Opening: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
- Specifications/Plans will be available for pickup beginning Tuesday, March 27 at the Central Office.
- Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or
- Download Project Manual from our WHA website at www.wha.net
- Questions; E-mail to Ms. Chauntrell Burns no later than Monday, April 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to cburns@wha.net

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

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