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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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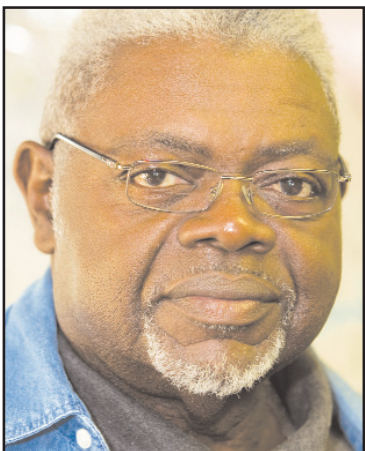
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FATHER'S DAY

BY BERNEST HEWETT

We are rapidly approaching Father's Day in Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, New Hanover, Roberson, and Pender counties. As Father's Day is set aside that we might give respect to all the fathers who

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GOP ATTEMPTS VOTER ID BILL

The truth behind the new GOP voter ID proposal

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

According to NC House Majority Whip Jon Hardister (R-District 29 - Guilford), "North Carolina is one of 18 states that doesn't have any form of identification requirements at the polls. In fact, all of our surrounding states require voter ID at the polls."

Rep. Hardister, the only North Carolina Republican to respond to a request for comment for this story, continued, "The purpose of voter ID is simply to protect the integrity of our elections process. Many people in North Carolina disagreed with the court ruling that struck down our voter ID laws. In other states that have passed voter ID, such as Georgia, voter participation among minori-

ties has increased steadily. Remember that our law allowed several types of ID to suffice, and if a person did not have a valid form of ID, they could obtain one for free. In the event that someone went to the polls and forgot their ID, they could still vote by completing and signing a provision ballot."

Hardister, the new voter ID bill's co-sponsor, concluded, "In this case, we are offering a constitutional amendment to the voters so the people can decide directly whether or not they want voter ID requirements at the polls. I am confident that this referendum will pass by a strong margin on the ballot in North Carolina."

It should be no surprise that there are many who successfully fought the unconstitution-

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KEPT HIS WORD



DYNZCIL RHODES-DAVIS HOLDS WITH PRIDE THE ROGER BACON ACADEMY AWARD.

Local student wins prestigious award

Dyncil Rhodes-Davis, a fifth-grade student at Douglass Academy, receives the prestigious Roger Bacon Academy Award. The Award rewards students who show that they have kept their word when they pledge every day to keep themselves healthy in body, mind and spirit; to be truthful in all their works, to be virtuous in all their deeds; to be obedient and loyal to those in authority so long as they shall live.

Located in downtown Wilmington at 6th and Red Cross streets, Douglass Academy is in its fifth year as a school of choice having a 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 greater Wilmington community.

Douglass Academy is one of four public charter schools managed by The Roger Bacon Academy, Inc. The schools include Charter Day School in Leland, Columbus Charter School in Whiteville, and South Brunswick Charter School in Southport. Douglass Academy is a tuition-free, public charter school that welcomes all students, regardless of income, ability, or address, and provides free transportation and meal services. To learn more or enroll online, please visit www.douglassacademy.net.

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Black lawmakers, Rev. Barber react to new voter ID attempt

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Black Democratic lawmakers in the State House are on one page when it comes to warning all about the newest attempt by Republican legislative leaders to put voter photo ID back on North Carolina law books, except this time, they want the public to approve it by referendum so that they can come back later and write the new law as they see fit.

"This is the same discriminatory law that was previously struck down by the courts,"

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TITUS ADELEKE

Meet UNCW Assistant Dean of Students

*Titus Adeleke encourages students
to turn mistakes into opportunities*

BY TRICIA VANCE
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An unfortunate lapse in judgment often precedes a visit to UNCW Assistant Dean of Students Titus Adeleke '11, who encourages students to turn their mistakes into an opportunity for self-improvement.

"Mistakes help you become a better version of yourself," he said. "You can't let failure prevent you from reaching your goals. That's part of the process."

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"JAZZ WITH A HIGHER PURPOSE" Ocean City Jazz Festival returns

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As July approaches, the Ocean City Community at North Topsail Beach is buzzing with anticipation about its ninth annual Ocean City Jazz Festival (OCJF). The community's non-profit organization, the Ocean City Beach Citizens Council, is preparing for another great Jazz Festival whose theme is "Jazz with a Higher Purpose". That purpose is

deeply rooted in the history of the community and the mission of the festival.

The community founded in 1949, is one of North Carolina's first African American coastal communities. The festival is the community's signature event and proceeds are used for preservation of the historic Ocean City Community, promotion of the history of the Ocean City community and its significance to the state, foster music education by

underwriting jazz workshops and mentoring programs for local students, and providing a great experience with local and national musicians.

The festival will be held July 7-8, 2018 (show starts at 5 :00 p.m. daily) and will start with a kickoff party sponsored by Shoe Crazy Wine on Friday, July 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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have impacted the lives of
others, it is better if the
impact has been positive.
However, some has been neg-
ative and the negative should
be lessons for improvement. I
had a real Father who passed
when I was fifteen, but he
taught me and my brothers
and sister well about life and
how to live in a world with a
positive outlook on life, no
matter what life gives you. I
then had a father figure when
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job and as a leader of people,
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shape my way in doing the

Supreme Court rules Ohio voter purges are legal

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE
EDNEY NEWS WIRE
FROM
NORTHSTARNEWS TODAY.COM

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE

In a 5-4 decision on Monday,
the U.S. Supreme Court ruled
that Ohio can resume its purge
of infrequent voters from its
rolls. The decision is expected
to have a devastating effect on
the state's black voters and it
could get even worse when the
ruling is adopted by other states
with midterm elections on the
horizon.

Since 2011, Ohio, a bell-
wether state, has purged more
than 2 million voters, a greater
number than any other state,
and black voters are two times
more likely than whites to be
kicked off voter rolls in the
state's largest counties, reports
the NAACP Legal Defense and
Educational Fund, which filed
an amicus brief with the
Leadership Conference on Civil
Rights & Human Rights and
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe,
a San Francisco-based law firm.

The NAACP Legal Defense
Fund blasted the ruling.
"Today's decision is an insult to
our democracy," said Samuel
Spital, LDF's director of litiga-
tion. "Federal law makes clear
that no voter should be purged
from the state's voter rolls
unless there is reliable evidence
that the voter has moved or is
otherwise ineligible to vote."

Spital was referring to the
National Voter Registration Act
of (NVRA) and the Help
America Vote Act of 2002
(HAVA), enacted to prohibit
state and local governments
from voting rolls based solely
on the fact that a person has not
voted.

Under Ohio's "Supplemental
Process" the state mails a notice
to individuals who haven't
voted in two years. If the person
does not steps to confirm his or
her vote status and has not
voted in four years, the state
removes the person from the
voter rolls, according to LDF.

It is not known how many
people just throw the mailings
into the garbage or don't open
their mail.
Ohio's Supplemental Process
is not a reasonable measure to
maintain accurate voting rolls
by identifying and removing
ineligible voters, The League of
Women Voters of Ohio wrote in
an amicus brief. Only five out-
lier states remove voters from
the rolls for not voting, but none
are aggressive as Ohio, The
League said in its filing. The
other states are: Oklahoma,
Georgia, Oregon, Pennsylvania

right thing by my fellowman.
I ask you today to let's raise
some more young men to
grow up to be fathers of
stature and not just be "baby
getters." We must become
strong leaders and followers!
The color of one's skin does-
n't make one a leader! How
one stands in society doesn't
make one a leader! That
which is right and just will
keep us all our lives.

A father is not always the
one who is biologically
responsible for our being
here, but he may be the one
who teaches us that which is
right and just and fair! He
then loves us so much that we
understand why he is teach-
ing us these things.

A father's greatest hope is
to see his children succeed in
life, no matter what he or she
sets out to accomplish.

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

and West Virginia.

The Court's decision came in
Husted v A. Phillip Randolph
Institute, which reversed a de-
cision by the Sixth Court of
Appeals. The court ruled that
the law violated the Failure-to-
Vote Clause-the clause that gen-
erally prohibits States from
removing people from the rolls
"by reason of [a] person's failure
to vote." The case was filed by a
voter who lived at the same
address 16 years and was
removed from Ohio's voter rolls.

Republican Ohio Secretary
of State Jon Husted argued the
purge of infrequent voters
helps to clean up voter rolls.
Ohio's policy, with the blessing
of the U.S. Supreme Court, now
can be used as a model by other
states, Husted said.

The Leadership Conference
on Civil Rights said the ruling
could disenfranchise millions
of voters across the country.

Supreme Court Justice
Samuel Alito, writing for the
Court's Conservative majority,
said the Court was not deciding
whether Ohio's policy "is the
ideal method for keeping its vot-
ing rolls up to date. The only
question before us is whether it
violates federal law. It does not."
Associate Justice Clarence



The decision is expected to have a devastating effect on the state's black voters and it could get even worse when the ruling is adopted by other states with midterm elections on the horizon.

Thomas filed a concurring
opinion.

Justice Stephen Breyer filed
a dissenting opinion, in which
Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg,
Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena
Kagan joined. Justice
Sotomayor filed a dissenting
opinion, according to
SCOTUSblog Coverage.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor
said the ruling ignores the his-
tory of voter suppression

which was why the NVRA was
enacted.

"Congress enacted the NVRA
against the backdrop of sub-
stantial efforts by states to dis-
enfranchise low-income and
minority voters, including pro-
grams that purged eligible vot-
ers from registration lists
because they failed to vote in
prior elections, Sotomayor said.

The voter purges have had a
devastating effect on Ohio's

black voters. In 2015 alone more
than 40,000 voters were purged
from Cuyahoga County, Ohio,
which has a significant racial
minority population, creating
an additional barrier for people
of color to exercise their right
to vote. Cleveland is the largest
city in Cuyahoga County.

After this ruling voting
rights advocates said they will
develop a new strategy to block
Ohio's voter purges.

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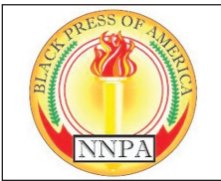
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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Advice to graduates: Pursue a PhD in common sense

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Education must not simply teach work. It must teach life." - W.E.B. DuBois

This time of year brings great pride and congratulations for graduates at all levels, from high school to doctorates. But the most important degree I can recommend is a PhD in common sense, with a concentration in thriving and surviving in 21st-Century America.

Common sense is genius wrapped in work clothes. And to achieve it, we must learn four lessons.

First lesson: Don't ever forget from whence you came.

Along the long journey of life, one need only recognize that as graduates of 2018, you're standing on the shoulders of those who came before. As you celebrate your success after many years of hard work, financial sacrifice, long nights - in many cases working and going to school at the same time - there are many out there from your hometowns and neighborhoods, maybe in your own family, who will not have the opportunities you have today. This nation has too many children who are born into and grow up in poverty. This nation has a problem of mass incarceration. This nation

still has too much gun violence. To whom much is given, much is expected, demanded and required. Go back to your high school, to your community, to the young people, and let them see your success. Let them hear your story. Let them understand what you had to do to get to today.

Lesson two: Pursue excellence in every instance. It is still an unfortunate fact that to be Black, you've got to be better. Your grandmother and mother will tell you that time and again. But you can be the best. Say no to mediocrity. Say no to half-stepping. Say no to foot-dragging. Be excellent. And remember, excellence is not perfection. No one is perfect. What excellence means is the pursuit of perfection and the faith that in all of our endeavors, you have given everything that God has given you to accomplish to achieve and to pursue your goals and your dreams.

Lesson three: In this nation today, racism is real. But you are not going to let racism break your spirit. Whether it's Starbucks or Waffle House. Whether it's Trayvon Martin or Michael Brown or Eric Garner. Whether it's a student taking a nap from studying too hard in a student lounge at Yale university. Implicit and explicit bias is still a part of American life. It's in the criminal justice system, where people of color who serve longer sentence than white men who commit same crimes. It's in the scourge of hate crimes that have spiked over the last two years. It's in the leaders talking about building walls when we should be talking about building bridges.

Racism is real. But you're not going to let it break your spirit. Frederick Douglass didn't let racism break his spirit, and he didn't let Lincoln's hand shake when he signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Racism didn't break the spirit of Harriet Tubman, who carried members of her family through the back woods on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, time and time again, to freedom. Racism didn't break the spirit of Thurgood Marshall in 1954 when he persuaded the Supreme Court to declare unanimously that that school segregation is unconstitutional. Racism didn't break the spirit of Booker T. Washington or W.E.B. DuBois. Remember that Rosa sat so Martin could march, so Barack could run, and Barack won so you can soar.

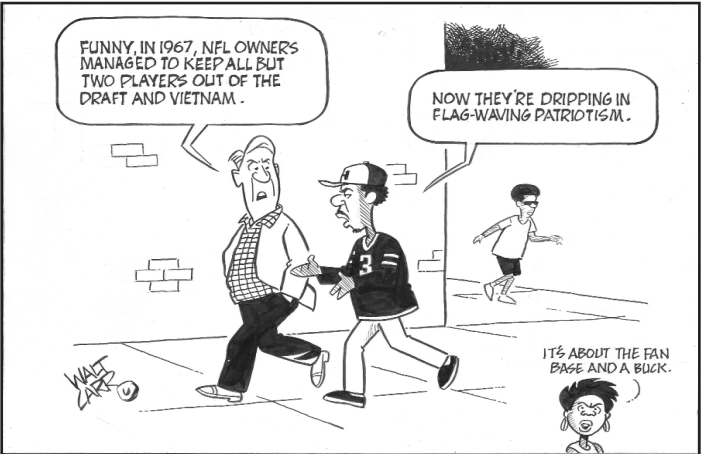
Finally, America respects economic power and political power. Now that you have a college degree, it's time for you to build your assets. Building assets means investing in things that appreciate in value. Yes, you need a car but even the fanciest car doesn't appreciate in value. Fancy handbags and fancy shoes don't appreciate in value. Glam and glitter do not appreciate in value. Real estate does. Stock portfolios do. I know many of you are saddled with student loan debt. But don't ever think any dime you invested in yourself was a dime wasted. If it is within your vision for yourself and the skill set that God has given you, build a business. Hire more people. Grow that business and sell that business and build a new business. Economic power is what we need.

This nation understands political power. We shirk our duty and our responsibility when an election comes and we don't vote. We surrender our power to others when an election comes and we don't vote. We need to send a message to the people who lead this country that we do not want a divided America. We do not want an America of walls; we want an America of bridges. We do not want an America of hate; we want an America of cooperation and an America of love. We want an America where everyone, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, orientation, or national origin is respected and honored as one of God's children. That's the America we want.

Of all the honors I've been humbled to receive in my life, and all the things I've learned from attending great institutions, the most important degree I got is the PhD in common sense I got from my mama. It came from these four lessons: Remember from whence you came. Pursue excellence. Racism is real but will not defeat us. And America respects economic power and political power and while we do not worship it, and we will build it each and every day of our lives.

Congratulations to the class of 2018!

"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.



MATTERS OF OPINION

Hey, elected officials:

No more chicken dinners! We need policy

It's that time again. It occurs every year around the same time like clockwork. It's election season.

Political signs infiltrate Black neighborhoods, placed by campaign operatives hoping you remember their respective political candidate come election time. More importantly, these political operatives are hoping your familiarity with



Jeffrey L. Boney

their respective candi-

date will drive you to the polls with the belief that their efforts will translate into a vote for them at the ballot box.

Establishing familiarity is quite an effective tool, especially when it comes to creating a sense of connection with people. Now be honest. If connecting with people through establishing a sense of familiarity weren't so effective, why would radio stations play the same song over and over again, or why would major companies spend an inordinate amount of money to consistently and strategically advertise their product or service to consumers on a regular basis?

Seeking to connect with people by establishing a sense of familiarity is one of the first things any campaign team tries to do to help get their respective candidate elected.

Have you ever noticed that during every election season, radio ads become more frequent, print mailers get sent out in bulk quantities and television ads get placed on any given network during key television shows in an effort to try and reach registered voters?

Politicians have long been staples in our community.

Many of them visit a church here, walk the block and knock on doors over there; kiss babies, shake hands and even give the

Black community 'stuff' to get them to come out to the polls and vote. It is fascinating the way some political candidates scurry around during election season trying to solicit the Black vote so that they can get elected to a certain office or retain their current seat. It's an art. Many of these campaign operatives and elected officials have it down to a science.

However, when it comes to developing key, solid policies that will help the Black community, many of these same candidates disappear-never to be heard from again-until the next election cycle rolls around. Interestingly, many of these elected officials get a pass for doing nothing.

Now, if members of the Black community would be completely honest, they would admit that a lot of these elected officials are often treated like high-profile celebrities, rather than public servants who have the power to advocate for substantive policies that can literally change the economic landscape and quality of life of their communities.

One act of familiarity that has been a go-to-approach to reach the Black community has been the tactic of political candidates using certain gimmicks to solicit votes.

You know what I'm talking about; offering the Black community chicken dinners, BBQ cookouts, fish plates, steak days, gift cards, air conditioners for senior citizens, etc. Many of these politically-motivated gimmicks have and continue to be used to get Black people to vote for a particular candidate.

You know the routine. Black voters get out to vote, then there is very little reciprocity from many of the candidates towards the Black community, if they are elected.

Think about it for a moment and ask yourself some questions.

What evidence do you have to prove that any of your elect-

ed officials have actually advocated for you? Ask yourself, when it comes to developing sound policies and legislation for the Black community, when was the last time your elected officials drafted any policy or advocated for any legislation at the local, state and/or federal level that has positively impact you?

Now, you may have been invited to a fish fry, steak dinner or community social event, but ask yourself when was the first or last time any of your elected officials educated, equipped and informed your community about any key issues that is impacting them or will affect them?

Truth be told, the Black community has been short-changed when it comes to advocacy by many of their elected officials, regardless of the elected official's race or ethnicity. Blacks have also been deprived of having progressive and substantive policies drafted by many of their elected officials. In many cases, instead of talking to elected officials about substantive policies and key legislation, elected officials are often sought after to attend an event or take a picture with someone as if they are a Hollywood star; versus a public servant who was elected to serve the people. Again, it's about familiarity.

The Black community deserves to be treated more like a partner in a serious relationship versus some fling on the side where politicians whisper sweet nothings in our ears in order to get the only thing they really, truly want-the Black vote.

The Black community must stop allowing disengaged elected officials to continue making empty promises in order to get their vote, and then turn around, close the deal (get their vote), and never hear anything from these individuals anymore until they need their Black vote again. The same thing goes for political candidates

who don't win when they run for office as well.

Elected officials are not highly-paid Hollywood entertainers. Elected officials are public servants. The Black community must stop treating elected officials as if they are the hottest celebrity and start demanding sound policy offerings from them. The Black community must embrace accountability and adopt a realistic expectation of having their elected officials be the advocates they need to get things done and fight for them by any means necessary.

This year, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a trade group representing over 200 Black-owned media companies across the U.S., is focused on encouraging 5 million Blacks to register to vote before the midterm elections. We need to elect politicians who care about creating sound legislation and being advocates for the Black community year-round.

The same energy and efforts that these elected officials use to get elected, or re-elected, should be the same energy they use when it comes to sitting down with the Black community to better understand our needs needs and advocate for policies that positively impact their community.

If the constituents of these elected officials have not progressed since they have been in office, and are no more advanced as a result of their leadership, it is time to start looking for new leadership.

Elected officials can keep giving out chicken dinners, BBQ cookouts, fish plates, steak days, gift cards, air conditioners for senior citizens, etc., but what the Black community really needs, however, are sound policies, legislation and advocacy from their elected officials.

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The employment situation is improving, so why aren't workers dancing

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The most recent unemployment rate report seems to contain nothing but good news. The overall unemployment rate is down to 3.8 percent, the lowest that it has been since 2000. The Black unemployment rate, at 5.9 percent, is lower than it has ever been. With the white unemployment rate at 3.5 percent, the ratio between Black and white unemployment, usually stuck at around 2, is below 1.7 percent, a historic low. While it is risky to make conclusions



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

about Black unemployment, given month-to-month fluctuations (the last time 45 crowded about low Black unemployment rates in January, the number shot back up the following month by nearly a full percentage point), it is clear that the employment situation for African Americans has improved in the 500 or so days since 45 took office.

To be sure, much of the improvement in the labor mar-

ket can be attributed to the Obama recovery. President Obama put everything in place to ensure that the labor market improved. Still, it would be churlish to deny that some 45-inspired policies may have improved the employment situation. With economic growth nearing 3 percent, and with business confidence stable, more than 220,000 new jobs were created in May. Tax cuts have encouraged businesses to add employees; the fact that wages have increased by more than 2 percent suggests some slight tightening in the labor market. Good news, right? So why aren't workers dancing?

Black teens have hardly any reason to dance. Although the unemployment rate among Black teenagers dropped nearly ten percentage points, from 29 percent to 19.6 percent, a big part of this drop is contained in the fact that fewer teens are either working or looking for work. A year ago, there were 788,000 Black teens in the labor market, but the number had dropped to 681,000 last month. Thus, fewer teens were working last month (547,000) than a year ago (579,000). Even though many teens have dropped out of the labor market because they don't think they can find work, it is likely that more will look

for work this summer. It is extremely unlikely that the lower unemployment rate for teens will sustain through the summer unless businesses are strongly motivated to hire part-time and temporary workers this summer.

Teens have no reason to dance, but what about the rest of us? The unemployment rate for Black women is at an amazing low of 4.7 percent, more than two full percentage points lower than a year ago. The labor force participation of Black women is down slightly - there are about as many Black women in the labor force now as a year ago, despite population growth. Additionally, 45's threats to cut the federal workforce, not yet substantially realized, will have a disproportionate effect on Black women, since about 20 percent of all Black women work for the federal government. If you combine this with the threats to the social safety net, not yet realized, but anticipated, one can understand why few are dancing, even though the growth music is playing.

After having passed massive tax cuts that will only increase the deficit, House Republicans are talking about budgetary "clawbacks". Just this week, they have discussed cutting the food stamps by requiring more

work of those who receive SNAP funding (a sizeable portion of SNAP recipients work but earn so little that they qualify for food assistance) and frozen some unspent funds from the child health program. House Speaker Paul Ryan, in his few remaining months in leadership, has pledged "entitlement reform" including Medicaid and Social Security cuts. Even with lower unemployment and modest wage growth, these "entitlement reforms" bode ill for many workers.

Many would suggest that we simply celebrate the good news-lower unemployment rates and more new jobs are certainly worth noting. But some of the gains are shaky, not solid. Some are a function of people dropping out of the labor market. And some people's economic condition will not improve, especially with anticipated policy changes. While aggregate numbers look great, some people aren't dancing because they haven't been invited to the party.

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.juliannealveaux.com.

OFFSHORE ENERGY

Plays Vital Role in U.S. Security

No one understands the connection between energy security and national security better than the military, and veterans like me strongly support expanding oil and natural gas production, both onshore and offshore. It is a rather easy choice when the options are (1) safely produce oil and natural gas here at home, or (2) defer to hostile and despotic regimes outside the U.S.

There’s no question that U.S. oil and natural gas production plays a vital role in enhancing the national security interests of our nation and our allies around the world. The rise of the U.S. as the world’s leading producer of oil and natural gas has effectively curtailed the power of countries like Russia and Iran, who heavily rely upon energy as a geopolitical tool. And offshore energy resources are a big part of our success. Providing more than 1 million barrels of oil per day for the past 20 years, offshore energy is the backbone of a domestic energy revolution that has shaken up global energy markets and helped to drive down prices for homes and businesses.

While we’ve been producing oil and natural gas in the western and central Gulf of Mexico for decades, 94 percent of federally controlled offshore acreage remains off limits to production. It is vital to our military and national interests that we expand opportunities for exploration and production.

That’s just what a proposal from the Interior Department would do. The department’s draft proposed leasing program for 2019-2024 opens the door to responsible energy exploration in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic. Government estimates indicate 90 billion barrels of oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of natural gas could be awaiting discovery on the U.S. outer continental shelf (OCS). Opening additional areas to development could generate hundreds of thousands of jobs and lead to production gains of more than a million barrels of oil equivalent per day – further reducing dependence on overseas energy.

State officials from Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas – where offshore energy exploration actually is allowed – are onboard. These policymakers and their constituents have experienced firsthand the economic growth that energy development brings to communities, and they know that energy operations safely coexist with other industries – and with military activity. As more than 20 members of Congress wrote to the Interior Department, “(The) experience in the Gulf of Mexico over decades clearly demonstrates the compatibility between oil and gas activities and other ocean uses, including military training, tourism, and commercial and recreational fishing – all of which thrive cooperatively in the Gulf.”



By Lieutenant Colonel Dennis O. Freytes
USA (Ret.) Florida Chairman,
Vets4Energy

The key word when it comes to military compatibility is “cooperatively.” Under longstanding practice, military leaders control the location and conditions of energy development near its bases, and a long history of coordination with the Department of the Interior ensures that energy activities follow any necessary stipulations. In the central Gulf of Mexico, in close proximity to Texas and Louisiana ports and military bases, 36 percent of leases are located in military use areas, and military activities have been carried out successfully and without conflict.

In a recent letter, Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick M Shanahan recognized that an expanded offshore energy strategy “is intent on increasing domestic energy production to fortify national security objectives and reduce our dependency on imported energy” adding that the Defense Department “supports the development of national domestic energy resources in concert with enabling military operations, training and testing.”

Not only is offshore development compatible with other critical industries and military activity, it is safer than ever. Through joint efforts from industry experts and government regulators, more than 100 industry safety and environmental standards have been created or strengthened since 2010, and the industry launched the Center for Offshore Safety to ensure continual safety improvements.

Our nation has come a long way in advancing our national security interests through the development of U.S. oil and natural gas resources, especially our offshore energy resources. Given the long lead time necessary in offshore development, decisions we make today will determine our energy security 15 years into the future, and beyond. It makes sense to keep as many options on the table as possible. Let’s focus on the facts and move forward with policies that enable our energy and military sectors to thrive as the greatest in the world.



The natural gas and oil industry provides a bright future for all Americans. The **innovative technologies** pioneered by America’s natural gas and oil industry are meeting our country’s energy needs and producing cleaner energy and reducing industry’s environmental footprint. Our **air is cleaner** than it’s been in decades and **emissions are at 25-year lows**, thanks to increased use of natural gas. That’s how we are powering past impossible and soaring toward a cleaner, better tomorrow.

Text **ENERGY** to **73075** to learn more
Visit us at **PowerPastImpossible.org**.

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SALUTING GRADUATES



MR. MARKEL MITCHELL

Markel Mitchell is a 2018 graduate of E.A. Laney High School. Markel is the son of Crystal Clay and the grandson of Mary Ann Clay. Markel will be attending Cape Fear Community College in the fall. We are very proud of Markel. We love you!

*Commit to the LORD
Whatever you do, And He will establish your plans. Proverb 16:3 NIV*

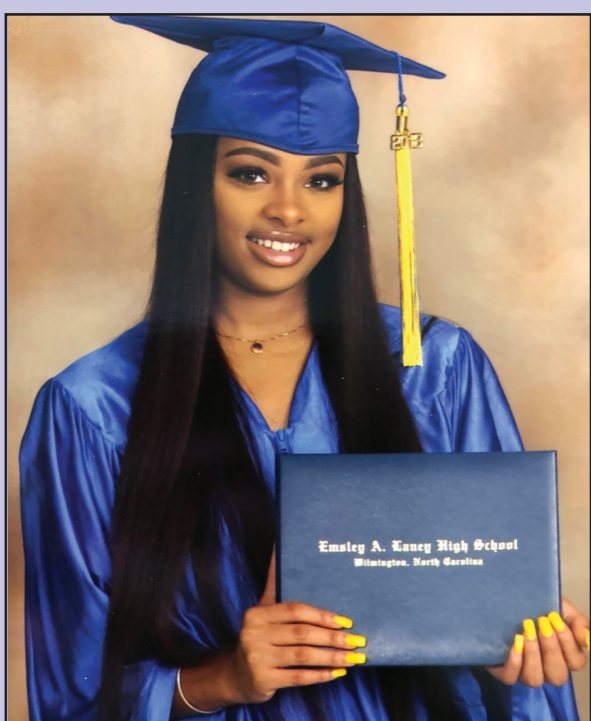


MR. MICHAEL TOON

Michael Toon is a 2018 graduate of E.A. Laney High School. Michael is the grandson of Michael and Altha Toon.

Michael plans on attending Cape Fear Community College in the fall. He plans to major in Industrial Systems Technology and earn an Associate Degree in Industrial Technology.

Congratulations Michael!!



MS. JASHON THATCH

The parents of Jashon Thatch, Ms. Shawn Thatch and Mr. Eric Ledwell, proudly announce their daughter's graduation from E.A. Laney High School. She is the granddaughter of Reverend John and Mary Alice Thatch and the late James and Sarah Ledwell.

Jashon will be attending Johnson C. Smith University in the fall.

Congratulations Jashon! We Love You!



MS. JOHNNA THATCH

The parents of Johnna Thatch, Mr. Deshon and Johnna Briggs proudly announce their daughter's graduation from E.A. Laney High School. She is the granddaughter of Reverend John and Mary Alice Thatch, Earnestine Briggs and late Robert Briggs and Lizzie Locke Johnson.

Johnna will be attending NC A and T State University in the fall.

Congratulations Johnna! We Love You!



JAMES EDWARD OLIVER HANKINS, II

No man is an island in Wilmington, NC. A special thanks to GOD and all you altruistic village people/role models who helped our son reach this successful moment. Faye and I are proud to announce that our son, James Edward Oliver Hankins II, earned his master's degree in Education Policy and Management from Harvard Univeristy on May 24, 2018. His peers elected him as a class Marshal (leader of leaders) and presented him a medallion. His deceased, name sake grandfathers, Edward and Oliver and grandmothers Mary Bellamy and Faldenia Hankins smiled as he received his degree. Let us all be mindful that our grandparents in "Heaven" have a perpetual panoramic view of everything we do. Knowledge is the key, learning is for a lifetime!

Congratulations James Edward Oliver Hankins, II

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Congratulations to all the 2018 graduates.
Blessings to each of you as you embark on
your new journey.
NHC NAACP
Deborah Dicks Maxwell- President



Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church (USA)
Congratulations to all 2018 Graduates!



***High School Graduate**
Miss Margaret Everett – Wilmington Early College H. S.

***Community College Graduates**
Miss Alexandria Jackson & Mrs. Maya Quattlebaum Padgett

***Advance Degree Graduates**
Ms. Janie Anderson & Miss Aleysa Grady

*“God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have
more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.”*
2 Corinthians 9:8



Best wishes to all the graduates of
New Hanover County
Be The Best That You Can Be!



St. Andrew AMEZ Church
1201 So. 9th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Rev. Dorian Daniels



 Henriett Jones Graduate Isaac Bear Early College Will attend UNC Charlotte	 Jimmy Willis III Graduate of E.A. Laney High School Will attend North Carolina A&T State University
 Takya Williams Graduate of John T. Hoggard High School Will attend North Carolina A&T State University	 Zamya Williams Graduate of Isaac Bear Early College Will attend North Carolina A&T State University



**The Williston Alumni Association
Congratulates our nine \$1,000
2018 Scholarship Recipients**

Ariel Baldwin - Texas Women's University
Grandparents, James & Minnie Monroe Baldwin

Brandon J. Ceasar - N.C. A & T State University
Cousins, Doris Pelham & Daniel Pelham

Raymond V. Dickey - N.C. A & T State University
Grandparents, Howard & Dorothy Allen Dickey
Raymond's father won the scholarship in 1988

Naadiya E. Faison - East Carolina University
Grandparents, Ernest & Carrie Burnett Faison

Tyler Patrice Leonard- Georgia State University
Grandparents, Lawrence E. & Barbara Leonard

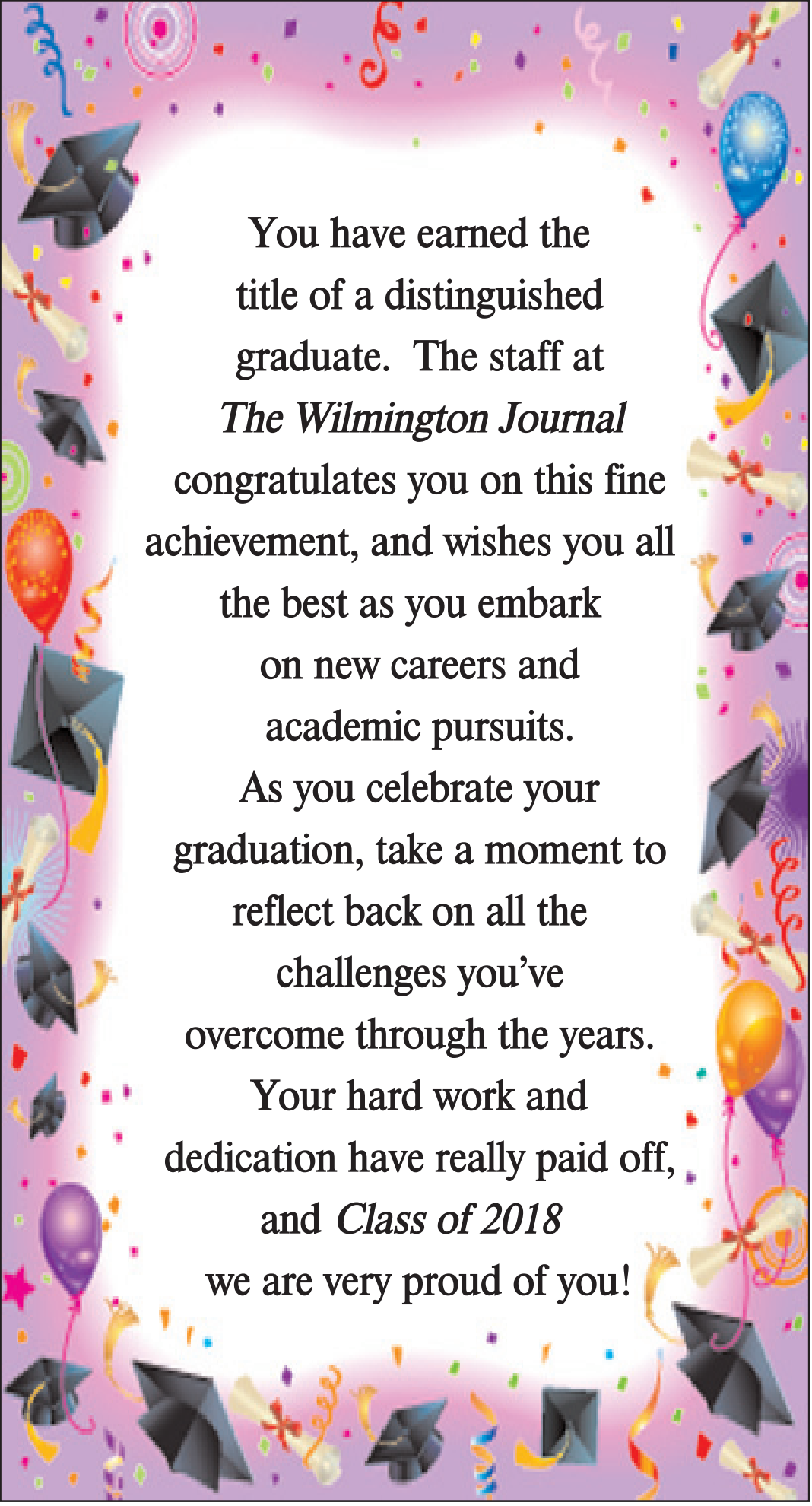
Cierra V. Robbins - East Carolina University
Grandmother, Clara McCloud Cook, grand-uncle,
Billy McCloud

Dallas Thompson, Hampton University
Grandparents, Thomas & Delores Hall Nixon

Zamya M. Williams - N.C. A & T State University
Grandmother, Deborah Williams

Melvin Yates- Goucher College
Grandmother, Sandra Grady Yates

**Work hard, graduates
You are part of a rich heritage!**



You have earned the
title of a distinguished
graduate. The staff at
The Wilmington Journal
congratulates you on this fine
achievement, and wishes you all
the best as you embark
on new careers and
academic pursuits.
As you celebrate your
graduation, take a moment to
reflect back on all the
challenges you've
overcome through the years.
Your hard work and
dedication have really paid off,
and ***Class of 2018***
we are very proud of you!

New Hanover County

The Williston Class of 1960 will meet on June 16, 2018 from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Cape Fear Museum, 814 Market Street, downstairs in the Exploration Station. All classmates are encouraged to attend and bring a classmate.

Brunswick County

The Town of Belville is now accepting applications from citizens who are interested in serving on the Belville Parks and Recreation Board. The appointee will begin serving on the Board in July of 2018, to fill a vacancy until the term ends in January of 2019. Applications are available online at www.townofbelville.com under the Town Forms tab or at the Belville Town Hall, located at 63 River Road, Belville, NC. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday. The submission deadline is Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 4 pm.

For additional information regarding the vacancy, please contact Athina Williams, Town Clerk, at (910)371-2456.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Celebrating the life of Deacon George Washington Bellamy

This week, we celebrate the life and the homegoing of Deacon George Washington. To celebrate is to set aside a time to observe to honor or pay respects to a certain event or person. The celebration service in honor of the life of Deacon Bellamy was held at Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, 2586 Old Ocean Highway, Bolivia, North Carolina on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 2:00 p. m. The service was very well attended, with crowds of friends and loved ones in attendance from far and near. It was a homegoing celebration that will be long remembered by the young and old. It was a homegoing celebration that will be long remembered by the young and old. Rev. Dr. Terry Henry officiated and Pastor Quan Stewart delivered the eulogy.



Verniece Stanley

For Deacon Bellamy, life's sun rose on March 13, 1946 and set when he was accidentally killed in a very tragic automobile accident on May 28, 2018. This was God's chosen time and place for him to leave his earthly

home, family, and earthly friends and go to his heavenly home to be with the Lord. God, along with His heavenly angels awaited him there.

We go back to his days of living and growing up on a farm in Brunswick County. He knew what it was to work hard and struggle to make a living for the family. He graduated in 1964 from Brunswick County High School with honors. Upon leaving home, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1966. He served our country valiantly during the Vietnam War. After three years of active service, he received an honorable discharge. Following his discharge from military service, he enrolled and matriculated at Southeastern Community College, from where he graduated with honors and a diploma in welding. He also received a diploma in diesel mechanics. He worked various jobs in order to support his family and retired after thirty-five years of service with Brunswick County.

He married the love of his life on July 5, 1975. He was a wonderful husband.

He was an active member of the Piney Grove Improvement Association. He was truly a man of many trades, one who used his skills to show support

and love in the community. It was nothing for him to drop off vegetables at the neighbors' houses or work on the neighbors' air conditioners. He also served the church with diligence, ushering, working in the kitchen, taking out the trash, etc. Many times, he performed many of these tasks on the same day. No job was too large or too small, and no person was treated with less than the utmost respect.

He leaves to mourn his loss and cherish his memory : his wife, Vernell, Bolivia, NC.; 5 children, Curtis Bellamy, Newport News, Va., Acquinetta Beatty, Lenoir Johnson (Adam), Rashen Bellamy, all of Bolivia, NC, Kenric Bellamy of Kinston, NC; grandchildren, of Kinston, NC, Boiling Spring Lakes, Greensboro, Elizabeth City, and Supply, NC; sister, Sharon Reaves, Lusby, Md.; a close relative, Joyce Fullwood Reaves, Supply, NC; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; sisters and brothers-in-law, a host of other relatives and friends.

Your grandchildren will follow in your footsteps and take the successful way of life. The calling of each grandchild's name has been taken care of, and as they have grown up to be mature adults, they bring honor to him and the family.

Additional honors were brought by the military services rendered, and his corpse was borne to the Reaves' family cemetery by a carriage drawn by white horses in Bolivia.

The Bellamy Family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many gestures of friendship and expressions of love shown toward us during the passing of our loved one. Your love, concern, and many acts of kindness will be remembered always. Your Christian compassion will help us accept the sovereign will of God!

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.

WILLISTON ALUMNI NEWS

BY LINDA PEARCE THOMAS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A few Motown tickets are left and are available by calling Barbara Adger DeVane at 910-200-6573 between 10:00 am & 6:00 pm. This event is Tuesday, July 3rd. The evening begins with the Doug Irving Group with Jazz as the Opening Act from 7:00 pm-7:45 pm. The Motown Revue begins at 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm. If you are considering going, you must go on and get your ticket.

The Mix is July 4th from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. The Commemorative Program begins at 11:00 am sharp. We

will have a tent with chairs for all who come for the program. The \$2 Williston buns will begin to be sold at the beginning of the Mix and will go fast. We are putting together an outstanding program for this event and hope you will join us. You don't have to be a Willistonian to come out and this event is free.

Persons with food trucks interested in selling should call Loretta Stackhouse at 910-228-5233. There will be many potential customers at the event.

We will be selling license plates as well as water at the mix. Hope to see you there.



To Our Much Missed Father and Brother
Mr. Abraham Crummy
January 11, 1929- August 28, 2008
Mr. Terry B. Crummy
September 9, 1952 - February 19, 2016

With Love Today

Daddy and Brother, we thought of you with love today,
But this is nothing new,
We thought of you yesterday and the days before that too.

We think of you in silence and often speak your name.
All we have now are our memories,
and your picture in a frame.
It breaks our hearts to have you gone,
But you didn't go alone.
A part of us went with you
The day God took your soul home.
We were so very Blessed to have a wonderful
Father and Brother.
You were the Best!

Love always,
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
Vernell Crummy Burns and Norma Jean Crummy
Frink (Donnie)



In Loving Memory
On Father's Day
Alexander Boone
"Boone's Auto"
2/28/55- 2/25/18

For someone who meant so much
And loved by all he knew
Who left behind a trail of tears
And precious memories, too
We loved the sunshine in his smile
And now that it's his special day
Dear angels, hear our prayer
Please guard him with your gentle wing
And tend him with great care
For he was someone wonderful
And words just can't convey
How much we wish that he was here
Once more, with us today
-Author Unknown

You are deeply missed,
Your wife, Valerie; children,
Shamari (Octavia), Lateisha (Carlton),
DJ, Ravelle and grandchildren



Happy Father's Day in Heaven Daddy!!!

A son's first hero and your daughter's first love...
That's what a wonderful gift a great father is to his children

We think of how much you loved us, we think about your warm hugs, we think about how much you cared for us and most importantly we think of how even today you are watching down on us like the Angel you always been....

Amiya- As I grow older, no matter whose love gives me happiness I will always be my Daddy's little Princess. I love you Daddy!!!

Ma'kayla- Just one last chance
I wish I could get to hug you.
Then I would hold you tight and never let go.
I miss you Daddy!!!!

Ma'khi- I miss you daddy now there is no one to help me when I am playing with my basketball and riding my bike while I am outside. I miss those moments... On the day I lost you, I lost a father, a friend and an idol who I looked up to. I love you daddy



Montreal A. Holmes

We Miss You Daddy
You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why

A million times we needed you,
A million times we cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life we love you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
That no one could ever fill

Love your daughters, Amiya Dolly Holmes,
MaKayla Drayton and son MaKhi Drayton
We miss you Daddy

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY





Jimmie Brigmon Bryant

Interment Service will be held on Friday, June 22, 11:00 a.m. at The National Cemetery. Assemble at 10:00 a.m. Adkins-Drain Funeral Home, 515 South 8th Street.

George W. Bellamy

George Washington Bellamy, son of the late Alvin Leo Reaves, Sr. and Beatrice Bellamy Johnson, was born March 13, 1946. Early Monday morning on May 28, 2018, the Lord called him home to eternal reward. Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia. Burial followed in the Reaves Family Cemetery.

Deacon George received Christ at an early age and was a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church all his life.

George graduated from Brunswick County Training School with honors in 1964. He left home and joined the United States Army in 1966.

serving our country during the Vietnam War. After three years of Active Federal Service he was Honorably Discharged and started attending Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, NC. George received a Diploma in Welding with high honors and a Diploma in Diesel Mechanics. He worked in many jobs to support his family and retired from Brunswick County after 35 years of Service.

George married the love of his life on July 5, 1975. He was a wonderful husband. He was an active member of the Piney Grove Improvement Association. George was truly a man of many trades and used his many skills to show support and love in the Community. It was nothing for him to drop vegetables off at the neighbors, work on the air conditioner, usher at the church, work in the kitchen and take out the trash, ALL IN THE SAME DAY! No job was too big or too small and no person was treated less than with the utmost respect. *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 W. Gaines

Willie Wade Gaines, age 73, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Gaines' life was conducted on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Pine Forest 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.*

Thomas L. Pemberton

Thomas L. Pemberton, age 75, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Pemberton's life was conducted on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home.

Interment followed in Pine Forest 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.*

Gwendolyn Dunbar

Pastor Gwendolyn Dunbar, age 67, of Bolton, passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018. A celebration of Pastor Dunbar's life was held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at New Townsend Temple Ministries, Bolton, NC. Interment followed in Cooper Freeman Cemetery.

Our beloved, Pastor Gwendolyn Dunbar was born on April 7, 1941 and transitioned on May 30, 2018. Gwen was the first born child of the late Ishmael and Fronnie Mitchell. She was born and raised in Bolton, North Carolina. In 1965 she left North Carolina and went to Virginia to live with Kitty and Roland Bagby where she graduated from Crestwood High School in Chesapeake, Virginia.

After graduating Gwen moved to New Jersey, married and had three children; Lisa, Bernard and Corey (deceased). She also raised another daughter Cynthia. Gwen was a stay at home mom so she could raise her children. Years later she decided to enter the workforce and was employed by Bell Atlantic until her retirement.

In 1988 Gwen married Roy Anthony Dunbar. They resided in Maplewood, New Jersey. She was a woman who loved God and served as an usher at many churches including; First Born Church of the Living God, Pentecostal Temple of Faith and Holy Ghost Prayer Tower. She received certificates in; Public Speaking and Counseling for Battered Women and a Bachelor 's Degree in Christian Studies from the School of the Apostles. She was also a member of Restoration Center and served on the apostolic team.

God called her to pastoral leadership in 2002 where she began her walk under the leadership of Pastor Theresa Piert and the late Apostle Ernest Leonard. The time came when she was ready to branch out on her own. She and her husband, Roy Dunbar created "In His Presence Ministries", where she went into the neighborhood and extended her ministry outside the walls of the church by taking in the homeless, feeding, clothing and helping them find shelter. She also began mentoring battered women. The people she helped truly loved her. Gwen was a mother to many sons and daughters.

In 2009 Gwen and Roy moved back to her hometown of Bolton, North Carolina to be with her mother. There she became a member of Community Prayer House under the leadership of Apostle Freeman. She also started working part time as a counselor at a home for battered women in Whiteville, North Carolina. She was unable to continue her service due to her illness.

Gwen became good friends with Pastor Terry Lee and later became a member of "Closer Walk Methodist Church".

Gwen led an exemplified life as a servant of Jesus Christ. She ministered, taught and mentored any and everyone. She touched so many lives, even during her illness. Many people have said, "We will not meet another woman like her", "I don't care where you look or how long you look, you will never find another Gwendolyn Dunbar". She will forever be missed." *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.

Herman L. Burgess

Herman Lee Burgess, age 72, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, June 7, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Burgess' life will be conducted on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at Castle Hayne Baptist Church Family Life Center; 4544 Parmele Rd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429. Interment will follow in Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC. *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.*

David Robinson

David Robinson died Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Funeral services were held Monday, June 4th at St. Luke AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

David Jacob Robinson, affectionately called "Rock" and "Straw Boss" by family and friends, was the youngest of seven children born to William Robinson, Sr. and Irene Brown Robinson on October 22, 1920. David was educated in the public schools in New Hanover County. He worked for National Linen Service before working as a longshoreman from which he retired. David accepted the Lord at an early age and attended St. Luke AME Zion Church until his health no longer permitted. On June 14 1950, David married Lillie M. Martin. To this union two daughters were born: Jacqueline Robinson (deceased) and Evelyn Renia Richburg.

David, the last of the Robinson siblings leaves a legacy of memories with his family: a loving and devoted wife, Lillie M. Robinson of the home; daughter, Renia Richburg (Rev. Jerould) of Leland, NC; granddaughter, Nikita of Fort Worth, TX; one sister-in-law, Norma M. Crummy of Wilmington, NC; two brothers-in-law, Albert Martin of Aberson, NC and Dalton Martin (Louise) of Woodbridge, VA and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mable Harris

Mable Harris funeral services were held on Saturday, June 9th at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Mable Louise Harris was born on May 19, 1931 to the late Ella Louise Pringle and Walter A. Middleton. She received her early education in New Hanover County Schools but later attended school in Richmond, Virginia where she graduated. Mable worked as a domestic worker in New Hanover County Schools until her retirement. Mable accepted Christ at an early age and was a lifelong member of St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church.

She leaves a multitude of loved ones to cherish her memory: her children, Gwendolyn Stevens and Linwood Harris (Debbie); grandchildren, Tamala Stevens, Yolanda Cromartie, Shawnta Stevens, William Stevens, Jr., Kevin Stevens, DeMarcus Nixon and Tristan Harris; great-grandchildren, Brandon Stevens, Kashayla Stevens, Kevin Stevens, Marquita Davis, Marquise Getward, Montez Stevens, Ashley Getward, Jessica Getward, Jeremiah Nixon,

Makayla Nixon, Brittany Cromartie, Anthony Cromartie, Terez Cromartie; brother, Kelly Smith, Jr. (Sheila); nieces, Sonja Redd (William), Faye Booker (John), Cynthia Smith and Sherry Smith; other relatives and friends. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lawrence Earl Leonard, Sr.

Lawrence Earl Leonard, Sr. died May 26, 2018. Funeral services were held Thur., June 7, 2018 at Turner Memorial AME Church, Hyattsville, Md. Burial followed in Quantico National Cemetery.

Born on April 15, 1934 and raised in Wilmington, NC. He was educated in the public school system and graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1952. He served in the US Navy for 4 years and attended NC A&T State University in Greensboro, NC where he earned an Associate Degree in Auto Mechanics in 1959. Lawrence married Barbara Ann Baldwin who preceded him in death.

Survivors include: three children, Lawrence "Lennie" Leonard (Lisa) of Accokeek, Md, the Honorable Wanda M. Leonard of Upper Marlboro, Md, and Gregory P. Leonard (Stephanie) of Waldorf, Md; grandchildren, Malcolm, Omari, Tyler, Bianca and Myles; brother, Willie J. Moore, Jr. of Harlem, NY; sister, Joyce D. Ruffin (Michael) of Wilmington, NC; brothers-in-law, Donald Baldwin (Gloria) of Warminster, PA, Melvern Baldwin (Pastora) of Camp Springs, Md.; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ella Rush

Ella Rush died June 1, 2018. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Ella Lee was born on November 1, 1936 to the late Lottie and Levi Joye. She received her high school diploma in 1993 from Lakeside

High School and was employed by NHRMC for twenty years before retiring. She leaves to cherish her memories: her sons, Albert Rush and Jerome Rush of Wilmington, NC; sisters, Fannie M. Joye and Betty J. Patterson; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; five step-children; two godchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Darrell Atkinson

Darrell Atkinson funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 13th at Union MB Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Brenda Corbett

Brenda Corbett Funeral services were held Thursday, June 14th at Macedonia FBH Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Frank Grissett

Frank Grissett Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 14th at Pilgrim Rest MB Church. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Janice Taylor

Janice Taylor Funeral services

will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 15th at Bethel UH Church. Burial will follow in the Bethel Church Cemetery. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Will Sansbury

Will Sansbury died June 9, 2018. Funeral services will be held 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dennis Elleyby

Dennis Elleyby died June 9, 2018. Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Wrightsboro United Methodist Church. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Catherine "Rabbit" Troy

Catherine "Rabbit" Troy died June 9, 2018. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Evergreen AME Zion Church. A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie Blanche Evans

Willie Blanche Evans funeral services are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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