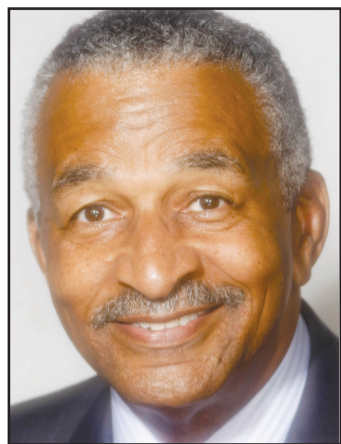


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BERNEST HEWETT

New political agenda in Brunswick County and NC

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, I worry these days and times about this new political agenda that's being put before the citizens of Brunswick County and North Carolina. I worry about the treatment of Black men by the police. I worry about police misconduct and the fact that many police departments talking about stepping up law enforcement. It would be better to study this problem with people of the community helping seek a better

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REMEMBERING 'KITTY'

Former publisher is eulogized

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The life of Katherine Jervay Tate was memorialized Wednesday in Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. An opening hymn, "Amazing Grace," set the tone for a celebration of life.

Born in Wilmington March 27, 1949, 'Kitty,' as she was affectionately known, died in Atlanta, Georgia, January 27. A member of North Carolina's Jervay publishing family, she worked in every capacity of journalism and became the office manager and eventually publisher of the Wilmington Journal.

Family, classmates, and community friends packed the church that she loved according to her brother-in-law, the Rev. John L. Thatch who

delivered the sermon, Change from the Mortal to Immortality.

"She was my sister ... and I was her brother," Thatch said. "She loved the Lord, her family, St. Mark's Church, and the community."

The Rev. Cannon Victor Frederiksen, officiated the service that included scripture readings and tributes that gave glimpses of the kind and giving spirit that Kitty shared with others throughout her life.

Vernice Hamilton who worked closely with the youngest child of the late Thomas C. Jervay and Willie Etha Devane Jervay spoke of how Kitty learned the business and journalism details from her father. She chose to share such important and valuable knowledge with Hamilton

and others.

John Bellamy, President of the Williston Class of 1967 disclosed that Kitty was always supportive of their special projects and reunions. As he read a resolution more than thirty classmates stood in honor of the deceased. The words focused sentiments regarding her smile and gentle spirit.

School affiliations included status as chief majorette, the Crown and Scepter Club, and Tri-Hi-Y organizations, the Royalist Social Club, the Williston Library Club, and a written voice by the students -The (Williston) Echo staff.

Beyond church and school partici-



KATHERINE JERVAY TATE

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National Bankers Association President Michael Grant, U.S. Black Chambers Inc. President Ron Busby, and A.M.E. board member Rev. Jonathan Weaver discuss a new plan for economic development through the Black Church.

AME Church leaders cite Black economic empowerment as 2015 goal

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY OF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, he and other protestors had won passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Therefore, his agenda had turned toward the next major issue - economic empowerment for Black people.

Therefore, on April 3, 1968, planning a march on

behalf of oppressed sanitation workers, Dr. King told preachers at the Mason Temple in Memphis, Tenn., "It's all right to talk about long white robes over yonder, in all of its symbolism. But ultimately people want some suits and dresses and shoes to wear down here!"

"It's all right to talk about streets flowing with milk and honey, but God has commanded us to be

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RALEIGH State Democratic Party to elect new chair on Saturday

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When members of the State Executive Committee of the NC Democratic Party gather this Saturday in Pittsboro, they will choose a new party chairman from among five candidates who respectively believe they can lead the party back to prominence, and electoral prosperity.

The only thing worse than the state party's finances right now is morale among rank-and-file Democrats, who have found it easier to beat up on each other over the past two years, than their Re-publican ad-versaries.

And yet, with the 2016 presidential and gubernatorial elections seemingly just around the corner, whomever is chosen to lead will have their work cut out for them to both bring progressive and moderate factions of the state party together, forge a solid way forward that not only maximizes the Democratic base come election time, but actually attracts new voter to the fold, and also reignites the kind of generous fundraising needed to build confidence in every down-ballot race.

Failure to do so by the SEC's ultimate choice for chair could mean the long-term demotion of the once mighty Democratic Party in North Carolina.

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Income inequality rises in all 50 states

BY FREDDIE ALLEN NNPA SENIOR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Income inequality is rising and it affects workers in every state, according to a new report by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI).

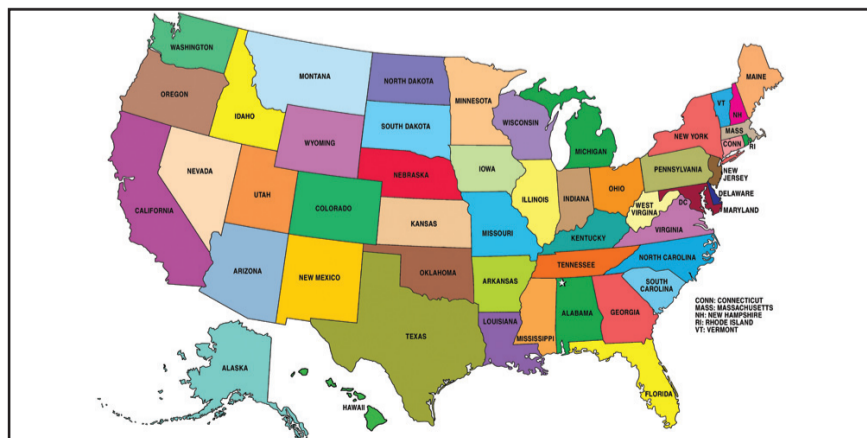
Researchers from EPI, a nonpartisan think tank focused on low- and middle-income workers, analyzed Internal Revenue Service data for all 50 states and found that not only was the income gap between the top 1 percent of earners and everyone else getting wider, but that the disparities were not just confined to financial centers in the east or technology centers on the west coast.

All workers took a hit during the Great Recession, but top earners have recovered faster than low- and middle-income earners. According to the report, the top 1 percent of earners captured all of the income gains (100 percent) in 17 states following the Great Recession.

And Blacks live disproportionately in states that experienced the greatest income inequality.

In seven of those states where the top 1 percent captured 100 percent of the income growth since the Great Recession, the share of the population that is Black is higher than the national average. Those states include

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Not only is there an income gap between the top 1% of earners, the top 1% of earners captured all of the income gains in 17 states following the great recession.

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pations, the family's covenant with community was emphasized in the delivery of Dr. Joyce Jones. "The entire Jervay family was planted in the heart of the community, and they've never moved." N.C. Representative Susie Hamilton echoed those feelings in a written commu-

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Last week during a candidates forum at NC Democratic Party headquarters, sponsored by the party's African-American Caucus, four of the five hopefuls vying to succeed outgoing Chair Randy Voller, shared their vision for the party if selected.
 Patsy Keever, currently the First Vice Chair of the state party and a former state House representative, could not take part in the forum due to a previously scheduled appointment.
 Marshall Adame is a retired US Marine, a Vietnam veteran and former US State Dept. diplomatic in Iraq. He ran unsuccessfully for the Third

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Delaware (22.1 percent), Florida (16.7 percent), South Carolina (27.9 percent), North Carolina (22 percent), Louisiana (32.4 percent), Virginia (19.7 percent) and New York (17.5 percent).
 With the exception of Texas, where Blacks account for 12.4 percent of the population, the Black population is higher than the national average in states where the top 1 percent collected at least 80 percent of the income growth including Illinois, Arkansas, Michigan, New Jersey, and Maryland.
 Mark Price, an economist at the Keystone Research Center in Harrisburg, Penn., said in a statement that state leaders and policymakers need to realize that inequality is a problem everywhere.
 "If states are not passing progressive taxes and raising revenue from top earners, they are missing out on a large and growing source of income," said Price.
 Researchers found the great-

Brunswick County School System refuses to hire qualified Black or other minority teachers when it has been brought to their attention already.
 I worry when Brunswick County Commissioners see the need to spend millions of dollars on parks and the purchase of land to build new parks but don't see the need to get County water to County citizens who need it.
 I worry when I see people with unjust motives and racial biases encouraging elected officials to make laws that will keep the poor, elderly, Blacks and other minorities from being able to take part in North Carolina and Brunswick County issues, even though this is a free society, or is it?
 I worry when a county as big as Brunswick County doesn't have more industry or doesn't offer more help for its farmers but puts a lot of interest on tourism. What happens to the future of our youth? What happens to our citizens, and how are they

ings in a written commu-nique to the family.
 Supportive friends smiled and allowed for verbal "Amen's" as fellow Willistonian, Marva Mapson Robinson completed The Lord's Prayer solo. Lacey Tate, husband of the deceased provided a soulful rendition of "Precious Lord" prior to Holy Communion.
 Kitty Jervay's roles as a loving wife, mother, sister,

Congressional District last November.
 Janice Covington Allison is a lifelong Democrat who has worked top state leaders in the past in various leadership capacities, and also served as Cabarrus County Fire Chief, and vice chair of the Cabarrus County Democratic Party.
 Ron Sanyal is currently chair of Leesville 08-02 in Raleigh. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Wake County Democratic Men's Club, and is an officer in Wake County Progressive Democrats.
 Constance Johnson of Salisbury, a former candidate for state Senate, is a businesswoman and events promoter.
 Ms. Keever sent a letter which was read to the audience by a representative,

est disparities between the top 1 percent and the rest of workers in New York and Connecticut where the top 1 percent earned 48 times more than the bottom 99 percent.
 Disparities exist in every state.
 "Even in the 10 states with the smallest gaps between the top 1 percent and bottom 99 percent in 2012, the top 1 percent earned between 14 and 19 times the income of the bottom 99 percent," EPI reported.
 Estelle Sommeiller, a socioeconomicist at the Institute for Research in Economic and Social Sciences in Greater Paris, France and co-author of the report, said that every state and every region in the United States is going to have to grapple with the effects of rising inequality.
 "Our study paints a picture of the top 1 percent in each state. While there are differences from the 1 percent nationally, no state has escaped the troubling growth of inequality."
 The report comes on the heels of President Barack Obama's State of the Union

supposed to make a living and live on their own land, where they grew up.
 I worry when I hear the words, "too much government." Being a Black person and having come up through the fifties and sixties, I understand that, if it had not been for government, Blacks and other minorities would still be without their civil rights. Still I look at what was done to the Racial Justice Act. It is still hard in states like North Carolina to get our civil rights, with all the Jim Crow laws our elected officials are trying to pass.
 I worry about gun rights laws that need to be changed. I worry about school shootings, street killings, people with felony records buying guns, police being killed, etc., but we are told there is nothing wrong with this type of action. I've been worried for a long time about these actions and the effect that it has on the elderly, poor, sick, Blacks, disabled, etc. We are living in a

aunt, and "sweet friend" were complemented by verbal and written memories of her unique roles in the local Civil Rights Movement, the Washington, D.C. March On Washington, the "Free The Wilmington Ten" initiative. A life member of the NAACP, she also worked with the Wilmington Chapter of Jack and Jill, Inc.
 Interment in Oleander Gardens provides a final rest-

expressing why she felt she was the most qualified to lead the party.
 The candidates faced tough questions about what makes them uniquely qualified to not only deal with the problems currently weighing on the party, but also the certain challenges which lie ahead of the 2016 campaign season, including unifying the party, fundraising, and retiring significant debt incurred.
 They were also asked how they would specifically raise money for the party, and manage the debt. And as far as bringing the party back together is concerned, all four were asked what unique strengths and talents they individually possessed to bring about unity.
 Finally, in an effort to measure how each candidate

address where he urged employers to invest in their workforce and to pay employees overtime that they earned.
 "And to everyone in this Congress who still refuses to raise the minimum wage, I say this: If you truly believe you could work full-time and support a family on less than \$15,000 a year, try it," urged Obama. "If not, vote to give millions of the hardest-working people in America a raise."
 According to a 2014 report on wages by the Center for American Progress, a progressive, education and research think tank, said raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour would increase the collective income of people of color by \$16.1 billion.
 As income inequality rises, labor union leaders, policy makers and workers express heightened concern about stagnant wages.
 During a recent Raising Wages conference at the Kellogg Center at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., Richard Trumka, president of AFL-CIO, said that immigration and race are also work and

time when the actions of our elected officials seem to indicate that they don't want these people included in government decisions that make for a free society. Our people, Blacks and Whites, fought for the right to live

ing place for Katherine Jervay Tate. The souvenir program from Wednesday's memorial service includes a fitting and poetic ending in her honor.
God Danced The Day You Were Born
 You are loved; you are beautiful; you are a gift of God
 God's gift of love to us. You are His;

defined the values of the Democratic Party and what it must do to be successful again, each candidate was asked, given how the Republican Party has dominated recent elections to the extent of winning majorities in both the state House and Senate, plus the Governor's Office, and control redistricting until 2020, if Republicans were "smarter" than Democrats.
 If so, why, and if not, why not.
 None of the candidates agreed that Republicans were smarter than Democrats.
 In closing remarks, Marshall Adame said "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is what defines the Democratic Party, and if elected chairman, he will make sure that the party

wage issues.
 "We must have a pathway to citizenship for all immigrants, and we must be a country of dignity for all people, regardless of race or ethnicity," said Trumka. "Justice at work and justice in our community are intertwined, and both must advance for either to grow."
 Lalkia Wilson, a guidance counselor in the public school system in Detroit, Mich., said that even though you hear on television that the economy is coming back, it hasn't come back for everyone.
 "I'm struggling, all of my counterparts in my profession are struggling and in other professions we're still struggling, so the economy is only coming back for some," said Wilson.
 Wilson, a Detroit native, with no children and degrees in elementary education and counseling, said that she considers herself part of "the working poor," because sometimes she can't even afford gas money to get to work.
 In 2004, Wilson purchased home and used a part-time job at the community college to help cover her bills. When she

free and be able to live without this type of oppression from an unjust government.
 I worry! When are you, as a people, going to start worrying and get involved with the fight for freedom in an unjust society? Nothing

God danced the day you were born.
 Daddy and Mama waited and received us
 With God's embracing love. We were their tender little babies,
 Created from above.
 Today we celebrate your life as God has welcomed you into heaven with Daddy, Mama, and Tommy.
 Your sister forever,
 Mary Alice

returns to its values of making sure that working class Americans are heard and represented.
 Janice Allison said if elected chair, she will bring progressive politics back to the fore in North Carolina, and the party will not be turning its back on Pres. Obama, like some Democratic candidates did last November. "We've got to stick together," she said.
 Constance Johnson promise that she would bring new ideas for leadership and fundraising to the chairman's office. She said her many talents give the party "the skillset that you need."
 Ron Soynal said any of the five candidates would be good leaders, but whoever is chosen, "make sure they're clean, and have no baggage."

lost that job, she also lost her house. She rescued her house from foreclosure by cashing out her retirement account.
 Now Wilson said that sometimes she secretly envies people with food stamps at the grocery store.
 "I'm counting out every penny for groceries and I realize that I don't have enough to make it," said Wilson.
 Wilson added that people of color need to know that the struggle is real and that all workers have to get involved from the pizza workers to the professionals.
 "We all have to join together to raise the wages," said Wilson. "The money is there, we need to demand it."
 The EPI report said that today's levels of inequality in the United States raise a "new American Dilemma."
 It explained, "In the next decade, something must give. Either America must accept that the American Dream of widespread economic mobility is dead, or new policies must emerge that will begin to restore broadly shared prosperity."

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STUDENTS WANT UNC BUILDING CHANGED FROM KKK LEADER

[CHAPEL HILL] Students rallied Monday in front of Saunders Hall, a structure named in 1922 after Ku Klux Klan leader and NC Secretary of State William Saunders. The students wore nooses around their necks and held signs saying, "This is what Saunders would do to me." The students argue that if UNC really prides itself on diversity, then it should rename the building. Chancellor Carol Folt issued a



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statement which said, in part, "A part of Carolina's history is inextricably linked with difficult issues of race and class, and how we address those issues today is important. The Board of Trustees is taking a close look at how we can best move forward, guided by their policy on renaming campus buildings."

ADD THE UNDER-EMPLOYED, AND STATE JOBLESS RATE EXPLODES

[GREENSBORO] North Carolina officials smiled wide when told that the state unemployment rate fell to just 5.5 percent in December. But analysts now say the unemployment rate figures

normally publicized are really just part of the story, because of the data isn't incorporated. Based on what is considered a more accurate federal estimate which counts not just the unemployed, but the underemployed - meaning formerly full-time professional workers forced to labor at lower paying part time jobs when they can't find employment in their field - North Carolina's U 6 index representing both groups is 12.1 percent for 2014, meaning 568,700 North Carolinians. Nationwide, it was just 12 percent. As the economy slowly improves, the U6 index has lowered in North Carolina from 14.7 in 2013.

WAKE COUNTY JUDGE TO DECIDE ON VOTER ID CASE

[RALEIGH] A Wake Superior Court judge is expected to rule shortly on a challenge to North Carolina's 2013 law requiring all voters at the polls to present an approved government-issued photo identification, starting in 2016. Attorneys for those who say they cannot abide by the new requirement are calling it unconstitutional, and want it removed. Lawyers from the state Attorney General's Office counter that all voters were always required to validate their identity, and if that becomes a problem, they could always cast a mail-in absentee ballot.

Judge Mike Morgan, who heard arguments, said he would decide on various motions in the case in two to three weeks.

NC DOT SECRETARY DOES FOX NEWS SPOT TO CRITICIZE ARMY SOLDIER

[RALEIGH] When he was hired as Wake County Schools superintendent in 2010, Tony Tata, a Tea Party conservative, had to agree to stop making political appearances on Fox News, where he would routinely bash Pres. Obama. The retired US Army brigadier general was ultimately fired from his job, but later landed on his feet after Gov. McCrory tapped Tata for

NC Secretary of Transportation two years ago. Sec. Tata has still involved himself in some partisan Republican appearances across the state, but never on national TV, until last week. Tata appeared on Fox's "Hannity" criticize Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, saying that the former captive should be charged with desertion and court-martialed for walking away from his post. Tata was only billed as a former Army brigadier general, and current novelist. His role as NCDOT secretary was not mentioned.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Feds issue guide on human trafficking prevention to schools

SPECIAL TO THE NNPA FROM THE WASHINGTON INFORMER

The U.S. Department of Education has released a guide on identifying and preventing human trafficking to help teachers and administrators handle such issues with their students.

The free "Human Trafficking in America's Schools" guide includes information on risk factors, handling suspected trafficking and samplings of school pro-

ocols and policies. The education department has also partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services and President Lincoln's Cottage, a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to launch a youth campaign focused on raising awareness of human trafficking.

An estimated 1.2 million children worldwide are victimized each year as the result of human trafficking, the education department reports.

"It's hard to imagine that such heinous crimes continue to exist today, right here in America," said Deborah Delisle, assistant secretary for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. "Human trafficking robs young people of a life that is filled with hope. The department stands with its other federal and nonprofit partners, such as President Lincoln's Cottage, in helping these young people return to safe, supportive homes and schools."

Mark Greenberg, acting assistant secretary for the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, added that it's critical to raise awareness of trafficking among adolescents, considering that traffickers intentionally target youth.

"We're pleased to work with the Department of Education and President Lincoln's Cottage on this campaign to empower and engage youth to be part of the solution," Greenberg said.



(PHOTOCOURTESY OF SAFE HOUSE OF HOPE) Safe House of Hope in Baltimore sends experts out to organizations to discuss the problem of human trafficking and how victims can receive help.

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concerned about the slums down here, and his children who can't eat three square meals a day.

"It's all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's preacher must talk about the new New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee. This is what we have to do."

The next day, Dr. King was assassinated.

Nearly 47 years later, as America last month celebrated the King birthday holiday and is now celebrating Black History Month, a group of church leaders appears to be carrying out this Black economic empowerment goal in earnest. Invited to speak to a recent gathering of pastors and leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, National Bankers Association President Michael Grant cited the words of human rights champion Paul Robeson:

"We realize that our future lies chiefly in our own hands," Grant quoted. "We know that neither institution nor friends can make a race stand unless it has strength in its own foundation; that races like individuals must stand or fall by their own merit; that to fully succeed they must practice the virtues of self-reliance, self-respect, industry, perseverance, and economy."

Grant continued in his own words: "We played a major role in growing America from a small colonial outpost to the greatest industrial giant the world has ever known. We don't have to argue about our ability to grow wealth. We have made everyone else rich, some filthy rich. Isn't it time that we finally make our efforts productive for ourselves?"

Grant was keynote speaker during a special session on "Economic Development through the Black Church" during the A.M.E. Church's

2nd District Mid-year Opening Plenary Session in Raleigh, N.C. late last year. His speech preceded a panel discussion that also included Marie Johns, former deputy administrator at the Small Business Administration; Ron Busby, president/CEO of the U. S. Black Chambers Inc. and Rev. Jonathan Weaver, senior pastor of Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church in Bowie, Md., and board member of the A.M.E. organization that deals with economic growth and development projects.

Following the forum, Weaver says A.M.E. pastors, led by Bishop William P. DeVeaux, are now poised to carry out a specific plan that they hope will spread to other denominations and ultimately catch fire in other denominations and the Black community throughout 2015.

"Clearly where we are at this point is to actualize and implement what we discussed in Raleigh," said Weaver in an interview. "The whole thrust was how Black churches can help to empower Black businesses."

The starting plan, in a nutshell, is for churches located in the A.M.E. Second District - North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and D.C. - to commit to the support of two Black-owned businesses. They are Thomas Morehead, president of a BMW dealership in Sterling, Va. and Donnell Thompson, co-founder/co-owner of RWDT Foods, Inc., a chain of restaurants based in N. Snellville, Ga.

AME church members buying from those two businesses will cause the churches to benefit from those sales; then identify other businesses in and around the states and "replicate this process", Weaver described. After tracking the sales, initiated by the churches, the hope is that other church districts will get involved and that the movement will spread to other businesses and other churches.

"And we certainly hope and pray that this will become a much larger Black faith effort and we will reach out to the Baptist community,

the Church of God and Christ and the list goes on," Weaver said. "If we're able to affect a significant change in terms of relationship with Black businesses, can you imagine if we're able to boost their profit margin and therefore they are going to have to hire more people and therefore they will be reaching back to the faith community. More people will have jobs, they will have better jobs; therefore there will be less frustration, economically, in our community."

So far, the congregations have been receptive to the idea, Weaver said. "Quite frankly, I've not met any resistance thus far."

In his speech, Grant reminded the audience that a legacy of Black economic develop was at the core of the founding of the A.M.E. Church.

"I agree with that great A.M.E. historiographer, Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson, who said that the history of the African Methodist Episcopal Church - founded - by Bishop Richard Allen - reflects the black liberationist narrative of African - American history," Grant said. "Nearly eight decades before the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Allen, a free man, was already promoting Black economic development. So it is fitting that we come to his church today with an urgent message: The time for Africans of African descent to take our place at the round table of economic opportunity is now. With each passing day, the price of not having a well - thought out economic agenda for Black America continues to extract a toll and degrade our position in this country and throughout the diaspora."

Grant, who last year received the U. S. Department of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award for his Black business advocacy, ticked off statistics that undergird the need for an economic movement to support Black-owned businesses and Black-owned banks:

There are currently 1.9 million Black-owned businesses in America, but only

about one in 20 have more than one employee and less than 2 percent have annual gross receipts of more than \$1,000,000.

In terms of relative wealth, White America is 20 times richer than Black America, according to a recent Pew Report.

In the 1960's, we had 60 Black-owned banks. Today, that number has dwindled to only 30. What is insane about this tragic loss is this: The bank is the only institution in our community that can leverage or multiply dollars 7, 8, 9 or 10 times. That means for every \$1,000,000 dollars of invested capital in these banks, they are able to loan out 7, 8, 9 or \$10 million for economic development, business growth and job creation.

Grant said African-Americans lost significant ground in business ownership after integration, largely because African-Americans were no longer forced to support each other.

"As long as we were forced to trade with each other and barter with each other, our businesses (small as they were) thrived. But in our minds, we were never quite good enough. We had internalized the lie about our lack of inherent worth," he said. "When the doors of integration gave us the long - awaited pass to wine and dine with our former oppressors, we enthusiastically abandoned our own in search of an elusive White acceptance. We believed then - and many of us still do - that assimilation would bring on assimilation."

Dr. King concluded on April 3, 1968, the eve of his assassination: "We've got to stay together and maintain unity. You know, whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, he had a favorite, favorite formula for doing it. What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh's court, and he cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that's the beginning of getting out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity."

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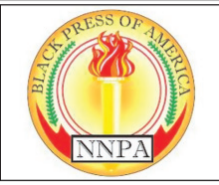
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We've had enough of poor leadership

How many times, especially during or just after a tragedy like the killing of Eric Garner, have you heard one of our "leaders" angrily say, "Enough is enough"? They say it as if their angry rhetoric will scare the perpetrators and make them stop mistreating us. More importantly, I believe, they use these words to stir up Black folks to the point of being willing to follow them and do whatever they tell us to do. To that I say, "Enough is enough!"

The way we have digressed over the past few decades make it pretty clear that our toothless tiger leaders, our "big dog" organizations, and the shallow and often meaningless gestures by our celebrities and athletes have not taken us very far. We have failed to move beyond threatening rhetoric, empty promises, and no-win compromises; and we are being sold out by those who would have us believe they are leading us to victory.

They stand behind the microphones on stages, at press conferences, in pulpits, under the rubric of "Black Leader" or "Black Spokesperson," shouting and getting the troops "fired up and ready to go" with no roadmap, no plan, no end game, and no real strategy to accomplish our end. Then, they disappear until the next crisis comes along, and we jump on their wheel-less bandwagon once again. They shout, "Enough is enough!" and we say "Yeah!" "That's right!" and "You tell 'em!"

It's time we hold ourselves accountable for the declaration, "Enough is enough." Do we need to be slapped just a little bit harder upside our heads for us to act more appropriately in response to our mistreatment and the myriad complaints we have lodged? Do we need one more person killed, even before we have resolved Eric Garner's homicide? Do we need just one more march on Washington, in New York City, and now in Cleveland, before we truly mean "enough is enough"?

Just to shout out some tired phrases and walk away as if we accomplished something pragmatic is insulting and, quite frankly, cowardly. Bombastic rhetoric not followed by appropriate action is nothing but hot air and a waste of time and resources. Maybe that's why many young people are so turned off by what they see and hear from "leaders."

How are we going to make a real difference in the way we are treated if we don't first change the way we respond to it? When we change our behavior, the perpetrators' behavior will change. But right now we are so predictable, so shallow, and so vulnerable to "Rapolutionaries" and "Maach leaders." We are willing to walk 130 miles because we think it will change what happened in Ferguson. We are willing to drive, fly, or ride a bus to Washington to "maach," while along the way we spend thousands of dollars to get there, stay there, and eat there, only to leave no better off than we were before we left home.

Is enough really enough? I don't think so. So what should we do to change our situation and gain a few victories along the way? Here's one answer: Bob Law and a group of activists in New York City have put out a call for a period of redirecting Black dollars away from businesses that earn tremendous profits from Black consumers. They are calling it, "No Justice, No Profit."

In response to what he calls "a blatant disregard and depraved indifference to Black life by many corporations," Law wrote, "The Black community not only suffers at the hands of the police, [we] are the primary victims of the institutionalized racism that places the entire Black community in an economic and political choke hold."

He went on to say, "One of the most effective ways to demand justice is to turn our consumer spending into real power and begin to target and control our spending. Let's make where we spend our dollars a political decision. Let's become Conscious Consumers."

Bob Law has no soapbox, no pulpit, and no news conference with media that turn on his every word. His call, and it should be your call, says loudly and clearly that enough is truly enough, and here is what we are going to do to show we mean it this time. So what's it going to be, New Yorkers? Another march, or some real economic and political action?

The other answer is the One Million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors. It is not merely a political effort; it is a major economic movement. If you want to see and be a part of a monumental effort and a positive solution that no one else is offering to Black people, you should join. But remember, the key word is "Conscious." Send email to: iamoneofthemillion@gmail.com.

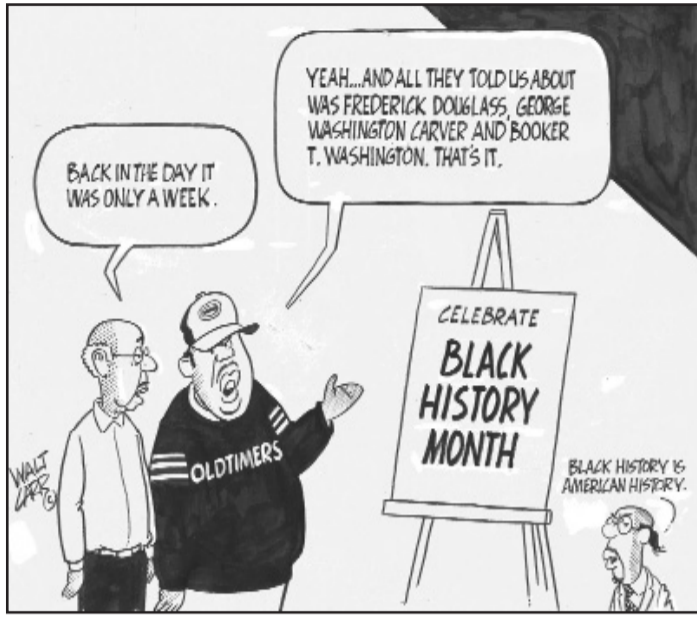
James Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and can be reached through his Web site, blackonomics.com.

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Matters of Opinion

A call to end child poverty now

It is a national moral disgrace that there are 14.7 million poor children and 6.5 million extremely poor children in the United States of America - the world's largest economy. It is also unnecessary, costly and the greatest threat to our future national, economic and military security.

There are more poor children in America than the combined residents in six of our largest U.S. cities: Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and San Antonio with a combined total population of 14.6 million residents. There are more children living in extreme poverty in the United States (6.5 million) than there are total residents in 33 states and the District of Columbia.

The younger children are the poorer they are during their years of greatest brain development. Every other American baby is non-White and 1 in 2 Black babies is poor; 150 years after slavery was legally abolished.

America's poor children did not ask to be born; did not choose their parents, country, state, neighborhood, race, color, or faith. In fact if they had been born in 33 other

industrialized countries they would be less likely to be poor. Among these 35 countries, America ranks 34th in relative child poverty - ahead only of Romania whose economy is 99 percent smaller than ours.

The United Kingdom, whose economy, if it were an American state, would rank just above Mississippi according to the Washington Post, committed to and succeeded in cutting its child poverty rate by half in 10 years. It is about values and political will. Sadly, politics in our nation too often trumps good policy and moral decency and responsibility to the next generation and the nation's future. It is way past time for a critical mass of Americans to confront the hypocrisy of America's pretension to be a fair playing field while almost 15 million children languish in poverty.

The Children's Defense Fund just released a groundbreaking new report, "Ending Child Poverty Now," that calls for an end to child poverty in the richest nation on earth with a 60 percent reduction immediately. And it shows that solutions to ending child poverty in our nation already exist and for the first time how, by combining expanded investments in existing policies and programs that work, we can shrink overall child poverty 60 percent, Black child poverty 72 percent, and improve economic circumstances for 97 percent of poor children at a cost of \$77.2

billion a year. These policies could be and should be pursued immediately, improving the lives and futures of millions of children and eventually saving taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars annually.

Child poverty is way too expensive to continue. Every year we keep 14.7 million children in poverty costs our nation \$500 billion - six times more than the \$77 billion investment we propose to reduce child poverty by 60 percent.

It makes no economic sense to continue to spend on average three times more per prisoner than per public school pupil and continue to build a massive prison industrial complex that has become the new American apartheid. And it is profoundly unjust to continue making budget cuts in safety net programs to feed and house the poor and not provide an opportunity and decent wages for parents who work while increasing wealth and income inequality fueled by hundreds of billions of dollars of tax breaks for the top 1 percent from many tax loopholes described in the report.

Not only does child poverty cost far more than eliminating it would, we have so many better choices that reflect more just values as well as economic savings. We believe that food, shelter, quality early childhood investments to get every child ready for school and an equitable education for all children

should take precedence over massive welfare for the rich and blatantly excessive spending for military weapons that often do not work.

If we built 485 fewer of the planned 2,500 F-35s that still don't work reliably and are over budget we could fund the \$77 billion required to lift 60 percent of our children from poverty now as their minds and bodies are developing.

We are spending \$48.2 billion a month; \$11.1 billion a week; \$1.6 billion a day; \$66 million an hour; \$1.1 million a minute; and \$18,323 a second on the military. If we love America and love our children we must all stand against the excessive greed and militarism that tramples millions of our children entrusted to our care.

Please download a copy of "Ending Child Poverty Now," share it widely with your networks and then take action. A nation that does not stand for its children does not stand for anything and will not stand tall in the 21st century world or before God.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

The legacy of Carter G. Woodson

The best way to celebrate Black History Month is to make more Black history. Black History Month is now celebrated around the world. We are grateful for the visionary leadership of noted historian and scholar Carter G. Woodson for being the founder of what was known as

Negro History Week in 1926 that 44 years later evolved into Black History Month.

It is also important to note that this year marks the centennial celebration of Woodson's founding of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). The mission of ASALH is to "promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community." Established in 1915, the association has no peer in the preservation of our rich history.

ASALH continues to extend the legacy Carter G. Woodson "speaking a fundamental truth to the world - that Africans and peoples of African descent are makers of history and co-workers in what W. E. B. Du Bois called, The Kingdom of Culture." Yes, it is clearly of the great

est necessity for all of us to support and spread knowledge about the accomplishments of Woodson, which included his landmark, The Mis-Education of the Negro. Written in 1933, the book is as timely today as it was 82 years ago.

We must not allow anyone or anything to diminish or to dismiss the uninterrupted relevance and importance of Black American history, culture and intellectual genius. The "fundamental truth" about the glorious and triumphant history of peoples of African descent needs to be retold and appreciated by all people throughout the world.

We are a proud people. We are an African people. We are the Black family, community, nation and global community. We are a people of the long centuries-long struggle for freedom, justice and equality. Our history did not begin or end with the tragedy and holocaust of transatlantic slavery. The history of African people begins with God's creation of humanity. We are the original people. Human civilization had its birth and evolution in the cradle of the heart of Africa.

When I hear people today say that Black Americans have a challenge with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) academic courses and disciplines, I ask: Why? We are the originators of math and science. One of the reasons

Black History Month is so important is because it forces us to remind ourselves that high achievement and excellent academic performance are a vital components of our historical evolution. Being skilled in science and math is not tantamount to "acting White," whatever that is. Rather, it's thinking Black in the finest of traditions.

In a real sense Black History Month is Black Achievement Month. We must do a better job in defining and controlling the narrative about Black Americas in the past, currently and the future. The so-called "mainstream" media is still full of negative stereotypes and debilitating caricatures when it comes to reporting news, sports or about the cultural arts of people of African descent.

Here are my five recommendations for properly celebrating this 2015 Black History Month:

- Black Lives Matter: We endorse the national social media campaign to assert the value of all Black American lives and to confront and stop racially-motivated police brutality;

- Let's strengthen Black-owned businesses this month not only by buying Black, but by encouraging the mentorship and development of a new generation of young entrepreneurs;

- Financially support the Historically Black Colleges

and Universities (HBCUs), whether to an individual college, or through the National Association For Equality Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) or the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. Make a contribution to support HBCUs this month;

- Subscribe to a Black-owned newspaper this month for yourself and for a relative. #OurVoice75 Support the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) 75th Anniversary throughout this year.

- Let's prepare to reassert our demand for the protection of the voting rights of all people and in particular for Black Americans as we approach in the next few weeks the 50th Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March.

Let's make more history together. Our future will be determined by what we do today. Let's make this Black History Month a time of both reflection and action to advance the interests of Black America and all African people everywhere.

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New Hanover County

Lower Cape Fear Hospice will offer a free grief workshop, Realizing the future: Creating a vision board, from 1-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at Phillips LifeCare & Counseling Center, 1414 Physicians Drive in Wilmington. Registration is mandatory. For more information, call 796-7991. When leaving a message, please leave your name, phone number, and indicate the specific program you wish to attend. Sessions are free. Donations are appreciated. Additional groups will form throughout the year.

Community Briefs

Northeast Branch New Hanover County Public Library will hold "Ask the Civil War Expert" on Monday, February 9, 2015 in David Paynter Room from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Henry Mintz, a professional researcher, has researched in most archives on the east coast and can tell you where to look for an elusive record about your ancestor's service or what happened on the day of a battle. A native of Columbus County, he is a family historian with a unique perspective on how the war changed the lives of all who lived through it.

The Democratic Women of New Hanover County will meet Thursday, February 12th at McAlister's Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Dinner and social time begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 6:45 p.m. The main topics will be Precinct Organization and political fundraising. Membership includes registered democratic women and men. Men may join but do not have voting privileges. If any questions please call 910-395-4502.

Pender County

Pender County Training School and South Pender High Alumni will hold their 2nd Annual Recognition Breakfast on Saturday, February 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, 1825 NC Hwy 53 West, Burgaw, NC. The special guest speaker will be Ambassador Mattie Sharpless. For more information call 910-675-8528.

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Advertisement for Clybourne Park by Bruce Norris. Features a house icon and text: "The Wilmington Premiere of CLYBOURNE PARK By Bruce Norris and white a black comedy about real estate 2011 Pulitzer Prize Winner February 19-March 1, 2015". Includes contact info for David T. Loudermilk and Susan H. Habas.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Sunset

Sunset is the time of the day when the sun disappears below the western horizon. Many working people want to be home before sunset. There may be some problems in society you think about while working, but these problems will not keep you from doing your best work every day to support your family.

Our thoughts are on the Democrats. We must keep looking forward. It's never been about winning elections. It's about being able to enact sound policies that make a lasting difference in the lives of the poor people looking for better jobs that set America on the path toward a strong and safe future. There is still a strong need of more equality, justice and prosperity for all. We want the Democrats in

Congress to count on our support in healthcare, jobs, and education. We want more citizens in the United States to become Democrats and fight stronger for our rights.

There are so many times when we see climate changes in our country. In the very cold climates the melting of snow and ice is achieved by the application of heat. This is the reason for much of the water in the rivers, ponds, ditches, etc. Some states are having several feet of snow. Roads are becoming coated with ice, and it's not safe to drive. Limbs or trees, fallen on the wires, could cause homes to be without electrical power for days, or even weeks. We think about the difficult times they are having because it could happen here in Brunswick County. Today there are many noticeable climate changes around us.

There are serious concerns about the problems in our educational system. Gang activity and bullying in schools are a growing serious

problem. Brief attention spans in children often cause them to become behavior problems. We need to offer more special education or more modern computer technology. In 2012 the President dedicated new resources to enable all students to improve their educational achievement in every way possible. Every child in this country should have access to a high quality education.

It is sunset, and we want more citizens of the community to be members of NAACP. Today we need more support for our children's future, and you can help. A special religious meeting was held for young boys and girls at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, North Carolina, where the pastor is The Reverend Q. K. Steward, and the assistant pastor is The Reverend H. S. Boynton.

We go back in history and see that the victories that won our freedom and full citizenship rights were bought with the blood of our forepar-

ents. They were brutalized and murdered, lynched with a rope around their necks. Swinging from the limbs of trees until they were dead, they died, often as spectators watched them die. We are winners, and, as we have more power groups than we've ever had before, you cannot stop us now!

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.

The students will create art-work in these two artists' style. The Trask Middle School Black History Month Planning is comprised of Mrs. Coley, the media center specialist, Mrs. Rappold, literacy coach and Katrena Mills, school counselor. Their 2015 theme is "The Art of Community, Inspired by Minnie Evans." Since Minnie Evans was a visionary artist who was born in Pender County, the committee thought it fitting to highlight this local contributor to Black History.

New Hanover County Schools celebrates African American History Month

February is African American History Month, and New Hanover County Schools (NHCS) has already begun to celebrate with events that are educational, inspirational and fun. Throughout the district, schools are incorporating African American studies into classroom curricula highlighting the important ways African Americans have impacted our nation's history.

To celebrate African American History Month, the following events are just a few examples of planned activities:

February 9th - 20th: Murrayville Elementary School fourth grade students have been researching a famous African American to present via PowerPoint the second and third weeks in February. The students are expected to practice their viewing, listening, and speaking skills while gaining knowledge of famous African Americans that have impacted and changed history.

February 10th 3:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.: "Fuel Up the Play 60: African American Athletes"-Ogden Elementary School's after-school program joined the NFL's Fuel UP to Play 60 Program. In celebration of Black History Month, after-school students will be learning about different African American athlete's and the importance of staying active and how playing at least 60 minutes a day had an impact on their career. Some of the famous African American athletes include Jackie Robinson, Serena Williams, Muhammad Ali, Wilma Rudolph, Althea Gibson, Michael Jordan and many others.

Throughout the month of February: After viewing a documentary on Althea Gibson, NHCS middle and high school stu-

dents will be participating in the Althea Gibson Art and Essay Contest. Althea Gibson moved to Wilmington in 1946 to attend high school and work on her tennis game with Dr. Hubert A. Eaton. She was a trailblazing athlete who became the first African American to win Wimbledon, the French Open, the Australian Doubles and the US Open in the late 1950's.

Bellamy Elementary School second grade students are learning about the famous contemporary artist and author, Faith Ringgold. Ms. Ringgold is famous for her beautiful story quilts. Students will create a class story quilt out of paper, illustrating their lives as Bellamy students. Other students will be researching a famous African-American and learning about Civil Rights through art, songs, photos, poems and children's literature. The school will also have announcements over the PA system each morning, depicting African Americans' contributions, along with bulletin board displays of leaders in the African American communities.

Carolina Beach Elementary: Kama Cannon, gifted education specialist and Melony Connor, art educator, are collaborating to bring an AIG Enrichment class called "The Human Condition: The American Civil Rights Movement" to AIG Reading students who demonstrate visual-spatial and divergent (creative) thinking skills in fourth and fifth grades. The class provides an in-depth survey of the movement from "Contact" through today. Students will demonstrate their understanding of key social movements, issues, and protest symbols through the arts.

Mrs. Boos' second grade class watched and analyzed MLK Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech and is composing persuasive speeches of their own. Later this month, the students will be exploring and research-

ing the cultures from various countries around the world to present to their classmates.

Fourth grade teachers are focusing on civil rights with African American history starting this week. Ms. Charles and Ms. Tugwell, for example, have focused on African American biographies with project assessments and class discussions/presentations. Mrs. Tomjack's class will be completing a written response based on an article called "The World Without Black People" and the importance of civil rights today. Mrs. Tugwell's fourth grade class will be producing African American news broadcasts starting February 20th.

Holly Tree Elementary School grade levels will celebrate African American History Month in the following ways: Kindergarten will discuss various African American's in history and focus on Rosa Parks and how she changed the world; first grade will read about Great African Americans and create reports to be compiled into a book; second grade will conduct research in small groups on influential African Americans in history and create reports; third grade will read biographies about Jackie Robinson, Sojourner Truth, and Booker T. Washington. The students will create a timeline of events in history using these three African Americans and their influence in the world; fourth grade will read, "Salt in His Shoes," a story about Michael Jordan. They will discuss his life and the impact he has made on our world. They will also create trading cards in some of the fourth grade classrooms of famous Black Americans; fifth grade will read task cards about Martin Luther King and will hold group discussions and create questions to ask other students. Art classes will study the art of two famous African American artists, Jacob Lawrence and Minnie Evans.

Teachers can teach the lesson which highlights important facts and information about Minnie Evans. The PowerPoint also contains instructions on how to create a symmetrical design inspired by her style. After the lesson, the students will create a piece of artwork on the pie-shaped paper cutouts. These cutouts will be used on a school-wide bulletin board.

Bulletin Boards - Bulletin boards will illustrate the 2015 theme "The Art of Community, Inspired by Minnie Evans." Students will use these bulletin boards to search for the answers to weekly trivia questions. Trivia Contest - A trivia question regarding Black History will be read on each Tuesday and Thursday during February. Ms. Mills (School Counselor) will compose eight questions using the vocabulary words provided by the County. Students will have the opportunity to submit their answers to the media center. Prize packets will be distributed on each Wednesday and Friday throughout the month. Among the correct submissions, the committee will randomly select three winners, one per grade level.

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Katherine Jervay Tate

Katherine Jervay Tate was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on March 27, 1949, and departed this earthly life on January 27, 2015, at Halcyon Hospice Center in Atlanta, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas C. Jervay, Sr. and the late Mrs. Willie Etha DeVane Jervay. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Thomas C. Jervay, Jr.

She attended the public schools of New Hanover County and graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1967, where she was chief majorette of the famous Williston Band and a member of the Queen's Court. She was also a member of the Crown and Scepter Club and the Tri-H-Y Club, the Royalists Social Club, the Library Club and the Echo staff. Upon completion of her education, she was joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Lacy Tate. To this union two sons, Lacy and Robert, were born.

At a very early age, she gave her life to the Lord and walked with Him daily until death. As a child, she joined Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Wilmington and remained a member until death. She very much loved the Sunday School at St. Mark's.

She worked diligently for many years in the family business, *The Wilmington Journal*, as the office manager and as a photographer. After her father's death, she became publisher of the weekly paper and remained in that position until her retirement and illness in 1996.

During the Civil Rights Movement, she was a strong and vibrant voice against social and economic injustice, starting with her high school days. She grew up in a home where her family constantly lived with threats and intimidation. Rather than resort to the background in fear, she was always at the front line, beginning with the arrests of young people in Wilmington in 1963. She spent time in jail as a student protestor and, during that long hot summer, protested and demonstrated with the NAACP and the Youth Chapter of the NAACP everyday. She also participated that year in the March on Washington. She was an advocate and a supporter of the Wilmington Ten and the student protestors during the 1970's.

She worked long and hard in her roles as daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, businesswoman, freedom fighter and friend.

She held a life membership in the New Hanover County NAACP and faithfully paid the yearly dues of her grandchildren until she could no longer afford to. She was also a member of the Williston Alumni Association and the Wilmington Chapter of Jack and Jill, Inc.

She was a member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and was once secretary of the the North Carolina Publishers Association.

She enjoyed one of the fruits of her labor, dining out in the restaurants of her choice.

She loved the Lord, and she loved people. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. She leaves to mourn her passing and to cherish her memories the following: husband, Lacy Tate, two sons, Robert and Lacy Tate, thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren, a sister, Mary Alice Jervay Thatch (Rev. John L.) several nieces and nephews, a very special caretaker, Theresa Lynn Tate, and other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mr. Lloyd Richard McQuillan

Lloyd "Richard" McQuillan passed away peacefully from this life January 26, 2015 after a brief decline in health. He was surrounded and supported by his loving family and friends during the last days of his life. The memorial service was Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel.

Richard was born in Wilmington (SeaBreeze), North Carolina. He spent much of his later years in Brooklyn, New York and attended Boys High School. He married the late Jane Hilliard McQuillan in 1966 and they had five children together. In 1968 Richard moved back to SeaBreeze where he lived the remainder of his life. He worked as a concrete mason and performed many other odd jobs in the community. Richard was known for loving to poke fun, dancing to James Brown music, saying funny quotes and watching cowboy movies. He was well liked in the community and enjoyed hanging out at the barrel with friends.

Richard is survived by five children (and spouses): Paula Hilliard, Anthony "Ricky" Hilliard (Delores), Ronald Hilliard (Vertell), Tonya McQuillan and Veronica McQuillan Thompson (Charles); nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Richard is also survived by his mother Dorothy McQuillan (Kenny McQuillan) deceased, and Elizabeth Knox. Sisters Jeanette Wright, Dorothea McQuillan and Martha Crawford. His surviving brothers are Craig McQuillan (Darlene) and Kenny McQuillan, Jr. (Sandra). He was preceded in death by his brother Alvin McQuillan. Richard adored the friendship of Ms. Melba Lockwood, Ms. Regina Lockwood-Key and Ms. Shirley W. Johnson. He will

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

Levy Grady

Levy Grady, 61, of Wilmington died Monday, January 19, 2015. Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Warner Temple AMEZ Church, Wilmington. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net.

His wife, Sheron E. Grady of the home; His Boys, Justyn M. Grady (Jessica) of Charlotte, NC, ShaunRé Hicks (Meka), Terrius M. Bryant of Wilmington, NC, His Girls, Malecca I. Hicks (Marcus), Tanisha Brown (Joseph) of Wilmington, NC, and LaTonya Jackson of Raleigh, NC; His Grands, Xavier Fortune of Fayetteville, NC, Sadé Fortune and Romello Johnson of the home, and His little buddy and partner in crime, Julian Jacobs of Wilmington, NC; His Father: James Luther Grady of Leland, NC; His Sisters, Glenda Small (Jimmie), LaTasha Grady of Leland, NC and Arnesha Grady of Greensboro, NC; His Brothers, Robert Hall (Clara) of Newark, NJ and Geno Grady (Gwen) of Leland, NC; His Mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Jones of Wilmington, NC; His Sisters-in-law, Brenda Johnson (Wilbert) and Pamela Mintz (Randy) of Wilmington, NC; His Brother-in-law, Joseph D. Jones, Jr.; Eight Aunts, Three Uncles, Nine Nephews, one of whom he raised, Neil Page of Raleigh, NC, Five Nieces, One Great Niece; His Dear Friends, Robert "Butch" Brunson, Chuck Allen, Ricky Patrick, Andre Herring, Ronald Toomer, Delores Kaham, Delores Mack, and Yolanda Robinson; Special Cousins, Michelle Graham, Marilyn "Nancy" McClammy, Betty Corbett and Rev. George Patrick; Many other cousins, friends and former co-workers

Levy was met at Heaven's Gate by His Mother, Ida L. Grady, His daughter, Mia Fortune, His Sister, Ethel "Neicy" Grady, His Brother, Jeffery Grady, His Childhood Friend, Howard Lawrence and His Very Special Mother, Mrs. Retha Johnson. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Julia M. Goodman

Julia M. Goodman, 54, of Leland died Sat., Jan. 24th. Funeral will be held 12 pm Thursday, January 29, 2015 at St. James AMEZ, Leland. Burial followed in Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Alneta Lorraine Eaglesw

Alneta Lorraine Eaglesw, 82, of Southport died Sat., Jan. 31st. Funeral services

will be held 12 pm Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the ILA Southport. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery. Viewing will be held 1.5 hour prior to service. Online condolence may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

James A. Gore

James A. Gore, 76, of Wilmington died Sat., Jan. 24th. Memorial service will held 2 pm Friday, Jan. 30th at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

In Loving Memory Of



Mr. Alexander Murphy Sr. Sunset: February 6, 1981

A place is vacant in the home, That no one can fill; The voice that love ones use to hear, Is silent now and still; The pleasant face they used to see, Is hidden from their view; For he has crossed the borderline, His life work now is through.

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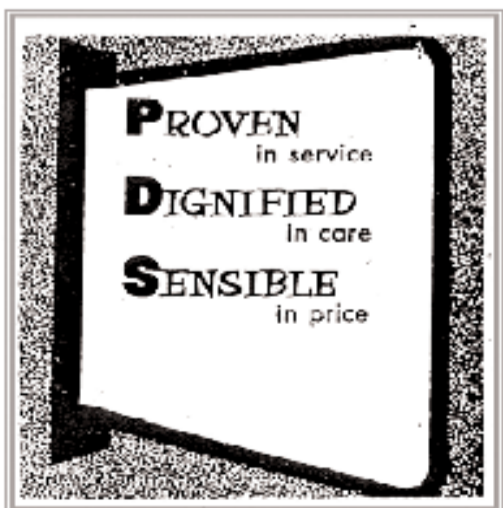
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New Hanover County

Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will hold a Gospel Extravaganza Musical Program on Sunday, February 8th at 3:00 p.m. Choirs from in and around the city will be on the program.

Chords Across America, 1020 Rankin St., will hold a winter concert series on Sunday, February 15th and Saturday, February 28th at 4:00 p.m. Minister Johnnie Tyrone Stringfield and Company will be the special guests on February 15th and The Signing Aires of Jacksonville will be the special guest on February 28th. For additional details call 910-623-4192.



Religious Briefs

Holy Covenant United Holy Church will hold its Annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, February 8th at 11:30 a.m. The afternoon program will begin at 3:30 p.m. with Reverend Robert Frink, choir and congregation of Little Prong Baptist Church of Ash, NC. Dinner will be served immediately following morning worship. For more information you may call Pamela Stanley at 910-231-3170 or Brenda McMillan at 910-253-5790.

Ministry of Deliverance, 2162 Wrightsville Ave. will hold fellowship services on Friday, February 6th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 7th from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Apostle Ken and Prophetess Sabrina Cox will be guests. For more information please call Pastor Ruth Graham at 910-289-3976 or Evangelist Washington at 910-274-7067.

Mt. Olive AME Youth Ministry, 1001 South 7th Street, will hold a dinner fundraiser on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Contact Unitia at 910-297-3012, Lela at 910-620-4738, Gerri at 973-704-7446 or the church at 910-763-3955 for further information.

Salvation Deliverance Apostolic Ministries, 1122 S. 13th St. will hold "Life Changing Revival" with Prophet Bill Daniel will be held Tuesday, February 17th- Thursday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. nightly. For more information call Dr. Mary Edge at 910-795-5952.

The Wilmington Church Women United Human Rights Celebration will be held Friday, February 6th, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 300 N. 3rd Street, Carolina Beach. Registration and coffee are at 9:30 a.m., followed by the worship services at 10:00 a.m. The Church Women United 2015 Human Rights Award will be presented to Lindsey Roberson, Assistant District Attorney in New Hanover and Pender Counties. Contact: Angel P. Dualeh at 910-833-0167.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church clothes closet will be open Saturday, February 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There is no fee involved. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

Brunswick County

Graham Chapel AMEZ will hold its 14th Annual "One Hundred in Red" on Sunday, February 8th at 3:00 p.m. Special guest speakers will include Reverend Mary C. Nixon of St. Phillip AMEZ Church, Reverend Hardy Ballard, Jr. of Craver's Creek and Rose Hill AMEZ Churches, Sister Dora Jones of Mt. Zion AMEZ Church of Elizabethtown and Reverend Michael Ivery of New Miracle Pentecostal Church.

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J. LOCKE AT LIBERTY TAX

WILMINGTON- Music that moves, music that teaches, and music that invokes growth. SoundMuzik Group National Recording Artist J.LOCKE has partnered with Liberty Tax to bring you the best deal of this year's tax season. Liberty Tax will host a meet and greet with North Carolina's very own Urban Gospel Hip Hop artist, J.Locke, at their Western Blvd. location (next to Verizon Wireless) in Jacksonville, NC from 3pm-7pm February 13th and in Wilmington at their Carolina Beach Rd. location in Monkey Junction across from Wal-Mart from 3pm-7pm Saturday February 14th. J. Locke and Liberty Tax are offering you an opportunity to raise money for your Church through their send-a-friend program. New customers who get their taxes done at any of the Liberty Tax locations listed below will earn a \$50 donation to their Church on their behalf. J.Locke is also giving away his latest album Rebuild +Restore as a free download for this special event.

The "Good Music Campaign" J. Locke has set out on is designed to promote a more positive experience for the youth in our community in

regards to the art of music. It can be said at this time, that a majority of the music in rotation in major radio markets promote violence, promiscuity, and substance abuse. Our goal is to combat the negative influences of this music in our community with music that increases self-awareness, hope and a sense of purpose in the lives of our children, teens, and young adults.

This event is FREE. Bring your Church out to fundraise. Send-a-friend can be done at any time, not just at the event. We want you to come out and have some fun with us, take pictures with J.Locke and get your very own Valentine's Day gift from J.Locke himself from 3pm-7pm at the Liberty Tax office, 345b Western Blvd. in Jacksonville (Across from Jacksonville Mall) Friday Feb 13th and 5202 Carolina Beach Rd. in Wilmington (Monkey Junction across from Wal-Mart) Feb. 14th. There will be plenty of "Good Music", door prizes, and giveaways during the meet and greet.

Enjoy the sounds of a man reborn on a mission to give to the world the very peace and joy he has found in his love for Christ through his music. For more information please contact us at jlockebook ing@yahoo.com.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

The ties that bind

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning to all! God is good! Thank you, heavenly Father for your grace and mercy. On this cold and brisk morning, January 27, 2015, we were so thankful for this day. Lord, we love you. Brother George Hill opened our devotion directing the choir to sing "Oh How I Love Jesus." Prayer was done by Thelma Gates. "Yield Not to Temptation" was

sung by the choir. Thanks to the choir and Brother George Hill for a beautiful opening. Our speaker for today was President Eloise Purdie. Her topic was "The Ties That Bind." The Scripture lesson was taken from John 14:2-4. "We should all be grateful for God's grace and mercy. Prayer is the key." Inspiring testimonies were given. Thanks for a wonderful job! We truly enjoyed that message!

Comments and remarks were given. Inspiring testi-

monies were given. Minutes were read by Secretary Mildred Ellerby.

It was then time for the "Callers." Mrs. Francis Matthew Burney had the most members present. Thanks to all the "Callers" and the members. The sick report was given by Ms. Anna Haskins. Thank you for the wonderful job you do. To God be the glory! "Smiles" were given by Ms. Cherry Pearson. Thanks for the laughter and smiles. President Eloise Purdie also

gave us a smile: "How To Choose a Pastor." Thank you.

The circle was formed. There were forty members present. The closing prayer was done by Reverend Aaron Moore. The meeting was adjourned. To God be the glory.

There were forty-three present.

Thought for the day: "God bears the world's weight on His shoulders yet holds His children in the palm of His hand."

TELL SOMEBODY

"Love is the greatest"

"Now abideth faith, hope, charity; these three, but the greatest of these is charity." I Corinthians 13:13

Faith - Confident belief in the truth, value or trustworthiness of a person

Idea, or thing Hope - To wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment

Charity - An intense affection for another person based on personal or familial ties. Charity is also seen as something to help the needy

FAITH

Every man has been given by God a measure of faith. What we do with our faith is important, but it is also a matter of choice. If we want to realize the promises of God in our lives, then we must exercise our faith in him and his word. Mark 11:2 says, "Have faith in God." In Luke 17:5, the Apostles said unto the Lord, "Increase our faith." In Acts 15:9, we read that, Faith purifies our hearts. Hebrews 11:1 reads, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for: the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:6 further states, "Without faith, it is impossible

to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Faith is a wonderful virtue to have, but we must remember that, LOVE is the Greatest!



Sylvia Hooper

hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." When we need help, we must remember that we serve the God of HOPE and the God of HELP! Romans 8:24 says, "For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Because we are expecting something from the Lord, we

are willing to wait upon the Lord and be encouraged. HOPE wont let us give up! Colossians 1:27 says, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" HOPE is wonderful, but LOVE is the Greatest!

LOVE is the Greatest! LOVE in itself, is a powerful word! It compels one to action or activity. It is more of what you do, than what you say. Love is the distinguishing mark of being a disciple of Christ. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? I John 4:20.

I John 4:7-9 states, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 confirms to us that LOVE is the Greatest!!!

Dear Lord, Give me the gift of your love that I may share this love with others, and teach me how to love you more. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Tell Somebody!!! Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church celebrates MLK Day

BY MARVIS W. MCCRIMMON AND SYLVIA EZELONWU CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The second annual "Soup for Seniors" Celebration at Ebenezer Baptist Church sponsored by the Crocheting Class occurred on January 19, 2015 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. The Crocheting Class sponsors this event to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through service. Seniors gathered in the Fellowship Hall to witness a special program and dine on homemade soup. Guests attended from area churches that included Chestnut Street Presbyterian, First Baptist Missionary, St. Phillip AME, St. Stephen AME, Macedonia Baptist, Shiloh Baptist and St. James AME (Castle Hayne)

The Americolor Opera Alliance and Theater Arts Ensemble from Atlanta, GA performed an original dramatization through words, song, piano and the woodwind family entitled, "One Moment in Time: Tribute to the Civil Rights Movement." The ensemble included Dr. Sharon J. Willis, Ms. Deborah McCrimmon and Ms. Amaryllis J. Sueing. Dr. Willis is Music Department Chair at Clark Atlanta University and Founder of the Americolor Opera Alliance. With Americolor Opera, she has written and premiered twelve operas and five plays. Dr. Willis has also written commissioned works for the American Guild of Organists. Her organ suite, "We Shall Overcome" has been performed throughout the United States and Germany. Dr. Willis was the lead performer.

Ms. Deborah McCrimmon, a native Wilmingtonian and retired registered nurse from Grady Health Systems in Atlanta, GA, was the second lead performer. She attended

the New Hanover County school system and graduated from John T. Hoggard High School. She is also a graduate of Hampton University. Ms. McCrimmon was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Ms. Amaryllis Sueing was the third performer. She is a recent graduate of Georgia Southern University with a Master's Degree in Music Technology. She began playing saxophone at the tender age of 8 years old. She is currently the church saxophonist in Statesboro, GA and also performs in a jazz band throughout the Southeastern United States.

The performance was well received. Guests commented, "I thought we were on Broadway", "I cannot believe all the history and culture" and finally "Spectacular". The guests also articulated that the program so accurately depicted the Civil Rights struggle. Those in attendance were reminded by the performance by Americolor Theater Arts Ensemble that we cannot and should not forget the importance and impact of Dr. King's legacy.

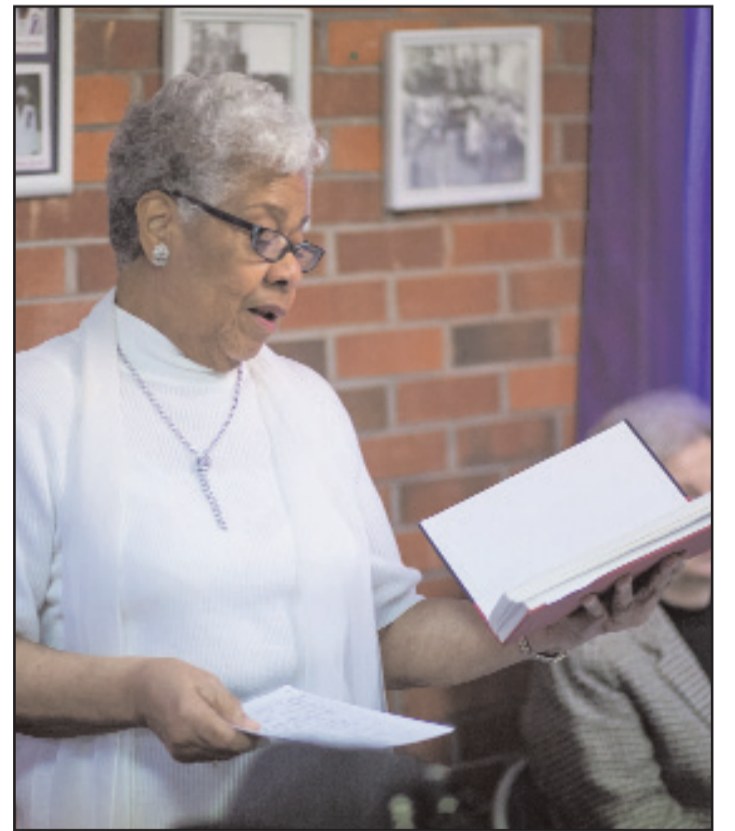
After the completion of the performance, soup was on and the Crocheting Class waited on and served the guests homemade chicken vegetable soup with gourmet cornbread. Beverages were iced tea and water. The participants also received homemade oatmeal raisin cookies as a sweet treat.

Reverend Dr. A.L. Gee, pastor of Ebenezer stated in his closing remarks that this occasion epitomized what Dr. King stood for - service and love. To close this celebratory event, the guests sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The Crocheting Class organized eight years ago and is currently filled. The primary purpose for the teaching of crocheting at Ebenezer is to prevent crocheting from becoming a lost



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art in the community and to be a service to mankind. Members of the class are Ms. Sylvia Ezelonwu, Ms. Mary Jennings, Ms. Delores Whitted, Ms. Jacqueline Darden, Ms. Mable Brunson, Ms. Barbara Mike and Ms.

Annie Smith. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. McCrimmon are the instructors. Please join the Crocheting Class on the third Sunday in May after morning worship for its annual display of handmade articles crafted by the class.

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