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You're Invited to a Film Screening in Wilmington! Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten

Democracy North Carolina invites you to join us for the screening of Cash Michaels' "Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten." In an excellent use of interviews, graphics, and historical film footage, the documentary goes back to the 1898 Wilmington Massacre and forward to the incarceration of Rev. Ben Chavis and others in the Wilmington 10 on bogus charges - and to their eventual full pardon of innocence by Gov. Bev Perdue.

Stay after the screening for a panel conversation with Cash Michaels, the Director and Producer of the film, and others.

Civics of Justice Film Screening

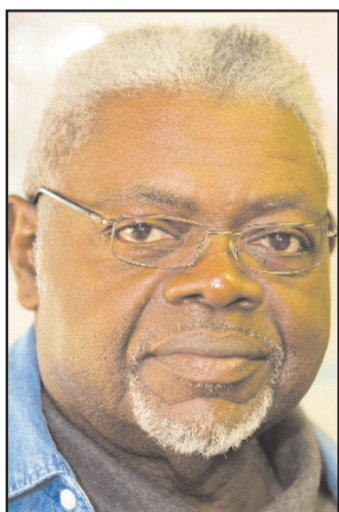
•WHAT: Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten

•WHEN: Monday, August 24th at 6pm

•WHERE: Jengo's Playhouse, 815 Princess St, Wilmington, NC

For more information about the screening, please contact Nancy Shakir at nancyshakir@democracy-nc.org.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

No help for those who need it

Today we find ourselves at a critical place in time here in Brunswick County when it comes down to Blacks, other minorities, the poor, and the elderly. There is very little concern about helping them. We find that special interest groups get most of the attention, and I see unjust laws and bills that give no thought to the people as a whole being passed. I look at conditions that in a free world should not be. It seems that we need to take on a more positive role and treat each other better. Skin color, age, nor disabilities deciding factor in how we treat one another. We lose a great deal of time over things that don't matter instead of helping to build this county.

The Brunswick County Commissioners voted on the oil drilling off shore. Now

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TENSIONS GROW IN NCDP AFRICAN-AMERICAN CAUCUS

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Controversy has once again enveloped the African-American Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party at a time that it can least afford it, namely in the strategic lead up to the all-important 2016 elections.

On the table are two key issues - first, given that African-Americans comprise over 50 percent of North Carolina registered Democrats, why doesn't the state Democratic Party give more respect to arguably its most loyal base of supporters. The argument that white Democrats take the black Democratic vote for granted because few resources are invested in the black community to galva-

nize and deliver the vote, continues to have currency.

"There is a move to disenfranchise our vote and dilute our power, but they cannot win without our community," charges Jannet Barnes, member of the NCDP's State Executive Committee, adding that black Democrats deserve "fair representation" in the party hierarchy and decision-making.

On that issue there is a unanimous "Amen" from both black and

white Democrats. *The Wilmington Journal* spoke with, with many surmising that had Kay Hagan listened to black leaders in 2014 when the first-term North Carolina senator fell just a few thousand votes short of holding back Republican challenger Thom Tillis, she would still be in Congress now.

But then there's the second, more prickly issue - is Willie Fleming of Charlotte, the recognized president of the African-American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party (AAC-NCDP) for the past two years, legitimately that body's president.

In an interview this week, Fleming tells *The Wilmington Journal* "yes," and says with just two months remaining in his tenure, he will finish the job until new elec-

tions are held this coming November.

But Jannet Barnes, the president of the Wake County chapter of the AAC-NCDP, strongly disagrees, alleging in word and documents that in fact, Fleming was "removed" from office on January 31st of this year "for cause," and that she and a new slate of offi-



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CELEBRATING THE DREAM



AT and T presents \$1,500 check to CDCC of Brunswick County in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. From left to right, Faye Jacobs, Glatha Daniels, NHC Commissioner Jonathan Barfield, Juanita Hooper, AT&T Regional Director John Lyons, Evelyn Troy and Harold Troy.

Building Sustainable Communities

BY RUSSELL HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Countywide Community Development Corporation (CDCC) of Brunswick County will be conducting the 2015 Socioeconomic activity: "Securing the American Dream through the Free Market System" Summit. The focus is on "Creating a Sustainable Socioeconomic Plan for Economically-Challenged Rural and Urban Communities." This Summit is a part of the "2015 Celebrating the Dream Legacy Weekend" which will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The legacy weekend will take place at the Wilmington, Convention Center (515 Nutt Street) in Wilmington, NC on August 28 -29, 2015.

The Summit, to be conducted on August 28th, is a series of panel discussions that will examine and honor the progress, achievements and continued struggles of socioeconomic advancement in underperforming areas or communities. A needs assessment was developed by bringing together diverse communities as collaborating partners from Wilmington's surrounding five counties (Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender) in civic engagement activities. The goals of the summit are to promote: (1) regional stakeholders' cooperation; (2) investment, (3) trade; (4) education; and (5) strengthening a sense of community in southeastern North Carolina and the eastern part of the nation.

Summit participants will have the opportunity to: (i) help come up with viable solutions for our complex problems; and (ii) educate community leaders who will fuel the economic growth of industries and economies throughout the southeastern region. The committee is seeking new strategies to encourage community involvement through the panelists' dialogue covering a wide range of socioeconomic issues such as:

- Opportunities for capital to create innovation
 - Fastest-growing businesses and economic opportunities for rural and inner-city communities
 - The national and southeastern region's greatest rural and inner-city economic and business development challenges
 - Public education and its impact on socioeconomic development
 - Personal responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996,(Economic Opportunity)
 - Antipoverty groups, small towns and cities developing economic public/private partnerships to reduce poverty that transform economics in low wealth communities
 - Supporting economic development agencies in community development and jobs creation projects for additional full-time jobs, self-employment, second job options and entrepreneurial opportunities
- The above are some of the topics for which the community is seeking solutions. Summit events include the followings:
- (1) SOUTHEASTERN OPPORTUNITY EXPO & JOB FAIR 10:15 - 8:00 pm
 - (2) PLENARY SESSION 10:15 - 10:45 am
 - Featured Speaker: **Former NC Carolina Congressman Eva Cayton**
 - (3) SESSION 1 10:45 - Noon
 - "Recapping the Socioeconomic Social Justice and Equity Issues of the Past and Educating The Community on Emerging Issues as We Face the Future"
 - Moderator: **Dr. W. Kent Guion, Vice President Diversity and Inclusion UNC/Wilmington**
 - (4) ROBERT "BOB" BROWN BUSINESS & INNOVATORS LUNCHEON 12:30 - 1:45 pm
 - "The Future Is Ours to Develop"

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JULIAN BOND

Julian Bond praised for unselfish devotion to human rights

BY FREDDIE ALLEN NNPA SENIOR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Julian Bond, a founding member and communications director of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and immediate past board chairman of the NAACP, is being praised for his lifelong human rights contributions by people ranging from President Obama and his former civil rights colleagues to ordinary people who have benefited from his courage and advocacy.

Bond, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), died Saturday night, August 15, at the age of 75. He served as the president of the SPLC, a legal advocacy organization that promotes equality and tracks hate groups, from 1971 to 1979 and later on the board of directors, according to a statement issued by the group.

"With Julian's passing, the country has lost one of its most passionate and eloquent voices for the cause of justice," SPLC said in a statement announcing Bond's death. "He advocated not just for African Americans, but for every group, indeed every person subject to oppression and discrimination, because he recognized the common humanity in us all."

The statement continued: "Not only has the country lost a hero today, we've lost a great friend."

President Obama said in a statement, "Julian Bond was a hero and, I'm privileged to say, a friend. Justice and equality was the mission that spanned his life - from his leadership of the Student

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they have voted again. This time, they have a split vote. This is a sign of bad planning. The leadership of this County has not been able to bring jobs or industry to this County. They look to work on things that attract special interest groups, and the people who really need help can't get it.

People, we are bound by our living before man and our service to man!

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

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cers were just elected to lead the statewide auxiliary organization of the state Democratic Party in early August during a state convention of membership.

Both sides have dug in their heels, and when and where the contentious dispute will ultimately be decided is anybody's guess.

Founded in February, 2003, the AAC-NCDP is a chartered auxiliary of the party's State Executive Committee. Its "mission," according to its bylaws, "...is to promote political participation and education within the African-American community, encourage African-Americans to seek public office, represent issues and concerns of its membership to the Democratic Party Leadership and to work towards strengthening the Democratic Party."

The AAC-NCDP's elected officers consist of a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. It's membership is made up of registered black Democrats across the state in at least 22 counties.

In its bylaws, the AAC-NCDP maintains that, "By voting, the General Body (membership) is the sole arbiter of all issues, concerns, rules, regulations, policies and etc. for the AAC-NCDP."

According to Mr. Fleming, he had been president of the AAC-NCDP since being elected in 2011, and re-elected in 2013.

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But according to documents and a timeline provided by Ms. Barnes, NC House Rep. Rodney Moore [D-Mecklenburg] "disbanded" the Mecklenburg AAC chapter in 2009, and that's the way it allegedly remained in 2011 when Fleming, who hailed from that chapter, ran and was elected AAC state president.

Barnes contends that because the bylaws maintain that all state officers come from "organized" chapters, Fleming should have been ineligible to run. She states that Fleming "retroactively" formed a new chapter in order to retain his state seat, but that is not allowed and any actions he took as chair were "fruit of the poisonous tree."

There are additional allegations of a bank account and missing money, in addition to a failing to file reports with the State Board of Elections for two years.

"The AAC-NCDP By-Laws has an internal resolution of disputes provision, as required by the NCDP, and the Elected Executive Officers did render a decision to remove Mr. Fleming on Saturday, January 31st, 2015 at a called meeting which Fleming refused to attend," stated an April 28, 2015 memo from Paul Brandon Johnson, listed a "President" to "County Caucus Presidents, Members and Friends."

That Fleming was indeed "removed for cause" was later maintained in subsequent missives on AAC-NCDP letterhead from Johnson in a

complaint and follow ups to the State Board of Elections (SBOE), and to Democratic Party Chairwoman Patsy Keever.

Barnes maintains that the SBOE "is investigating" and "has issued subpoenas," and if that doesn't pan out, she promises her group will "file a complaint with the [US] Dept. of Justice."

So what does Willie Fleming, who is still touted as the president of AAC-NCDP on websites and listed among NCDP auxiliary presidents, say in response?

"It bothers me that Jannet and her group do not believe in democracy," he told *The Journal* this week during a phone interview from Charlotte.

He says unless, as prescribed by the AAC-NCDP's bylaws, "two-thirds" of the General Body present votes to remove any officer, he cannot be removed any other way. Fleming adds that the Elected Executive Officers can only recommend removal, but not do it themselves without the General Body.

Fleming maintains that there has been nothing improper about his election to office, or the two terms he has thus far served. He says when NCDP Chairwoman Patsy Keever was confronted with deciding whether Fleming had indeed been removed as AAC-NCDP president, she put in writing that the party still recognized him as president, and he "gives her credit" for that.

Fleming charges that Barnes and her supporters are "troublemakers" who

have been removed from party organizations. He also promised that any allegations about his having anything to do with missing money, "...my attorney will take them to court and make them prove it."

He says he spoke to the SBOE, and if it had determined something was wrong, something would have been done by now.

A spokesman for SBOE did not return *The Journal's* call for comment by press time Wednesday.

Chairwoman Keever confirmed that Fleming's version of events to *The Journal* during a telephone interview Tuesday.

Confirming a notarized letter from her recognizing Fleming as AAC state chair, Keever made it clear that it wasn't a "personal" choice, but rather something she had party officials look into to determine who should rightfully sit on the State Executive Committee, as all auxiliary chairmen are allowed to.

By the party's own "Plan of Organization," NCDP officials, including the chairman, have no say in the inner workings of its auxiliary groups.

Chairwoman Keever said on Feb. 7, 2015, the SEC accepted the AAC bylaws during its gathering in Pittsboro, and Fleming was recognized as AAC chair at that time. Keever also said at the first SEC meeting after that, Fleming was recognized by the "vast majority of that body" as the president. At the May 2nd general body meeting, he was recognized again

"by the vast majority" as chair. She maintains that the issue comes down to one group not recognizing the other.

"The party had to come down on one side or the other because we had to recognize who will sit on the SEC," she said. "But the party is neutral, and working to ensure that the AAC is alive and well."

"I'm sorry that these complications have come up," Keever told *The Wilmington Journal*. "The state party is neutral on President Barnes or President Fleming. This is an internal issue of the African-American Caucus, and I hope and pray that they'll get it fixed so that we can get on with having a very strong and united AAC. And that's what we all need."

Keever also said that "It's totally untrue" that the AAC and other caucuses of color have been left out, and have no place at the table of the NCDP. She says no other caucuses have had the "internal conflict" that the AAC has had.

So what the next step is in all of this is up Barnes and her supporters. With no further word from the SBOE, there is no doubt that Fleming will remain in office until new elections in November. If a complaint is filed with the US Dept. of Justice, it could be years before a final resolution is reached, assuming any alleged criminality is proven.

Meanwhile blacks in the state's Democratic Party remain untrusting of its leadership, and apparently of each other.

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• Featured Speaker: Robert Brown CEO and Founder of B&C International

(5) SESSION 2 2:00 - 3:15 pm

• 21st Century Socioeconomic Public Policy That Creates Prosperity, Equality and Social Justice"

• Moderator: Ms. Monique Hall (6) SESSION 3 3:30 - 4:30 pm

• The Five Top Economic Issues Prohibiting Upward Mobility for Entrepreneurs and Community Development: Developing Strategies for Sustainable Innovation and Economic Transformation"

• Moderator: Elton Daniels, Assistant County Manager of Operations, Franklin County, NC

(7) TOWN HALL MEETING

"Voting Rights: Where Do We Go from Here?"

• Moderator: Jon Evans, News Anchor, WECT TV6 Wilmington, NC

The cost of participating in the Summit is \$50/person - the cost covers all Summit events, including the Robert Brown Business & Innovators Luncheon.

Checks are to be made payable to Countywide CDC and mailed to Countywide CDC 1183 Old Mill Road Navassa, NC 28451 Additional information is available at the CDCC website www.celebratethedream.org

2015 President Lyndon Baines Johnson Legacy Civil Rights and Humanitarian Rights Dinner and Gala

DATE: August 29, 2015 (Saturday) at the Wilmington Convention Center

TIME: 7:00 - 11:00 pm TICKETING: \$75/person Sponsored by the Countywide Community Development Corporation (CDCC) of Southeastern North Carolina

The Dinner and Gala will honor all African-American Officials in Southeast North Carolina elected to public office since the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In addition, **the Honorable Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, Former Congressperson Eva Clayton and Marilyn Baldwin Richards of the United Negro College Fund** will be honored for their lifelong contributions in the struggle for civil and humanitarian rights.

If you've seen the recent movie "Selma," you can begin to get a picture of the price paid - in marching and protesting and in blood shed - for African-Americans to get the right to vote NATION-WIDE. "Theoretically," there was no need for a Voting Rights Act. After all, there were the 14th and 15th Amendments to the US Constitution.

The 14th Amendment, passed in 1865, states: No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privi-

leges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law...

The 15th Amendment, passed in 1870, states: Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude... Unfortunately, the laws were not enforced, especially in the former Confederate states.

So, after the struggle to make the Civil Rights Act of 1964 happen, Negroes and sympathetic Whites began the struggle to get a Federal law passed to ensure that Negroes and other minorities would have the right to vote in ALL 50 states. The struggle involved: (1) non-violent rallies and marches; (2) non-violent demonstrations; (3) non-violent sit-ins; (4) "turning the other cheek" when attacked by opponents; and (5) Faith that God was on their side and they'd overcome with His help.

The 2015 President Lyndon Baines Johnson Legacy Civil Rights and Humanitarian Rights

Dinner and Gala celebrates and commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. President Lyndon Johnson signed the law on August 6, 1965. Since enactment of the Act, about 23 African-Americans have been elected to public office in New Hanover County. The count in Brunswick County is about 66.

The Dinner and Gala will feature the following:

(1) Honoring the African-

American public office holders elected in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties since the signing of the Act in 1965

(2) Honoring, ESPECIALLY, the five "trail blazers" - the first African-American elected in each of the five Counties since the signing of the Act

(3) **Marilyn Baldwin Richards (Area Development Director, United Negro College Fund)** will be honored as the recipient of the Booker T. Washington - Julius Rosenwald Humanitarian Award

(4) The North Carolina State NAACP will be honored with the Voting Rights Act Award - for its "being on the battlefield" to promote voter registration and encourage voting

(5) **The Honorable Andrew Young (former UN ambassador, Georgia Congressman, mayor of Atlanta and a 1981 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Honor)** will be awarded the President LBJ Civil Rights Legacy Award, presented by the LBJ Presidential Library

(6) **The Honorable Eva Clayton (former NC congressperson and life-long civil rights worker)** will be the recipient of the LBJ Humanitarian Legacy Award, presented by the LBJ Presidential Library (Ms. Clayton was the first African-American to be elected to the House from North Carolina since George Henry White was elected for his second and final term in 1898)

The Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra

String Quartet will entertain Dinner and Gala attendees. Then, starting at 9:00 music for dancing will begin featuring "Band on Fire" with Marty "N" the Party Nicholson Matt Piccicello.

For additional information about the Dinner and Gala and the other "Celebrating the Dream" events, contact CDCC at (910) 383-1724 or go to its website www.celebratingthedream.org.

Cost of tickets for this event is \$75/ticket. They are available at CDCC (910) 383-1724 or; the

CWDC website; and other stores in the area.

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If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."
 --AN AFRICAN PROVERB



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WAKE SCHOOL BOARD SUSPENDS DRIVER'S ED
 [RALEIGH] As of Friday, Wake County Public Schools will no longer offer behind-the-wheel driver's education to its students until further notice. The drastic move is the result of stalled budget talks by the state Legislature, forcing the school system to cut the continuing expense it had been assuming for the past several



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months. Students already enrolled will finish their classes on Friday, but no new students may be enrolled.

GOVERNOR, LAWMAKERS FINALLY AGREE ON BUDGET TOTAL
 [RALEIGH] Beyond a month over their July 1st deadline to have a new budget in place, state lawmakers have at least finally agreed on what the total of state budget should be once the details are finally worked out. After continuous talks with Gov. Pat McCrory, both the state House and Senate have

arrived at spending \$21.74 billion. The figure is a compromise between the \$22.15 billion that the state House originally passed on its side, and the \$21.47 billion the Senate adopted for its limited spending plan. Budget writers in both houses can now put meat on the budget bone on what a final compromise budget will look like that both houses can ratify.

JURY TO DECIDE CHARLOTTE POLICE EXCESSIVE FORCE CASE
 [CHARLOTTE] At press time Wednesday, closing arguments had been made,

and the jury in the Jonathan Ferrell excessive force case were in deliberations as to whether a Charlotte police officer unnecessarily killed the black motorist in Sept. 2013 after he had crashed his car, and ran towards police unarmed apparently happy to see them. The defense says that Officer Randall Kerrick was justified in shooting Ferrell 10 times because he feared for his life when the black man ran towards him. The prosecution, however, maintains that Kerrick overreacted and broke department policy when he fired his weapon at the unarmed

Ferrell. Kerrick faces three to eleven years in prison if convicted by unanimous verdict. If it is not unanimous, the verdict would result in a mistrial.

STATE VENDOR FIRED AFTER HEALTH INSURANCE MISHAP
 [RALEIGH] The new company that handled state employee health insurance enrollment and eligibility has been fired after State Health Plan members found their health plans erroneously classified as "inactive," thus preventing many from seeing doctors or getting

needed prescriptions. The company, Aon Hewitt, took over health plan enrollment on June 1st, but almost immediately ran into computer problems. Reportedly, between 2000 - 4000 plan members, including retirees, were reclassified as not having coverage when they did. The problems are being addressed by the State Treasurer's Office. Meanwhile anyone having difficulty as a result is urged to call the toll-free customer service line at 855-859-0966.

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Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, to his founding role with the Southern Poverty Law Center, to his pioneering service in the Georgia legislature and his steady hand at the helm of the NAACP. Michelle and I have benefited from his example, his counsel, and his friendship - and we offer our prayers and sympathies to his wife, Pamela, and his children."

Obama added, "Julian Bond helped change this country for the better. And what better way to be remembered than that."

Horace Julian Bond was born Jan. 14, 1940, in Nashville, Tenn. His father, Horace Mann Bond, was a prominent educator, serving as president of Fort Valley State University in Georgia and the first Black president of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, his alma mater.

During his time with SNCC, Julian Bond protested against segregation of public facilities in Georgia and was arrested during a sit-in at Atlanta's City Hall.

Later, as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives, he was a vocal critic of the Vietnam War. When the White members of the House refused to seat him because of his opposition to the war, Bond took his case to the United States Supreme Court where he won a unanimous ruling in 1966, that said the legislature had violated the young lawmakers right to freedom of speech and ordered the state officials to seat him. Bond served in the Georgia's House for a decade and went

on to serve six terms in the state senate.

He ran for the United States House of Representatives, but lost a bitter race to John Lewis, a former colleague who had been chairman of SNCC.

Bond was elected as chairman of the board of the NAACP in 1998 and served for 11 years. Bond was not only a consistent agent for civil rights, he was also a writer, poet, author and professor at number of colleges and universities, including American University in Washington, D.C., the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University and the University of Virginia.

Bond also narrated "Eyes on the Prize," a documentary on the Civil Rights Movement, that was nominated for an Academy Award in 1988.

Mary Frances Berry, a history professor at the University of Pennsylvania and former chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, recalled Bond challenging the credentials of the all-White Georgia delegation at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago and becoming the first African American nominated for vice president by a major party.

"It was on TV. It was all over the place and people who had never seen Julian saw this very bright, funny guy and then we had to point out that he was too young for the nomination," Berry said chuckling. "That sort of thing sticks in everybody's mind. When people saw him and who this guy was, it was like a meteor went across the sky. In a way, it was like, years later, when people first saw Barack Obama."

Berry added: "Here's this personable guy with a twin-

kle in his eye and he's sort of cute and he's funny and he has stature immediately. You had to pay attention to this."

Rev. Amos Brown, who has known Bond since his days at Morehouse College, also remembers the importance of the Chicago convention.

"In Chicago, we were not just fighting for civil rights, we were fighting to empower Black people to be involved in the political process," said Brown, a NAACP board member from San Francisco. "Back then, we were pushing for people to get registered to vote and to be engaged and fight against the political structure continuing to be a monopoly of power for Whites."

"He was a man beyond his years, in terms of his depth and breadth of understanding of the issues. That's, why he was nominated. There was great agitation and protests and they were making waves as young people in the nation. The attitude was, 'Why not?'"

Tryone Brooks served six years in the Georgia legislature with Bond and grew up around Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Hosea Williams, John Lewis and other activists in Atlanta.

"Julian Bond was a great leader, a great hero, one of the smartest minds that I ever met and at 75 years-old we should be celebrating his legacy we shouldn't be sad about it at all," said Brooks. "Before I got elected, Julian Bond had already introduced legislation to make Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a state legal holiday."

Brooks said that Bond also introduced legislation to create the 5th Congressional District of Georgia, the district that John Lewis won in 1986. He said Bond's loss to

Lewis in that bitter race was not a total loss.

"It was kind of like a blessing in disguise that he did not win the 5th Congressional district seat here in Atlanta," explained Brooks. "If he had been elected to Congress in 1986, he never would have got to be the chairman of the board of the NAACP."

Wade Henderson, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition of more than 200 human and civil rights organizations, said in a statement: "Bond measured civil and human rights by a single yard stick and he applied that guiding principle of equality to all people. He was a champion for immigrants and immigration reform, a leader in the fight against poverty, and a passionate advocate for the equal rights of LGBT people. He is one of our icons and will be deeply missed. But his moral voice will continue to be a guide for all of us seeking to advance civil and human rights for all people."

Derrick Johnson, who served on the national NAACP board with Bond, recalled Bond's famous ability to remain composed under fire.

"He was always a voice of reason and someone who could paint a clear picture of the significance and the role of the struggle for human dignity for African Americans in this country," said Johnson, president of the state conference of the Mississippi NAACP.

Hilary Shelton, Washington D.C. bureau chief of the NAACP agrees.

"Julian embodied someone who was meticulous in their assessment of the problems

and challenges of the African American community and people who supported civil rights and human rights everywhere," he said. "Julian Bond was an American icon." Shelton said that Bond displayed his wonderful wit and sense of humor after a rally for D.C. voting rights at the John A. Wilson Building in Washington, D.C. about six years ago. Shelton walked with Bond back to the metro station stopping to take pictures and talk to people along the way.

"As we were walking back to the metro from that rally on D.C. statehood, I remember Julian turned to me and said, 'Hilary, when you get to be my age, you plan certain routes for everything that you do and I've planned this route as we go from the Wilson Building to the metro station with all of Washington, D.C.'s finest bathrooms every step along the way."

Civil rights leaders also used social media to mourn the loss of Bond.

Jesse Jackson, Sr., tweeted: "#JulianBond, a friend & fellow traveler who with courage, set the moral & academic tone of our generation. RIP"

In a statement, Al Sharpton said, "National Action Network (NAN) mourns the loss of civil rights leader and former NAACP board chairman Julian Bond, a trailblazer for equality and inclusion. As one who came out of the immediate generation after him, I grew up admiring and studying the work of Julian Bond and the country has lost a champion for human rights. The work of Mr. Bond will be missed but not forgotten as we march forward for civil rights."

Charles Steele, Jr., president and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said in a statement: "Julian Bond was a passionate and charismatic human rights activist; a transformative and triumphant civil rights leader whose eloquent voice made him a symbol and iconic figure of the 1960's civil rights movement. I am saddened by his sudden death, but heartened by the dynamic life he lived and difference his considerable contributions made for all Americans... Julian Bond will be remembered and revered as one of the leading lights of our nation's civil rights movement."

Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League, said in a statement: "The Urban League family deeply grieves the loss of Julian Bond, a true warrior for civil rights and social justice. He embodied integrity, passion and dignity, and was a role model for all Americans. He was a bridge between the civil rights pioneers of the 1960's and the dynamic young activists of today, employing both a deep sense of history and a keen instinct for action."

Bond fell ill while on vacation and died from complications related to vascular disease in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., the Washington Post reported. Bond is survived by his wife, Pamela Horowitz, his five children and eight grandchildren.

Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP and a long-time NAACP board member, said: "They are not making them like Julian Bond anymore. Here's a man that stayed in the struggle until he couldn't stay in it anymore."

Cremation services announced for Julian Bond

WASHINGTON (NNPA) The family of Julian Bond wife, [Pam Horowitz, sons, Horace Mann Bond II, Jeffrey and Michael; daughters, Phyllis Jane Bond McMillan and Julia Louise

Bond; sister, Jane; brother, James; and his eight grandchildren] has issued the following statement:

"We realize that many people loved and admired Julian. We understand

that at this time of great loss for our family, that many you are feeling your own sense of loss. We also very much understand the need for community closure and an opportunity to celebrate the life of a great husband, father and grandfather, but also a

great national treasure and civil rights icon.

"To that end, we would like to provide the following explanation and invitation.

"As all of you are aware, Julian Bond was a man who took strong positions and held fast to the things he believed in. Julian directed all of us, with respect to his desires for his final rites. We are honoring his wishes that his body be cremated and his ashes be committed to the

Gulf of Mexico. This will be a private, family only, service.

"This final request will be carried out in a burial at sea on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 2:00 pm, Central Daylight Time.

"Since we fully understand and appreciate that many of you consider Julian to be part of your family and would like to be a part of his official home going, we extend the following invitation. We invite you to gather at a body of water near your home and precisely at 2:00 pm, CDT, spread flower petals on the water and join us in bidding farewell to Horace Julian Bond. This gesture will mean a great deal to us as a family and also provide some comfort in knowing that you share our loss.

"Finally, as we join together as a family to help each other through this time, we are well aware that there must be a public opportunity for all of Julian's friends, Civil Rights Colleagues, students and admirers to come together in a memorial celebration of his life to share memories and expressions of love and appreciation. We will announce plans for such a gathering very soon.

"Thank you for sharing Julian with us, and thank

you for allowing us to honor his wishes. Thank you."

Meanwhile, tributes continue to pour in for Bond.

"Julian Bond was a huge hero in the fight against HIV and AIDS," said Phil Wilson, president and CEO of the Black AIDS Institute. "I never had to explain why it was important for him to show up on any of the many occasions I called him for his help. He made sure that HIV/AIDS was front and center on the NAACP's agenda. He was the first leader to create an AIDS strategy for a national civil rights organization. And when I called him asking him to be photographed and to publicly take an HIV test, he did not hesitate."

Equally important, Wilson said, "Julian understood probably better than anybody else that injustice is of a whole cloth - you cannot embrace any of it and still call yourself just. The threads are woven throughout. You can't say that I'm opposed to racism, but I'm okay with sexism; you can't be anti-misogynistic yet homophobic. Julian spent his entire life fighting for justice. Not just some of the time, in some places, for some people."

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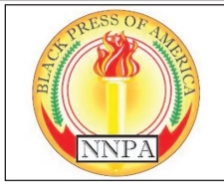
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GUEST EDITORIAL

#BlackLivesMatter prioritizes Black life

Nineteen-year-old Zachary Hammond was sitting in a Hardee's parking lot in his hometown of Seneca, SC, on a first date. An undercover agent had arranged to buy marijuana from his date and had lured her to the parking lot. What could have been a simple drug bust turned into tragedy. Zachary was killed when two bullets struck him on July 26.

As always, there are conflicting stories of what happened. The shooting officer says he was in danger of being run over by Hammond, but not everyone agrees, and one Hardee's employee witnessed officers moving Hammond's body to place it so it confirmed officer reports.

Hammond is White and his name is not as widely known as that of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, or Tamir Rice. Hammond's family and their attorney Eric Bland, say the national media have not covered the murder of Zach Hammond because he is White. Give me a break.

While activists organized to protest the murders of the unarmed African American men (and women) who have been killed by the police, no one in Zach Hammond's circle has cared enough to organize an action to protest his killing. His town is majority White, as are the officers of the law. Citizens of Seneca, S.C. need to ask why Zach's killing is tolerated.

Approximately 350 people have been killed by police officers so far this year. We don't know all of their names, but we do know that African Americans are twice as likely to be killed (or die in police custody) as Whites. We know about Sandra Bland, and Eric Garner, and Michael Brown, and Tamir Rice because somebody lifted them up, organized around their murders, and made their presence known. Tellingly, the protest of Michael Brown's murder was muted until a grand jury failed to indict murderer Darren Wilson for his crime.

In the case of Zach Hammond, there has been no tape issued, no witnesses who have come forward, and a police bureaucracy that seems in no hurry to issue facts and findings. Still, everybody would know Zach Hammond's name if that #AllLivesMatter crowd, the ones who object to the #BlackLivesMatter movement, would coalesce around Zach Hammond's murder. Instead of criticizing the #BlackLivesMatter movement, Hammond's attorney and his grieving parents ought to ask why more White folks aren't outraged about young Hammond's death.

Zach Hammond's tragic death highlights the reasons why police officers should be forced to wear body cameras. It reminds us that too many trigger-happy officers of the law should be better trained. It reminds us that some have been trained (or decided) to shoot to kill, even if the perceived threat comes from a 12-year-old child playing with a toy gun, or a young White man who (facts still to be determined) was simply driving his car. Even if Zach Hammond was trying to flee the Hardee's parking lot, the consequence for evading arrest should not be the death penalty.

I am proud of the #BlackLivesMatter movement, an excited about the three young women who organized it, and the thousands who have united under their banner. That movement that prioritizes black lives in a way that they have never before been prioritized. The #AllLivesMatter seems to be a flippant answer to #BlackLivesMatter. But here's the deal - White lives have always mattered and Black lives have been historically denigrated. Our nation's organizing principle, the Constitution, stated that African Americans should only be counted as three fifths of a person. Thousands of African American people were lynched because they dared defy "Black Codes" or simply because they had too much money, too much attitude or too much dignity for oppressive white southerners. Congress repeatedly refused to pass anti-lynching laws.

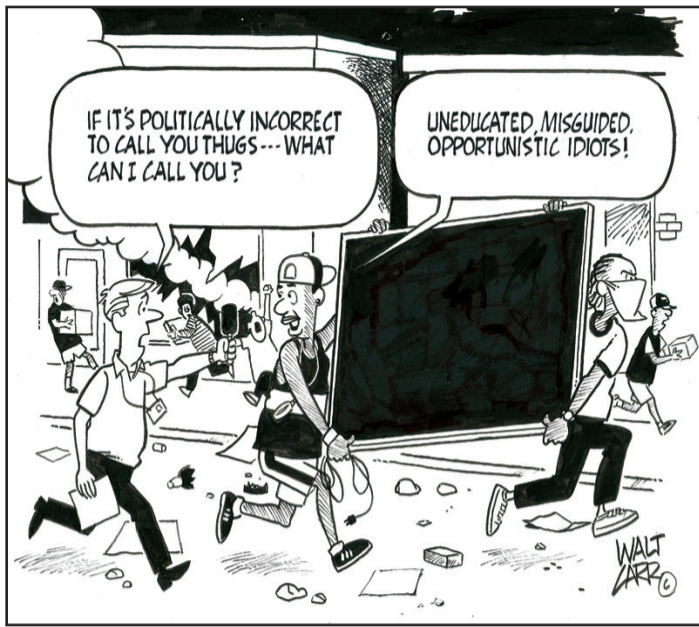
If all lives matter, where are the White folks who protest the murder of Michael Brown and Eric Garner? Where are the White folks who will protest Zach Hammond's murder? (There have been White protesters, to be sure, but have Zach Hammond's parents ever been to a rally to protest the loss of Black life). There are many Black South Carolinians who would join in a protest against police brutality and an unjust killing. But those close to Zach Hammond will have to do the organizing to attract the national media.

Because of historic oppression it is important for those who oppose needless police killings of unarmed Black people to embrace the #BlackLivesMatter movement. All lives matter, certainly, but it is the disproportionate killing of African Americans that has provided the impetus for a movement. Eric Bland, the Hammond attorney, ought to embrace it instead of criticizing it.

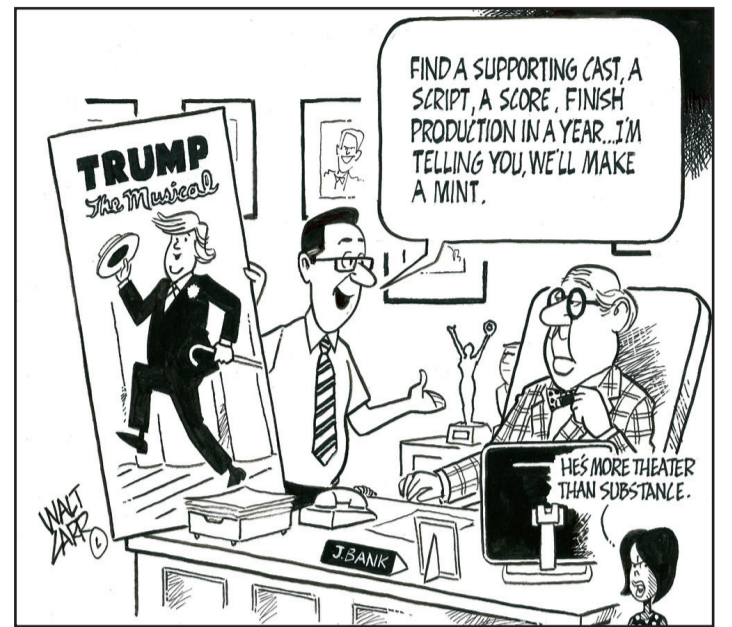
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May peace be with you Julian Bond

The world lost a courageous civil rights leader August 16, 2015 when Julian Bond died. He dedicated his

life fighting for us to receive our GOD given right "equality."

He once was quoted as saying "The greatest triumphs of the Civil Rights movement were the passage of the '64

Civil Rights Act and the '65 Voting Rights Act."

Today fifty years later in North Carolina, we are again waiting on a federal Judge to decide if we vote Governor Pat McCrory's way or GOD'S

way. This is why we "all" must register and vote in record numbers in 2016!

James Hankins
Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

Republicans are running against non-candidate Obama

I have to make a terrible confession: I simply could not watch the first Republican debate for the 2016 electoral cycle. I mean it. I could not on the station to listen to what they had to say. Yes, you may condemn me as narrow-minded, but after following this developing campaign I have noticed a few things about the Republicans. First, they are still running against President Obama, despite the fact that Obama's name cannot be on the 2016 ballot. Second, they are playing to fear rather than any sense of



Bill Fletcher

hope.

As for running against President Obama, it is to be found in their constant references to their need to allegedly taking America back, phrasing that is certainly open to a racial interpretation. In addition, what can one make of their continued fixation on overturning the Affordable Care Act (so-called Obamacare), despite poll numbers which have indicated increased support for the statute plus the fact that more than 16 million people have healthcare today who did not have it two years ago?

Added to this are their unending attacks on the proposed nuclear deal with Iran. Here the Republicans play to misinformation and fear, suggesting that the deal is equivalent to the Munich accord of

1938 that was signed with the Nazis, giving them a piece of then Czechoslovakia. There is nothing in the current situation with Iran that is analogous.

The deeper problem with the Republicans can be found in their generalized appeal to fear and the irrational. The attacks on Planned Parenthood, for instance, which are based on heavily edited tapes of alleged discussions within Planned Parenthood, have played to prejudice and an ignorance of science as a means of moving a political agenda against women and their right to control their own bodies.

The attacks on immigrants-of-color, e.g., the rhetoric of Donald Trump, as being the alleged sources of the problems of the U.S.A. is not just the work of those

without information, but represents mean-spirited and racist assaults on vulnerable populations, aimed at disguising those who are the real culprits behind the problems facing most people in the USA: the so-called "1 percent."

I enjoy debates when I feel that I can actually learn something, even when I disagree with a particular debater. Emotional appeals to the irrational, and efforts to hold back the future are not enlightening. Rather than raise our intellectual interest and curiosity, they are more likely to raise our blood pressure level.

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BLACKONOMICS

Celebrating the life of Marcus Garvey

This is not a history lesson; it is simply about homage, recognition, and appreciation of a Black man who loved his people so much that he sacrificed beyond what most of us would say is reasonable.



James Clingman

Marcus Garvey cared so much about his people that he kept coming back, even after being stymied and stigmatized by the White establishment as well as by some of his own people. After all of the negative experiences he suffered at the hands of his enemies, he kept coming back to fulfill his mission of raising the consciousness of Black people, organizing Black people, and leading Black people to economic prosperity. He even promised to come back in death as a whirlwind or a storm, bringing with him millions of Black slaves who would aid us in our fight for freedom and keep the pressure up until we have succeeded.

When you think about how hurricanes that hit the United States originate near the African coast, it makes you wonder if Brother Marcus is

not fulfilling some of his prophecy. In addition, considering the debacle that Firestone tires suffered with all of the lawsuits against it a few years ago, I wondered then if Marcus was taking his retribution for that company's role in thwarting his work to connect Blacks in the U.S. with our brothers and sisters in Liberia and West Africa via the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA). What goes around comes around. Right?

Marcus Garvey was principled, he had backbone, and he was fearless - all because he loved his people dearly. Love is the most powerful weapon we have. If Black folks had "Marcus Garvey love" for one another, imagine where we would be as a people.

Ironically, it was Brother Garvey's dedication to true

nationalism that led to his demise by those for whom he so valiantly and relentlessly fought. Unfortunately some Blacks were jealous and envious of Marcus' ability to rally the people, to get Black people to raise huge sums of money, to march and demonstrate in overwhelming numbers, to turnout the vote in unprecedented fashion, and to deny the takeover of the UNIA by "outsiders." Black "leaders" of his time even came up with a "Marcus must go" campaign. Can you imagine that? I certainly can - been there, done that. Anytime a strong Black man or Black woman stands up for our people, it is inevitable that another Black person will lead the charge against them.

Too often we forget, if we ever knew, the importance of our brothers and sisters who stood tall on our behalf. Marcus Garvey, born August 17, 1887, is certainly deserving of our recognition and our honor. His words, "All I have I have given you," are exemplary of this man's love for us. We should be proud of his accomplishments, and it would be wonderful if we would emulate his spirit, his love, and his tenacity as we make our way to economic freedom.

I will close with a portion of Marcus Garvey's letter from the Atlanta prison to which he was sent as a result

of trumped-up charges and a "kangaroo court. He was later deported.

"I have sacrificed my home and my loving wife for you. I entrust her to your charge... I have left her penniless and helpless to face the world, because I gave all, but her courage is great, and I know she will hold up for you and me... After my enemies are satisfied, in life or death I shall come back to you to serve even as I have served before. In life I shall be the same; in death I shall be a terror to the foes of Negro liberty. If death has power, then count on me in death to be the real Marcus Garvey I would like to be."

The appropriate way to honor Garvey is by practicing what he did. Honor him by following his example for self-empowerment. Happy Birthday, Marcus Mosiah Garvey!

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BEYOND THE RHETORIC

EPA out of control



Harry C. Alford

One are the days when the Environmental Protection Agency was set up as an agency that would draw recruits from the Civil Rights Movement and the legions protesting the Vietnam War. Yes, it was a diversion concocted by the very slick President Richard Nixon. It has developed into a monster wreaking havoc on businesses and jacking up the price and reducing the supply of our energy stocks. What we have here is an agency that defies our constitution by ignoring our courts and writing its own laws in defiance of Congress.

We first started challenging the EPA when Al Gore encouraged them to declare

Environmental Racism against Black communities by violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. This was a lie and we proved them wrong. We also showed where the EPA constantly violates Title VI of the Civil Rights Act on a nonstop basis. The whole thing is a farce but many naive Blacks have bought the lie - hook, line and sinker. That died down for a while until President Obama appointed Gina McCarthy to become the Administrator. McCarthy is a zealot who chooses activism over implementation of regulations.

What she and her minions want to do in rapid fashion is remove all fossil fuels from our manufacturing facilities. They want to kill coal, stop harvesting natural gas and cease pumping oil from our precious earth. They want 100 percent of our energy to come from windmills, solar panels, hydroelectric dams, etc. There is one big problem with this philosophy - it is

impossible. You can't end our traditional energy sources and replace them with inefficient and expensive means that will jeopardize our economy and national security. It is a pipe dream that will never come true within the next 100 years. Still, she moves on and the president allows her reckless motions and smiles when she defies court orders.

Recently, she and her crew breached an earthen dam that was filled with pollutants from a closed Colorado gold mine. Among the pollutants is arsenic and other deadly chemicals. They created a plume that has flowed into the Animas River traveling across Colorado and into Mexico. They have been lying to the press about the seriousness of this tragedy. There are at least 3 million gallons of the pollutants flowing across some of America's most pristine land.

Wildlife, cattle, horses and other agricultural animals

are going to pay a deadly price. Farmers cannot irrigate their crops in the middle of August when they need it the most. Obviously, fishing will become a thing of the past and businesses that rely on tourism and serving the hard working community are now endangered. People are complaining of severe headaches since the spill. Some say the wicked Administrator McCarthy did this to increase her budget via the needed funding for cleanup and to scare the public about how fragile our environment is and a need to stop all of our manufacturing and reliance on fossil fuels and chemicals. Sounds sinister but I wouldn't be surprised. It fits the M.O.

When it comes to people, precious jobs and businesses, McCarthy has no empathy. She made an obligatory flight

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Julian Bond:

A dedicated life of service

Horace Julian Bond was born Jan. 14, 1940 in Nashville, Tenn. into a family of privilege. His father, Horace Mann Bond, was a noted educator who served as president of Fort Valley State University in Georgia, where such notables as W.E.B. DuBois and Paul Robeson were frequent guests.

During their formative years, most Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), established during the Reconstruction Era to provide higher education for formerly enslaved African Americans, were headed by Whites. Bond's father was the first Black president of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, his alma mater. His mother, Julia, was a librarian.

Young Julian was sent off to George School, a private Quaker boarding school near Philadelphia, and later enrolled in Morehouse College. At Morehouse, Bond chose a life of activism that would become the hallmark of his life.

This is significant because many Blacks born into a life of privilege distanced themselves from the nascent Civil Rights Movement.

I remember how incensed I became when Condoleezza Rice boasted in a Washington Post interview that "My parents were very strategic. I was going to be so well prepared, and I was going to do all of these things that were revered in white society so well, that I would be armored somehow from racism..."

And it got worse, as I noted in a column on Rice. Referring to Rev. John W. Rice, Jr., she said, "My father was not a march-in-the-street preacher. He saw no reason to put children at risk. He would never put his own child at risk."

Julian Bond's father, who had more blue blood credentials than Rev. Rice, obviously instilled a different set of values in him.

Bond dropped out of Morehouse College to join the Civil Rights Movement, first as co-founder of the Atlanta Student Movement that organized local sit-ins on the heels of the 1960 lunch counter sit-ins in Greensboro, N.C. He was also a co-founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

It was in his capacity as communications director of SNCC that I first met Julian Bond during the summer of 1966, after I had completed my freshman year of college. I spent that summer as a volunteer in the Atlanta headquarters, watching him interact with the media and carefully polishing SNCC's national image.

Julian also wrote poetry. I don't remember many of his poems, but I still recall part of one we recited all summer:

Look at that girl shake that thing,
We can't all be Martin Luther King.

Don't ask me why I remember that nearly 50 years later. In SNCC, Julian was not a key organizer, as some stories have suggested. The organization had legions of field organizers who became legends in the movement, including Bob Moses, Cleveland Sellers and Courtland Cox. Julian's role was to communicate SNCC's message to the media - and he did that well.

The incident that catapulted Bond to international fame was his opposition to the Vietnam War. Dr. King did not publicly turn against the Vietnam War until his speech at Riverside Church in New York on April 4, 1967, exactly a year before his assassination. In 1965, Julian was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. Shortly before he was scheduled to take office, he endorsed a statement by SNCC opposing the Vietnam War.

The Georgia House accused Bond of treason and refused to seat him. A federal appeals court upheld the decision. But on Dec. 5, 1966, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld his right to free speech or ordered Georgia to seat him. Bond spent two decades in the state House and Senate.

Perhaps his lowest point came when Bond and former SNCC chairman John Lewis competed for the same Congressional seat in Georgia. Bond's estranged wife charged - and later recanted - that Julian was a habitual user of cocaine. Lewis challenged him to a urine test. Julian replied he would agree on one condition - that Lewis hold the cup. There was no drug test and John Lewis went on to defeat Bond and remains in office today.

In one of at least four tweets Lewis sent after Bond's death, he said, "We went through a difficult period during our campaign for Congress in 1966, but many years ago we emerged even closer."

Though he never ran for public office again, Julian Bond found other paths to public service, serving as board chairman of the NAACP for 11 years, being co-founder and a trustee of the Southern Poverty Law Center, hosting "America's Black Forum" television program, teaching, and in demand on the lecture circuit.

Several years ago, Jesse Jackson, who is not prone to giving out compliments, said to me unprompted: "Julian is always right on public policy. I can't think of one time I have disagreed with a position he has taken."

For that, we all can be grateful. And we can be grateful that instead of retreating to a life of privilege, Julian's entire adult life was dedicated to fighting injustice.

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out to the spill sight; looked at the river; held a small press conference and then immediately turned around and flew back to D.C. She made no time to see some of the victims or talk to some of the damaged business owners. Why? Because she just doesn't care. She is on a mission and the hell with the little people and nagging businesses.

A good example of how this evil woman thinks is the mercury rule that she implemented in spite of massive protests. People and businesses sued and the case went all the way up to the Supreme Court. During this time, dozens of fuel plants were forced to close down and lay off thousands of workers. After four years, the Supreme Court ruled against the EPA and declared the rule unconstitutional. Her reply was that she didn't care what the Supreme Court says and that they destroyed all of those power plants - mission

accomplished.

Just recently she put out a proposal to implement a "Clean Power Plan." Thirty-five governors and legislators have complained and many have filed suit. The Supreme Court said she was wrong doing this. What did she do? She said "I don't care what the Court says, I am going to do it." She has done just that! She is implementing the plan and the lawsuits are again flying. The Clean Power Plan will directly damage the African American community as well as the Hispanic community. We have a commissioned study that proves that and they are trying to ignore it.

Yes, the EPA is definitely out of control and with the help of God and the courts, we are going to stop this madness dead in its tracks. It is time to rise up against the EPA and its evil ways.

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TO BE EQUAL

#AllVotesMatter: Restoring the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Some of the protections that had been enshrined in the Voting Rights Act itself have been weakened as a consequence of court decisions and interpretations of the law. State legislatures have instituted procedures and practices that, although on the surface may appear neutral, have the effect of discouraging people from voting...And if, in fact, those practices, those trends, those tendencies are allowed to continue unanswered, then over time the hard-won battles of 50 years ago erode, and our democracy erodes."



Marc Morial

President Barack Obama, August 6, 2015

On the eve of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a federal appeals court in New Orleans struck down a strict Texas voter identification law. In a unanimous ruling, the three-judge panel found that the law violated the federal Voting Rights Act and had a disproportionate and discriminatory impact on Blacks and Hispanics in the state.

The law - which requires forms of identification that many poor people and people in communities of color either do not have or have great difficulty accessing - made it far more difficult for these groups, including college students and the elderly, to exercise their constitutional right as citizens to vote.

The importance of the ruling has not been lost on advocates battling on the frontlines to expand our nation's access to the ballot and thwart legislative attempts at voter suppression. It was a small victory in the larger enterprise of many Republican-controlled states efforts to limit voters' rights. It was a reminder of why the landmark civil rights legislation signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson 50 years ago remains an important weapon in the fight to expand access to the polls. And it underscored why Congress needs to make restoring the Voting Rights Act a political priority.

The aftermath of the Supreme Court's regrettable 2013 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* to gut Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act which established which states had to get advance approval from the federal government before making any changes to their election laws - ushered in a wave of tough voter suppression laws. Texas does not stand alone in

its zeal to make it harder for Americans to vote. Wisconsin and North Carolina have passed similar voter identification laws and the restrictive measures don't just end there. Eliminating same-day registration, shortening early voting, doing away with online voting registration and aggressively purging voters from the voter registration rolls are some of the other tactics legislators are using to deny eligible voters access to the polls. These lawmakers justify their restrictive policies with allegations of voter fraud - a claim that experts have proven to be unfounded time and again.

The myth of widespread voter identification fraud appears to be nothing more than a political fraud orchestrated by officials eager to shift political fortunes to their party.

There is no right more fundamental to our democracy than the right to vote. We, as a nation, must ensure that all Americans who can vote have the opportunity to vote. The seemingly obvious idea that a democracy functions at its best when the largest number of its citizens are afforded the opportunity to determine who will lead it - and how it will be led - is under a modern-day legislative assault. If our elected officials truly do believe that all votes matter, Congress must commit to stemming the tide of suppression and get to

the work of fully restoring voter protections in the Voting Rights Act.

The National Urban League stands with President Barack Obama and the civil rights and voting rights advocates calling for the full restoration of the Voting Rights Act and the reinstatement of the voter protections dismantled under the Supreme Court's disastrous 2013 decision.

And we would do well to remember that this fight goes beyond maneuvers in the halls of Congress. As President Obama said during his remarks at the White House commemoration of the golden anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, "Far more people disenfranchise themselves than any law does, by not participating, by not getting involved." The number of Americans who participated in the 2014 midterm elections was reportedly the lowest it's been since World War II. We cannot clamor for the right to vote only to turn around and ignore our civic duty. We owe that much and more to those who fought and bled and died to secure the right to vote because it is not enough to gain the right, we must employ, maintain and protect it as well.

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Trump's trump card: The conservative mob

The fate of the Republican Party's presidential sweepstakes at the moment is being controlled by two political Frankensteins - both of them of the GOP's own creation.



Lee A. Daniels

One, of course, is Donald Trump, the wealthy demagogue who is leading the crowded GOP primary field precisely because he doesn't have any "platform" except crowing that he'll dominate anyone at home and abroad who disagrees with him and be cruel to the downtrodden.

The GOP's second Frankenstein consists of Trump's supporters among the Republican Party voters, who are also uninterested in the complexities of foreign or domestic policy issues and just want to dominate everyone else who is not like them.

Besides his wealth, they're Trump's trump card against the GOP party regulars because, like him, they have no loyalty to the Republican Party as an institution, or to the actual ideas of American conservatism. And forget all that excuse-making about their being "angry" at the difficulties besetting American society. The plain truth is that these people want their intolerance stoked. For all their railing against "Wall Street," they

always choose to take out their anger on the easy targets - Americans of color and those with fewer resources. They want to let their bent for selfishness and callousness show, and Trump is speaking them.

As I indicated, Trump and his supporters didn't just appear out of nowhere. They're a creation of the GOP's own contempt for the inclusiveness and complexity of today's American society and of the traditional political processes that have produced that result.

That's what the GOP actions of the Obama Years mean: the Republicans' more than 50 attempts in Congress to try to block Obamacare, despite their knowing every single time they wouldn't succeed. The GOP's constructing an extensive campaign in states controlled by GOP legislatures to block Democratic-leaning voters access to the ballot box. Its engineering the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court Citizens United ruling that destroyed limits on contributions to political campaigns - to enable the wealthy to undermine the one-person-one-vote foundation of American democracy.

One could go on down a long list of policy issues, including gay rights, climate change, the crisis of undocumented immigration, re-establishing relations with Cuba, and fighting the global terror war. In each instance, one finds the reflexive, no-compromise opposition of the Republicans.

Paul Krugman, the Nobel Prize-winning economist and New York Times columnist,

among others, several years ago attributed that stance to a "widening wonk gap - the G.O.P.'s near-complete lack of expertise on anything substantive," as well as its growing electoral dependence on white fundamentalist evangelical Protestants.

Now, the success of Trump's style of bluster and verbal crudeness among the GOP base goes beyond the wonk gap. He's turned a segment of the GOP base into a mob.

That achievement has stood out in sharp relief since the GOP debate of August 7 when Fox News' host Megyn Kelly's questioning of Trump's past misogynistic comments provoked his now infamous "blood" remarks against her. Trump's supporters then unleashed a torrent of vile e-mails and tweets that washed over conservative social media outlets, condemning Kelly and Fox News itself for supposedly disrespecting Trump.

That these ferociously bigoted, profanity-laced responses were aimed at a leading star in the conservative media constellation who hosts a top-rated show on the network conservatives trust the most indicates how much distance exists between the institutional Republican Party and a large part of its voting base. Nor was that treatment confined to Kelly and Fox alone.

When another leading conservative, Erick Erickson, learning of Trump's "blood" remark, disinvited him from appearing at his RedState Gathering conference that

weekend, he too, was quickly deluged with hundreds of fiercely written e-mails from Trump supporters. According to a Washington Post report, Erickson told the conference attendees that many of them referred to him using the dreaded word, "liberal," to President Obama using "the n-word" and to Kelly using "the c-word."

That violence of language - which bespeaks a profound, uncontrollable irrationality - is the behavior of a mob.

But there's something more about the pro-Trump social-media flood that's important to consider: Given the nature of the social media, the members of Trump's mob can be even more anonymous and "unreachable" than those who gather in physical mobs. That could present a significant obstacle to the thus far completely unsuccessful efforts by the GOP establishment to both quash the Trump insurgency within the GOP and persuade him not to run a third-party campaign.

Right now, their failure is Trump's most powerful trump card.

Lee A. Daniels is a longtime journalist based in New York City. His essay, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Great Provocateur," appears in *Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Peace Laureates of African Descent (2014)*, published by Zed Books. His new collection of columns, *Race Forward: Facing America's Racial Divide in 2014*, is available at www.amazon.com.

New Hanover County

Haso Ministries will sponsor Feed The Needy every 1st Saturday of each month at 5-Star Café, 604 Redcross Street at 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Ramona at 910-264-4530.



Girls Choir of Wilmington will hold Fall New Member Auditions on Thursday, August 27th for ages 9-12 from 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. and ages 12-18 from 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Activities Center, 1939 Independence Blvd.

Community Briefs

Narconon reminds families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or Prescription-abuse.org. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754.

NHC NAACP monthly meeting will be held Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information call 910-798-2004.

The Fall Citizens' Fire Academy, sponsored by the **Wilmington Fire Department**, begins on Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM and will run for seven consecutive weeks (followed by a graduation). As of today, there are a few openings for the fall session. If interested, please call or email Courtney Cromer (contact information below) with any questions regarding the academy or to register. The attached schedule outlines the events and hands-on opportunities for each of the seven sessions. Please note that there is NO cost to join the Academy. Applicants may send completed applications and notarized background release forms via email or regular mail (contact information below). Once both forms are received, the applicant will be placed on the list to participate or on the waiting list should the academy be full.

Brunswick County

Brunswick County Family Fair will be presented on Friday, August 21 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Building N, 25 Referendum Drive, Bolivia, NC and Saturday, August 22nd from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, 6401 Ocean Highway East, Winnabow, NC. Free School Supplies and other give-aways will be offered as well as drawings for Door Prizes. For more information, or if your organization would like to participate please call The Brunswick County Extension office 910-253-2610 and ask for Alicia Jenkins or Myra Burgess.

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Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

Congratulations Tyrain Joye



Tyrain De-Vaughan Joye graduated from Rocky River High School Class of 2015 Bojangles Coliseum Charlotte, N.C.

He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Rodney & Shinaye Joye-Moore and the grandson of Ms. LeVern Joye Craig and great grandson of Ms. Fannie Joye

He was accepted in St. Augustine College on a four year football scholarship.

May the riches of God pour many blessings upon his future.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Music is an art

Music is the art of organizing tones to produce a coherent sequence of sounds. It can be



Verniece Stanley

vocal or instrumental sounds, having some degree of rhythm, melody, and harmony. Musicology is the historical and scientific study of music. Musicianship is the skill, taste, and artistry in performing or composing music. Organs, also called pipe organs, make up one category of musical instrument. Pipe organs have a number of pipes supplied with wind by means

of bellows. Some families have had organs in their homes for entertainment. Native Americans (Indians) had social activities and musical instruments which were handmade and were probably enjoyable to other people.

The bell, a metal musical instrument, is usually cup shaped and has a metallic tone. This bell is used sometimes to indicate the time by striking on the hour. It may be useful in the home and outside the home. We can go back to the 18th Century. A trumpet was made of a ram's horn and was blown for warning, used especially by the Germans. The sound was recognized in the community by all people, old and young. Music will always take its

place in the hearts and minds of human beings. We appreciate the old classical music by listening and thinking of the past.

Dancing and music can be a part of social gatherings on holidays and at other special events. We can have our comfortable chairs in the living room relaxing and listening to music.

Music creates a certain peace of mind thinking of the past and those times when we could get along so well with neighbors and we used to enjoy the meetings at the little church near Old Highway 17 in Bolivia, NC. The singing together in harmony, sometimes without musical instruments, bring lasting memo-

ries. *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.*

Alliance Credit Union scholarship supports CFCC business students



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Rick DeCrescente, Alliance Credit Union's Regional Vice President (left) and **Kandra Romeo**, Business Relationship Manager (right), present a check for scholarship support for the fall 2015 semester to **Dana McKoy**, Director of Annual Giving with the Cape Fear Community College Foundation (far right).

Wilmington, NC- Alliance Credit Union has once again provided Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) business students with the gift of education by continuing a \$1,000 annual scholarship. The award will be available to a second-year business student in the fall 2015 semester. Eligible applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA and be a resident of New Hanover, Pender, or Brunswick County. To qualify, students must submit an essay describing their career goals and outlining their history of

service and leadership in the community.

Kandra Romeo, Business Relationship Manager at Alliance Credit Union, said in reference to the scholarship, "As a current student at CFCC, I personally know how hard the struggle to pay for college can be. Being able to offer the Business Program Scholarship goes hand-in-hand with our purpose at Alliance Credit Union - to help people in our communities prosper."

About Alliance Credit Union was

created by a small group of visionary General Electric Employees based on the idea of "people helping people." Established in 1952, Alliance Credit Union is a member-owned, financial cooperative and now serves more than 40,000 members in six counties including New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick counties in North Carolina. Alliance also serves approximately 400 Community Business Partners (employers) throughout both states by offering exclusive benefits to

their employees. For more information, visit www.alliancecu.org.

CFCC students may apply for scholarships from the CFCC Foundation by visiting the College's website at cfcc.edu/finaid. The Cape Fear Community College Foundation works to sustain and support students, faculty, and the overall mission of the College. For more information regarding Cape Fear Community College scholarships, please contact Dana McKoy at 910.362.7225.

Air Wilmington, ILM's fixed base operator, breaks ground on nearly 3 million dollar hangar



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GROUNDBREAKING OF HANGAR

Wilmington, NC - Air Wilmington, ILM's Fixed Base Operator (FBO), breaks ground on largest fully enclosed hangar at ILM,

measuring 21,000 square feet and adding 3 million dollars in capital investment.

The 21,000 square foot hangar will be located at Air

Wilmington (on the field at ILM) and will house larger, corporate aircraft. This hangar project will be the largest, fully-enclosed corporate hangar ever built at the Wilmington International Airport with a capital investment of nearly 3 million dollars in construction costs. Measuring 150 ft. wide, 140 ft. deep, and a total height of 35 ft., the front door opening will measure 28 ft. to accommodate larger aircraft. The epoxy-covered, reinforced concrete floor will measure 11 inches in thickness to sustain upwards of 100,000 lb. aircraft. The hangar is designed and will be built by local construction company, Thomas Construction Group, LLC.

"Any community that wants to have economic development today must have an airport," Air Wilmington's owner, Bill Cherry, stated at the event Tuesday morning. "New Hanover County and

Wilmington are extremely lucky in that not only do we have a physically large airport, but also good commercial airline service, an international terminal to accommodate our international traffic, and a very active and aggressive airport management and authority. Air Wilmington's role as a FBO is to support all of the entities that use the airport such as the airlines, military, and general aviation traffic."

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SALE #1: Saturday, August 22nd at 10:00 am on site
Previews: August 7th and August 8th - 10 am to 2:00 pm or by appt.
986 Bella Coola Road, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina
Waterfront Home: 2,777 +/- sf, 4 BR, 3.5 ba, Pier, Boat Lift and Covered Seating Area - 134' water frontage on Lake Waccamaw
Tax Assessed Value: \$413,400.00 Sold over a minimum bid of \$115,000.00
Appraised Value: \$335,000.00

SALE #2: Saturday, August 22nd at 2:00 pm on site
Previews: August 7th and August 8th - 10 am to 2:00 pm or by appt.
72 Blue Heron Drive, Harrells, North Carolina (Bay Tree Lake)
Waterfront Home: 2,339 +/- sf, 4 BR, 3 ba, Located in a Gated Community, Canal Frontage with a Dock
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Beatrice Fullwood Roberts

Beatrice Fullwood Roberts known by her friends and family as Bea, Mrs. Bea, Aunt Bea, Grandma Bea and Mama was born on April 7, 1937 in Wilmington, N. C. to the late George Fullwood and Laurena Small Fullwood (Irene). It was during the early hours of the morning on August 10, 2015, that she passed into immortality and received the gift of everlasting peace. Funeral services were held at 12 Noon on Saturday, August 15, 2015, at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Bea was the eldest of seven siblings which are Elise Fullwood Pigford (Thomas, Sr.) the late George Fullwood, Jr. (Celeste), the late Joseph Fullwood, Jerry Fullwood (Gloria), Ernest Fullwood and Fredrick Fullwood. All of Bea's siblings live in Wilmington, N. C. except Ernest and Fredrick.

She received her early education in the New Hanover County school system in Wilmington, N. C. attending the well-known Williston Senior High School and Cape Fear Community College where she received her certification for the completion of the Nurse Aide Level I program. Bea worked hard during her adult years giving over 30 plus years to companies such as France Neckware, Remington Apparel Co. and Sturdy Controls, while also giving her time and attention to her six children.

Bea was a long time member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church where she regularly attended services. She would always share with her friends and family what the scriptures were about that Sunday and how it could be applied to your life to make lives better. She always shared with her family and children her life experiences and how believing in God was the right way and the only way. Bea also gave advice and her opinion regardless of whether she knew; that you already knew the answer. Bea was a kind person always thinking about others while keeping in touch with them to let them know that she cared.

Cherishing her memories, she leaves her eldest son, Alford Charles Messick, Jr. (Ruby), middle sons, Warrell LaVerne Messick, Sr. (L'Toynya) and Kirk Jerome Messick; one daughter Sharon Diane Messick-Johnson and two younger sons Gregory Eugene Messick and William Dennis Roberts II "Billy" (Demeika); she also leaves eighteen grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She leaves special friends Casandra and Marcell Little, Patricia Terry and Retha Brown, Bernard M. Eldorado, and Brenda Roberts Fong. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com

Esther Corbett Holden

Esther Corbett Holden died Thursday, August 6, 2015 in Tucker, GA. Funeral services were held 12:00 Noon Thursday, August 13, 2015 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial followed in the Northwest Cemetery.

Esther, daughter of the late Cornell Corbett and Jenell Porter, was born on March 28, 1929, in Washington, DC. She was preceded in death by her son, Glenn David Holden. Esther attended Williston Industrial School and was a graduate of the Class of 1947. She moved to New Haven, Connecticut for a short time and then moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she met and was united in holy matrimony to James Weldon Holden on May 18, 1957. She was a member of Greater Abyssinia Baptist Church for more than four decades. Esther helped her husband establish a successful dry cleaning business that served the Glenville community for nearly 35 years while raising her two children, Glenn and Joyce. When not at the "shop", as they called their dry cleaners, she could be found with a bowling ball in her hand or at the neighborhood line dance class. Harboring a friendly soul, Esther enjoyed organizing social events that brought folks together and was always the one to take food to comfort a sick friend or a grieving family. Esther was a devoted mother; loving wife, wonderful sister, aunt, and friend. Her presence in our lives will be truly missed.

She leaves to cherish her memories: husband, James Holden; daughter, Joyce Holden Kuhstoss; grandchildren, Christopher Michael Kuhstoss, Donovan Glenn Kuhstoss, Robin Holden Alston (Anthony), Erica Holden Tilford (Vincent), Anthony Holden and Maurice Antione Holden; eleven great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; special friend and caregiver, Valerie Scott and a host of other family and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

Xavier Jaques Bullock

Xavier Jaques Bullock died Thursday, August 6, 2015. Memorial services were held 4:00 PM Sunday, August 16, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Xavier was born on January 19, 1972 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Willie Thompson and the late Geneva Annie Mae Bullock. He was full of love and everyone enjoyed his company, his cooking and his card playing. He was very funny and would do anything for you. Xavier loved music and his favorite songs were "Smile" by Pharrell and "Mama" by Boyz to Men. He was a dedicated and hard worker. Those who knew him will miss him and his trash talking. He loved everyone and he will truly be missed but never forgotten. His soul is at peace.

He leaves to cherish: sisters, Teresa Bullock, Geneva Bullock (Lenny), Jackie Thompson (Clarence) and Pricilla Thompson (Gerald); brothers, Darrell Thompson and Warren Thompson; nieces,

Lakisha Green and Sharita Pigott (Johnathan); nephews, Bobby Pigott and Darious Bullock; which were his precious jewels he loved dearly; a host of aunts, uncles and cousins; 3 very special uncles, Raymond Keels, Paul Thompson and LaVern Keels; 2 special aunts, Doris Skipper and Louris Thompson; special cousins, Caroline Johnson and Trisha Jones; 2 special friends Tonya Wilson and Mark Fields; close friends, Nadine Macklin, Terrence Schwartz, Tyreke joye, Lisa Lennon, Patricia Graham and many more. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

Dennis Earl Porter

Dennis Earl Porter died Monday, August 10, 2015 at his residence. He was born September 19, 1957 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Feola Fullaard and John Godbold.

Dennis was educated in the New Hanover County School system, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School. Upon graduating he began his career as a chef and was employed with Whitey's Restaurant for many, many years, until he became ill. Dennis was preceded in death by his mother and father and five brothers and two sisters.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his daughters, Lanita Daniels and Feola Porter both of Wilmington, NC; his son, Michael Porter of Wilmington, NC; siblings, Dora Porter, Michael Porter, Kenneth Porter and Regina Porter Williams all of Wilmington, NC, Leon Porter of Orangeburg, SC and Evelyn Murphy of Florence, SC; a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

Tonnie Scott

Tonnie Scott died Monday, August 17, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hspice. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Bertha Geraldine Webb

Bertha Geraldine Webb, 78, of Wilmington, NC died Monday, August 10, 2015 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 14, 2015 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Enoch Chapel Cemetery.

Bertha Geraldine Bowen Webb began her life's journey on October 11, 1936 as the daughter of the late Allison and Susie Bowen in the East Arcadia Community of Bladen County. Her education began in the Bladen County Schools where she graduated from East Arcadia High School in the class of 1955. During her high school years, she was a star basketball player, playing point guard. Throughout her life she was an avid sports fan, especially basketball, her first love. As a youth, she attended Graham Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church with her father. After

relocating back to North Carolina, she joined Enoch Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her health began to fail. She served on various ministries in her church, including the Senior Choir and the Usher Board. Geraldine was married to the late Phillip Ray Webb.

They were parents to five children: Bryan Bowen (Glenda), Riegelwood, North Carolina. Phillip Webb, Jr. (Marilyn), Castle Hayne, North Carolina, and Daisy Webb, of the home. Two daughters preceded her in death: Brenda and Deborah Webb. She was fun-loving and those who were in her company could not remain without crying from laughter about one her comical stories or statements. She advocated loving everybody. She never met a stranger and has passed that characteristic to her children and grandchildren. She will forever live in the hearts of her family that she leaves to cherish her memory: Sons Bryan Bowen (Glenda), Riegelwood, North Carolina; Phillip Webb, Jr. (Marilyn), Castle Hayne, North Carolina; and Daisy Webb of the home. Nine grandchildren: Bryan Webb (Sia), Raleigh, North Carolina. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Elouise Hickman Howard

Elouise Hickman Howard, 90, of Wilmington, NC died Thursday, August 6, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at New Covenant Holiness Church, 1020 Dawson Street. Burial followed in the Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Mother Elouise Hickman Howard departed her earthly life and peacefully entered into the eternal presence of the Lord on August 6, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. She was born on August 17, 1924 to the late Amos and Lula Hickman in Flag Patch, S.C. She was preceded in death by her husband James E. Howard, two grand-

children and three son-in-laws. She was the last of 10 siblings. Mother Elouise attended Public School in Flag Patch, S.C. prior to moving to Wilmington, N.C. She became a member of New Covenant Holiness church where she attended regularly until her health began to fail her. She served as a Minister, Senior Choir Member, Sunday School Teacher, and in other areas as needed as a faithful servant. She studied and lived by the word of God teaching her children and grandchildren to trust in God. She always had a positive word to share with all she met and she showed you how to live by God's word. Mother Elouise had a 24 hour daycare where she helped raised many children in the Westchester Community.

Mother Elouise leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters, Betty Morris, Virlyn McGrew and Devonia Allen; one son, Robert Howard (Elder Lean); a "son" Chuck Allen (Linda); two sisters-in-law, Mattie Howard Feaster and Rosa Lee Howard; a host of grandchildren twelve great-grandchildren twenty eight great-great-grandchildren thirty six great-great-great grandchild one niece, nephews, other relatives, friends, children she cared for in the community, and the Staff of Lower Cape Fear Hospice. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Vicky Kay Rogers

Vicky Kay Rogers, 51, of Leland, NC died Tuesday, August 6, 2015 at her residence. Memorial services will be held at a later date. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Margaret "Maggie" Reed Rivers

Margaret "Maggie" Reed Rivers, 94, of Wilmington, NC died Sunday, August 2, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 7, 2015 at Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church,

620 Nixon Street, Wilmington, NC. Burial followed in the Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Margaret Reed Rivers, the daughter of the late Sam Reed and the late Victoria Stukes Reed was born on April 29, 1921 in Clarendon County, Summerton, South Carolina. She was lovingly and affectionately called "Maggie" or "Mag". Maggie's early basic education was received in the tiny one room Scott Branch School. There Maggie mastered the three "R's" of Reading, Riting, and Rithmatic. She was reared in a God fearing home. Converted at the tender age of 12 years old in the Liberty Hill Baptist Church. Maggie married her childhood sweetheart, the late Elijah "Son" Rivers on November 16, 1940. They relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina during the shipyard era. From this union eight children were born, one son and seven daughters. Maggie was a longtime member of Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, having joined under the Rev. Hamilton A. Robbins. She sang with Choir No. 1 and attended faithfully until her earthly tabernacle began to crumble.

Loved ones having gone on before her other than her parents and husband are: her sister, Elizabeth Stokes; brothers, Thomas Ragin and Harry Ragin; nephew, Quincy Stokes; daughter, Matherine Benbow. Joyful memories of love shall remain with those who shall miss her the most: one son, Alphonso Rivers (Harriet); six daughters, Carolyn Rivers, Yvonne Rivers, Rev. Thomasina R. Brailford, Helen Warren, Judean Wilson (Gene), and Vernell Williams (Alvin); twenty one grandchildren; three generations of great grandchildren; a very special nephew, George Stokes; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Davis Funeral Home service.

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Barry Smith & Company will hold a Couples Revival on Saturday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Holly Baptist Church, 2425 Old Wrightsboro Rd. The speakers will be Ministers Bobby and Kim Watkins of Kingdom Life Fellowship of Richlands, NC. Music will be by the IGYC of Mt. Holly Church. For more information call Barry Smith at 910-550-7475 or Elder Cedric T. Tindall at 910-367-3601.



Religious Briefs

Judah the House of Praise will hold a Rededication Service on Sunday, August 23rd at 5:00 p.m. The speaker will be Elder Richard Warren. For more information contact Pastor Joann Pressley at 910-762-8955 or 910-512-0149.

Ministry of Deliverance Church for All People, 2162 Wrightsville Ave., Delgado Square, will celebrate Apostle Willie J. Rhames 77th birthday on Sunday, August 23rd, Sunday, August 26th- Friday, August 28th, 7:00 p.m. nightly and on Saturday, August 29th at 5:00 p.m. a banquet will be held at Pilgrim House of Worship, 3421 Wrightsville Ave.

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 South 10th Street, will hold their Annual Summer Revival Wednesday, August 19th- Friday, August 21st. The revivalist will be Pastor Jerould Richburg of Mt. Zion AME Church. The accompany choirs will be Edgeton Singers of Price Cathedral AME Zion Church, heavenly Voices of Shiloh Baptist Church at Masonboro Sound. Mt. Zion Church Choir will accompany their pastor on Friday. The 100th Psalm of Mt. Nebo will render Praise and Worship each night from 7:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. For further information contact Sister Dorothy Freeman at 910-233-0097.

Mt. Olive AME Church will hold its Annual Summer Revival, Wednesday, August 19th- Friday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m. The revival theme is "Greatness Is In You-Just Believe It." Reverend Dr. Russell E. Groves pastor of Canaan Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD will the revival preacher and various choirs will be singing each night.

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will celebrate their 4th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Donovan Taylor on Saturday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor James Malloy of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. There will also be a Gospel Explosion featuring area choirs. On Sunday, August 23rd at 4:00 p.m. the guest speaker will be Pastor Lorenzo Edge of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ.

Restoration Outreach Ministries will present Fall Convention 2015 Theme: "A Thousand Shall Fall At Your Side" A three (3) day Prophetic Encounter with Rev. Theo Archi Mills. On Friday, August 28th a Prophetic Encounter Service with be held. On Saturday, August 29th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., One-On-One with the Prophet (By appt. only). On Sunday, August 30, 2015, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Anointing Service/Prayer for All Students. Venue: 4875 New Centre Dr., Wilmington, NC. For more info. contact 910-398-7594, 910-547-6406 or 910-620-4393.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at Masonboro, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd., will hold their Ushers Anniversary on Sunday, August 23rd at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bishop Joseph Garnett and church family of Freedoms Way Ministries. All ushers are asked to come in uniform and join in the processional. Dinner will be served immediately after morning service. For additional information please contact Brenda General at 910-200-0787.

St. Phillip AMEZ Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community, will present St. Phillip Spot Fest on Saturday, August 29th from 11am until 5pm. All proceeds will benefit the St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church Building Fund Project 2015. For additional information, you may contact Sis. Ashley M. Hall at 910-540-4250, Sister Aimee Brown at 910-368-3605 Sister Catherine Cooper at 910-540-4477, or Sister Dentrail N. Boykin at 910-200-4953.

The Wisdom and Theology of MLK scheduled meeting for Thursday, August 27th has been changed to Friday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 515 Queen St.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their Annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 30th at 11:30 a.m. Rev. James Eason and Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church Family, Burgaw will be the special guests. Dinner will be served immediately after service.

Moore's AME Zion Church, 1490 Village Rd., The Leland Senior Center on Sunday, August 23rd at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Geraldine Dereef and the Macedonian AME Church Family of Burgaw, NC. Dinner will be served after morning service. The afternoon service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Reverend Henry Gregory and the Saint Andrew Church Family will be the guest.

The Women of Myrtle Grove AME Church, 216 Old Fayetteville Rd., will sponsor a "50 Women In Hats" celebration on Sunday, August 30th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Linda Southerland from Hooper's Chapel MB Church, Leland.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

Prolonging the life of the church

My Fellow Seniors:

There was an article in the *Star News* a few days ago about a church that is still holding on with just four members. These people must have very strong characters but not much love for their neighbors

because surely that building could be put to better use. I'm still thinking about a group home for at-risk seniors. Some are living alone and afraid of

TELL SOMEBODY

"Man's Extremity/God's Opportunity"

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Mark 9:23-24

But 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." Hebrews 11:6

Miracle- An extraordinary event manifesting divine

Intervention in human affairs

Believe - To accept as true; to hold as an opinion

Unbelief - Absence of faith in God's ability

The day of miracles is not over, and God has given to all of his children a measure of faith. Many of his children will not use their faith until desperate times, because desperate times do call for desperate measures. Many people do not realize how strong their faith is,

falling. Some have triple locks on their doors. Others have memory lapses which they manage to conceal.

So why can't we come up with a plan for walking the last mile in a wholesome carefree environment? If you are tired of taking care of a big old house all alone, why not move into a group home with a few close friends? All you really need is one room with a bed, a TV, and a chair. So where could you find such a place? I'm glad you asked.

Take a look at the many small churches scattered around the city of Wilmington, N. C. Any one of them could be connected into a ten room man-

agement for senior citizens at no cost. It would become a very popular group home for persons who choose not to spend their last days alone.

Each person would turn over a portion of his or her SSI. This would cover the cost of living. This group home would be supported by all the churches in the community, with donations and with free labor.

We would have an Interdenominational Christian service each Sunday afternoon. This would be followed by dinner with family and friends, who would come out to share with us. We would be walking the last mile together and holding hands far mutual support.

Naturally, the nursing homes would still be available when needed, but the group home would be a halfway house. It would be like a gateway to heaven. Who could ask for anything more? The question is who would our leaders be? How can we find someone to get the ball rolling?

Actually, the group home is not our only concern. We need our local churches to work together on one special project. This type of unity would prolong the life of all churches. May God be with you.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.



Sylvia Hooper

God, will find themselves coming back to the sanctuary and House of Prayer, Praise, and Worship. When God see's our tears of repentance, contrition, and hope, he will begin to move and work miracles for his sons and daughters who are at risk of being destroyed by the enemy.

Who is looking for a miracle today? Who is expecting the incredible today? Who really believes that all things are possible today?

You can receive, if you truly believe! When you have gone as far as you can go, or done all you can do.....When the doctor gives up, or your money runs out, don't you dare give up! Your extremity is God's opportunity to show you how much he cares and how far he will go for one of his children crying out to him in faith. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. We should allow God to draw us back to Him through our trials, tests, and troubles. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

If we are not as close to God as we used to be, guess who moved? If you've got the faith, God's got the power! You may stand to lose various things in these times of uncertainly. You may lose your job, home,

car, etc. but don't ever lose your faith in God! Times may be tough right now, but you can make it. Even praying like the distraught father in Mark chapter 9, "Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief!" When you pray this prayer, somehow and someday, he will come through for you! All things are possible! Be encouraged, and Tell Somebody! Man's extremity is God's opportunity. With God, all things are possible!

"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!"

OBITUARIES

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William T. "WT" Walker

William T. "WT" Walker, 76, of Bolivia died Sunday, August 2, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Randolph Family Cemetery, Bolivia. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Jacqueline Janie Mae Mack Robinson

Jacqueline Janie Mae Mack Robinson, 76, of Wilmington, NC died Friday, August 1, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC. Burial followed in the Pine Forest Cemetery. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Celese Donna James

Celese Donna James, 57, of Castle Hayne, NC died Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Memorial services were held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Vision Center Baptist Church, 901 S. 5th Ave., in Davis Funeral Home. Celeste was a beloved and faithful member of Revolution Worship and Outreach Church under the leadership of Pastor Micah Wright.

Celese Donna James, the daughter of Gertrude James and the late Ivan James was born April 11, 1958 in New

York, NY. She passed away peacefully with her mother Gertrude James by her side at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center in Wilmington, North Carolina on July 31, 2015. First and foremost Celese had given your life to the Lord many years ago. She loved each life to the Lord many years ago. She loved each church she served in and was always of service. She grew up in the Bronx where she went to Elementary, Junior High School and High School. She went on to further her education and graduated with honors and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Adelphi University, where she was a member of Zeta Delta Phi Sorority, the Black Student Union, and the Business and Finance club. She served on the board of the Residence Council. Celese worked in the financial district in New York City while pursuing her Master's Degree in Education from Lehman College. She was a tenured teacher in the New York City School System. She continued her teaching career here in North Carolina for many years and was named teacher of the year. Celese's favorite color was purple and she loved her dog Jordan aka Michael Jordan. She was also an avid gardener, and always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone. She was a dedicated care giver to her mother. She enjoyed helping kids/students with school projects. Celese had a can do spirit, and was a jokester; she loved to laugh, and to know her was to love her. Her favorite past times, were traveling, shopping, (she was our

fashionista). Everyone knew she loved to take pictures, hence why she was named "The Paparazzi". Celese Celese never seemed to forget anyone, and she always sent cards to remember a birthday or just to say "I love you" She loved meeting new just to say "I love you" She loved meeting new people. Celese absolutely adored her mother Gertrude dearly, even so that she moved her from New York to North Carolina to be closer and to care for her. She always told her Mommy, "I can't take care of you in New York from North Carolina."

She leaves to cherish beautiful memories, Her loving and dedicate mother, Gertrude James of Wilmington North Carolina; her special cousins, Gloria and Horace Smith of Atlanta Georgia; Many loving friends, Revolution Worship and Outreach Church Family, Godchildren, Coworkers and Many loving friends and neighbors in New York, North Carolina, and nationwide. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Cleveland Spears

Cleveland Spears, 83, of Wilmington, NC died Friday, July 31, 2015 at Wilmington Health and Rehab. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at New Light Missionary Baptist Church, Hallsboro, NC. Burial followed in the Hallsboro Memorial Park.

Mr. Cleveland Otha Spears was born on July 29, 1932 in Columbus County, North Carolina to the late Willie O. Spears and the late Maggie Spears. In the late 60's to the

Mid 70's, Cleveland worked in the maintenance department at Bellevue Hospital, New York, NY. Cleveland loved to cook. In the early 70's, he managed a soul food restaurant. His favorite pastime however, was watching the news. He also loved to dance.

Cleveland was predeceased by his son, Larry and his sister-in-law, Audrey. Cleveland leaves to celebrate his life: His children, William Spears (Diane), Bobby Spears, Elva Spears, Betty Spears, Simeon "Bubba" Spears, Elaine Smalls (William), Denise Morris (Norman), and Pamela Spears; daughter-in-law, Subreem; his loving sister, Verdella Lee; brother, Winfred "Win" Spears; thirty-four grandchildren; many great grandchildren; special friend, Mary Tomlin; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Virginia Fields Utley

Virginia Fields Utley, 86, of Wilmington, NC died Thursday, July 23, 2015 at her home. Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Bethel AME Church, Northwest Community. Burial followed in the church cemetery. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Reginald Wayne Hawes

Reginald Wayne Hawes, Sr., 55, of Wilmington, NC died on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Coastal

Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC. A Davis Funeral Home service.

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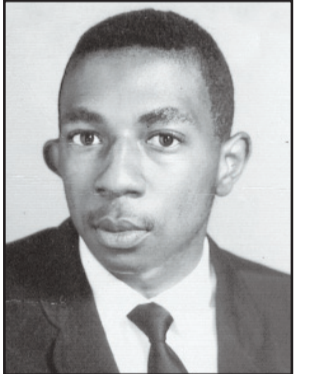
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The Joye Family

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