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BY  
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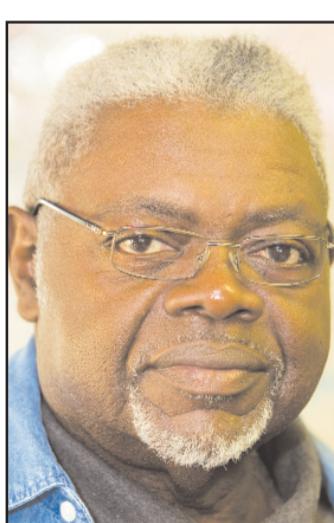
**Coming UP  
in THE  
COMMUNITY**

**WPD launches citizen Police Academy**

If you've ever wondered what happens behind the scenes at the Wilmington Police Department here's your chance to get an up close and personal look. The department is launching an eight week academy on Thursday, September 17 for New Hanover County Citizens who want to know more. The academy is called Citizens Behind the Badge and will offer participants 18 and older a hands on look at police operations, patrol techniques, crime scene investigations, Police K9, the Mounted Unit, self-defense and much more. Participants will also be required to ride with an officer during the eight week session.

The academy is absolutely free and anyone interested can register online by visiting [wilmingtonnc.gov/police](http://wilmingtonnc.gov/police) or call the Wilmington Police Department Crime Prevention Office at 910-343-3945 for an application. The deadline to register is September 11. Hurry space is limited!

**BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY UPDATE**



**The truth  
must be told**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In my getting around this week, I attended a meeting that was said to start to bring the people of Brunswick County together and help people who have moved here to understand the County's culture and the people who helped build it. I was very upset and dissatisfied with the people who told the history of Brunswick County and

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*National NAACP Responds*

**SPECIAL TO  
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BALTIMORE, MD - On Wednesday, July 29th, University of Cincinnati Police Officer Ray Tensing was indicted on a murder charge for fatally shooting Samuel DuBose, an unarmed African American man, during a traffic stop on July 19th.

Subsequently, the NAACP has released the following statement from Cornell William Brooks, NAACP President and CEO: "Hamilton County's grand

jury decision to indict University of Cincinnati Police Officer Ray Tensing for the shooting death of 43-year-old Samuel DuBose during a routine traffic stop speaks with tragic clarity to the type of action needed in cases where unarmed citizens are met with excessive and too often times fatal force. Our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathies go out to the family of Mr. DuBose, who was the father of 10 children. While this indictment is encouraging, it is only a first step in what will likely be a long judicial process. The NAACP and our Ohio State Conference will be closely monitoring

the proceedings as we continue to seek justice for Mr. DuBose and his family. Unarmed, law-abiding citizens should be able to survive a routine traffic stop with the police. At a moment when we mark our collective calendars with a criminal justice tragedy seemingly every day, the NAACP is soon to embark on its most ambitious and innovative crusade yet -- America's Journey for Justice. This historic 860 mile march from Selma, Alabama to Washington, D.C., which begins on August 1st, demands that our nation fix its broken criminal justice system. We



COURTESY PHOTOS

University of Cincinnati police officer Ray Tensing, left, shot and killed Samuel DuBose, right after a traffic stop for a missing license plate.

march because our lives matter. The NAACP will not stand down until accountability and justice in cases of police misconduct are served for Mr. DuBose and the countless other men and women who have been the victims of excessive force.

### "WE WANT THE WORLD TO READ THIS"



NC NAACP PHOTO  
MORAL MONDAY MARCH LED BY REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER

### "Protect the People" An open letter to Gov. McCrory

Dear Governor McCrory:

I recently read a news story that reported the following:

"Governor Pat McCrory has sworn to uphold the constitution. He will not assume powers not provided to him by law and it is clear he does not have the authority to unilaterally stop the issuance of license plates granted to civic organizations such as the Sons of the

Confederacy," said Graham Wilson, the governor's press secretary. "Governor McCrory will stop the issuance of the Confederate battle flag license plates once the General Assembly provides the legal authority through statute. If the NAACP and the liberal groups are truly interested in stopping these plates from being

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**CONGRESSWOMAN  
SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

**Jackson Lee  
unveils legislation  
to address  
law enforcement  
and youth  
incarceration**

BY JEFFREY BONEY  
OF THE HOUSTON FORWARD TIMES

NNPA--Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations unveiled a package of measures to provide young people in the criminal and juvenile justice systems much needed relief and protection.

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### President Obama spends day in federal prison

BY JERRY FORD II  
OF THE HOUSTON FORWARD  
TIMES

(NNPA)- President Barack Obama surprised many recently by making an appearance in a place where no president has appeared before - a federal penitentiary.

President Obama toured the El Reno Correctional Institution last week as part of his attempt to deliver on a campaign promise that guaranteed an overhaul of the country's criminal-justice system.

The visit to El Reno happened a few days after President Obama commuted the sentences of 46 non-violent drug offenders, including two Houstonians - Joe Louis Champion and Robert Earl Thomas

Jr.

Joe Louis Champion received life in prison for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. Robert Earl Thomas Jr., was given a 21-year sentence for possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance. Champion and Thomas will be released in November.

President Obama, while speaking at the NAACP convention earlier in the week, called for these elongated mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent offenders to be reduced or thrown out completely.

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NNPA PHOTO  
The cost of incarceration in the United States in 2010 was \$80 billion.

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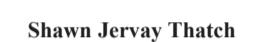
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## HOUSE BILL

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Last week, Congresswoman Jackson Lee held a Congressional Briefing entitled "Conditions of Youth Confinement-From Entry to Release: What Happens to Youth Behind Bars?"

The Congresswoman was joined by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM), NAACP, the UNCF, the National Council of Churches, EXODUS, National Association of Evangelicals and the mother and brother of Kalief Browder.

The need for meaningful

## BRUNSWICK

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what was said, I find it hard to believe that this County was built by traders who came into the County by river. What happened to the sawmills, shrimp boats, commercial fishing boats, farmers, and the tar kills. I find it hard to accept people coming to the County and attempting to change our history to a pretty story with a fairy tale ending.

Most of the jobs were hard work, and many people, both Blacks and Whites, were killed or hurt seriously so that they could make a living and take care of their families. Blacks provided most of the labor and helped build this County. By their hard work and hope for a

## OPEN LETTER

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issued, they will petition the General Assembly. Once Governor McCrory is given the legal authority, he will resolve this issue once and for all."

Governor, I want to believe that these were not your own intentions but those of a misguided staff person. In light of the long history of the South and the recent tragedy in Charleston, surely you do not believe that the issue over the Confederate battle flag boils down to one of liberal versus conservative ideals. Certainly in South Carolina it does not.

Likewise I am sure you know that the NAACP is not liberal or conservative but a civil rights organization made

up of people of all political persuasions. The long history of the Confederate battle flag shows that it has been used for considerably more than a century as a symbol of white supremacy and racist terror.

Like you, I get a lot of hate mail. Here is just one example among many of the kind of hateful emails that have come into our office since we challenged the Confederate monument bill that the legislature passed and you signed, despite your misgivings about its usurpation of local government: "blacks should not hold so much hate about their past as slaves confederate flags, and historical monuments. they should rather embrace their past. if it had not went the way it did, you would still be in Africa dying of

hunger, aids and ebola. think about it slavery was your ticket to the best country in the world...yet you bitch, wine and complain, barber: enough is never enough i don't think blacks really hate items from the past, rather i think you people hate yourselves

This is the kind of hate that these things stir up, and which the Republican leadership in South Carolina declined to feed any further.

Governor, I am willing as always to meet with you and our team and support your taking the authority you do have to stop the issue of Confederate battle flag license tags and the moral authority you have to invalidate your signature on the bill that keeps local governments from deciding how to

commemorate their own history. If lawyers can prove that you don't have the authority to stop the issuance of the license tags, we will support you in putting forward a bill to do so. It is you, however, who must take leadership.

Your leadership should also allow North Carolina to protect voting rights, expand Medicaid, nurture public education, end racial profiling, and provide living wages to working people. Each of these, left unimplemented, will continue to have a disparate impact on African Americans, other minorities, women and the poor according to the best scholars. In that sense, then, these issues are not about ideology but about equal protection under the law and what the

North Carolina Constitution puts this way: "Beneficent provision for the poor, the unfortunate, and the orphan is one of the first duties of a civilized and Christian state." Surely we can agree on that.

In truth, we have no personal dislike against you; we would love few things more than to see you go down in history as a great Southern governor. Your staff in their response to the media spoke of the Constitution. Both the Constitution and the word of God call you to do justice and to love mercy, and the time to act is now.

Yours in Hope, Rev Dr William J. Barber, II, President, North Carolina NAACP and Convener, Forward Together Moral Movement

## PRES. OBAMA

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"If you're a low-level drug dealer, or you violate your parole, you owe some debt to society ... but you don't owe 20 years," said President Obama.

President Obama recommended the House and the Senate move forward on a sentencing reform bill and urged leaders to have it on his desk by the end of 2015.

President Obama, at the NAACP Convention, highlighted the unfairness of the criminal justice system, in particular pointing at the racial disparities in sentencing, highlighted bipartisan ideas for reform, and laid out his ideas to make the system unbiased, more resourceful and cost effective.

"Communities that give our young people every shot at success, tough but fair courts and prisons that seek to prepare returning citizens to get that second chance...That's what we're here to build," said President Obama.

A major part of the President's agenda is resolving the disparities in school quality as investments in education in the minority communities have become a major focus for this President, along with an increased effort to help released inmates re-adjust to society.

President Obama stressed that communities and the police need to be able to work together and have to be able to build a trust between one another, while pointing out the fact that the prison population is made up of a disproportionate number of African Americans and Latinos.

The irony of the convention, however, was found in a speech by a former president who many have nicknamed the "first Black president" - Bill Clinton - who spent time apologizing at the NAACP convention and admitting he was wrong.

Over-incarceration in the U.S. is a result in some part from the policies passed during his tenure at the White House.

Clinton signed into law a bill in 1994, Violent Crime Control Act, which included a federal provision known as the "three strikes" rule which mandates life sentences for convicted criminals of a violent felony after two or more prior convictions, including drug offenses.

"The problem is the way it was written and implemented we cast too wide a net and we had too many people in prison," said Clinton, at the Clinton Global Initiative Wednesday.

According to the Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons, there are over 200,000 people in federal prison, 48% are jailed for drug offenses while a whopping 71% of jails are filled with an African American or Hispanic. The cost of incarceration in the United States in 2010 was \$80 billion.

The president brought these numbers home when he explained that the money could be put to better use by providing free tuition at U.S. public colleges or universities.

A move like that would undoubtedly assist historically Black colleges and universities, such as Texas Southern University and Prairie View A&M University, where 70 percent of the two schools combined undergraduate student popu-

lation are depended upon financial aid to pay for school.

"For what the U.S. spends on keeping people in prison per year, \$80 billion, there could be universal preschool, doubled salaries for high school teachers or free tuition at U.S. public colleges or universities," said President Obama, at the NAACP convention.

The nationwide numbers are frightening but the statistics in the state of Texas speak to a larger more alarming story and one Houston activist has been working to help expose the Texas State Criminal Justice system for its unfair practices after witnessing how the system works from the inside.

Durrell Douglas, co-founder of the Houston Justice Coalition, spent over a half-a-decade working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Douglas moved up through the system receiving a promotion to Sergeant, where he witnessed a broken system that targeted minority communities, up close and personal.

Douglas came back home and co-founded the Houston Justice Coalition, a grassroots, activist-led organization, to address criminal justice reform at the local level.

"I was shocked to see how many Black faces walked the halls. People from neighborhoods like South Park, where I grew up, filled the halls," said Douglas. "Non-violent drug offenses often come with the huge 'F' for felony painted on the permanent records of men who were only trying to keep food on the table—that's the majority of the reason people of color come to prison."

Across the country, the "myth" has often been that

"there are more Black men in jail than in college" but according to statistics, that is not true here in the United States. National data shows that there are almost twice as many Black men attending colleges across the country than are in U.S. prisons.

In the state of Texas, however, they have found a way to make this "myth" a reality.

According to the Justify Policy Institute, there are more African American men of all ages in Texas state prisons (66,300) than in the higher education system (40,800). Almost twice as many African American men in their early 30s have prison records (22%) than have Bachelor's degrees (12%).

African Americans with non-violent drug offenses are the reason for this alarming statistic.

From 1986 to the early 2000s, the amount of people processed into the Texas Criminal Justice system skyrocketed, seeing an increase of 102%, but the number of White drug prisoners increased by only 671 criminals, while the prisons saw almost 5,000 African Americans admitted over the same time period, resulting in African Americans being brought to state jail at a 7 to 1 rate as compared to Whites.

This is a fact that doesn't seem to make sense to many people, including Douglas.

According to national data, Whites use drugs at similar rates to African Americans. This fact simply isn't enough to resolve the paradox as to the disparities that exist, and fails to explain the level of overrepresentation of minorities in the prison system around the country and in Texas.

Meanwhile in the nation's capital, a group of

Republicans and Democrats gathered Tuesday to discuss reform of a broken system and formed a bipartisan caucus which is focused on fixing these issues by the end of the year. They are trying to fix a system that has targeted minorities, which in consequence, have assisted in destroying the sociological ecosystem of the community, and the overall breakdown of the African American family.

"Mass incarceration makes our entire country worse off, and we need to do something about it," said President Obama.

The state of Texas; however, still has a long way to go many believe.

Did you know?

- One in 17 White men (5.9%), one in six Latino men (17%), and one in three African American men (32%) born in 2001 will serve time in prison at some point in their lifetime

- 6 million Americans are current or former prisoners; 39% of those are African Americans (2,203,000), even though African Americans comprise only 12% of the national population

- In 1999, a drug sting operation in the small town of Tulia, Texas resulted in the arrest of 46 people, 40 of whom were Black. The arrests incarcerated almost 15% of the Black population, and was denounced as a form of "racial profiling" by the NAACP and the ACLU.

- African Americans are incarcerated at 5 times the rate of Whites in Texas (3,734 per 100,000, compared to 694 per 100,000 Whites); statistics and data gathered from "The Disparate Incarceration of Latinos and African Americans in the Lone Star State; Justice Policy Institute"

funds to support the recording of custodial interrogations by states

- Bans the shackling and restraint of youth during federal court appearances unless there are legitimate security concerns justifying the use of restraints

- Requires states receiving federal grant funding to implement policies and procedures to provide a right to speedy trial and timely bail consideration, and to ban youth solitary confinement

- While there has been a lot of discussion of how to improve law enforcement practices nationwide, these bills recognize that every law enforcement agency has different needs and that best practices must adapt to changes in communities and technology," said Congresswoman Jackson Lee. "In doing so, I believe that any attempt at reform must have the wholesale support of our community in order to be successful."

for incarcerated youth

- Establishes pilot programs to give incarcerated youth the opportunity to receive mentorship and to obtain skills through government and community service

- Establishes pilot diversion programs for incarcerated youth who are high-risk, victims, or caretakers

- Limits the length of time an individual can be incarcerated for technical probation violations

**H.R. 3156, The Fair Chance for Youth Act of 2015:**

- Allows formerly incarcerated youth to petition and seek for expungement of federal misdemeanor and nonviolent drug offense convictions and sealing of federal nonviolent convictions

**H.R. 3155, The Effective and Humane Treatment of Youth Act of 2015 or Kalief's Law:**

- Named in recognition of Kalief Browder, a young man

- Authorizes federal grant

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**FIVE NORTH CAROLINA HBCUs RANK IN TOP 25**

[DURHAM] Of the top 25 historically black universities and colleges across the country, North Carolina proudly boasts of five of them, according to the 2015



Rankings of the Best HBCUs national survey published by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. With Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Ala. logging in at the number one HBCU in the nation, closely behind was Winston-Salem State

University at #5, Elizabeth City State University at #8, NC Central University at #9, NC A&T University at #15 and Fayetteville State University bookended the list at #25. The schools were ranked according to academic reputation, average financial aid, average net price (tuition) and average starting salary.

**NCDOT SEC. TONY TATA RESIGNS AMID CONTROVERSY**

[RALEIGH] NC Dept. of Transportation Secretary Tony Tata abruptly resigned from Gov. Pat McCrory's administration Tuesday, saying that he needed more time for his family and his book

career. The resignation was effective immediately. Tata's two and a half years in office, just like his failed tenure as Wake County Public Schools superintendent, weren't without controversy. The Republican and one-time "Sarah Palin for president" supporter involved himself in numerous partisan events, bashing Democrats on many occasions. During the height of the snowstorms which crippled roads across the state, Tata was in Chicago on a book tour. And he appeared on Fox News recently as a political commentator and author without identifying himself per his official position. There are rumors that Tata is preparing himself for

a run for Congress. He says all options are on the table.

**GREENSBORO TO GET \$3.5 MILLION IN HUD GRANT MONEY**

[GREENSBORO] Thanks to a grant from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the city of Greensboro is slated to receive over \$3.5 million to assist those needing affordable housing, according to the office of Congresswoman Alma Adams. The grant money comes from four special HUD programs. "Having access to quality and affordable housing is critical for our communities," said Congresswoman Adams.

"This HUD funding for Greensboro will help tackle homelessness and help enhance the quality of life for so many in need."

**UNC-CHAPEL HILL STUDENT CHARGED WITH MURDER IN TRAFFIC TRAGEDY**

[CHAPEL HILL] Police have charged UNC - Chapel Hill student Chandler Michael Kania, 20, has been charged with three counts of second-degree murder, three counts of felony death by motor vehicle, one count of felony serious injury by motor vehicle, driving the wrong way on an interstate, careless and reckless driving after consuming alcohol as a minor,

possession of alcohol by a minor and having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, in the July 19th deaths of two mothers and a six-year-old grandchild when he crashed his Jeep going the wrong way on I-85 south. Kania allegedly used a fake ID to drink at two Chapel Hill bars, and fought off friends who tried to prevent him from driving while drunk. A nine-year-old child riding with the victims was seriously injured, but has been released from UNC Hospitals. At press time, Kania has bailed out of jail pending his next court date.

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## Nick Gordon on suicide watch after Bobbi Kristina's death; 'out of control with regret'

After Bobbi Kristina Brown's death, friends and family members of her boyfriend Nick Gordon, are worried that he may commit suicide.

Gordon -- who is the subject of a lawsuit over Bobbi Kristina's condition that led to her death and was not allowed to visit his girlfriend during the nearly six months that she was under medical care -- feels that Bobbi Kristina may have woken up had she heard his voice and his emotions are currently out of control, Hollywood Life reported late Sunday, citing sources.

"Nick is on suicide watch. He is out of control with regret and sadness. He keeps saying that if only (Bobbi Kristina) had heard his voice, things would have been different. She may have lived," a source told Hollywood Life.

Bobbi Kristina, 22, died Sunday at the Peachtree Christian Hospice in Georgia, after being found unresponsive in the bathtub of her house in Atlanta in January. The aspiring actress shared the house with Gordon, who could reportedly also be treated as a suspect in a criminal investigation.

Gordon, who was rumored to have married Bobbi Kristina, faces a \$10 million lawsuit filed by her conservator. The case alleges that

Gordon beat her causing "substantial" physical harm and also transferred funds from her account after she was found unconscious. Bobbi Kristina reportedly had bruises when she was found in her bathtub and Gordon reportedly claimed they were the result of his efforts to revive her.

Investigators reportedly suspect that "Nick Gordon's motive for murder" could have been the fear of being dumped by Bobbi Kristina.

Since she was hospitalized in January, many witnesses spoke up about Bobbi Kristina's relationship with Gordon. On Jan. 31, the day she was found unconscious, Bobbi Kristina was supposed to meet a friend to discuss a "revelation" about Gordon, according to reports citing sources. The friend, reports speculated, could be Bess Beckmann, who is currently working with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to find out if Gordon physically and mentally abused her.

Bobbi Kristina, who suffered irreversible brain damage from the incident, had initially been placed in a medically-induced coma at Emory University Hospital and was breathing through a ventilator.

She was later moved to the DeKalb Medical Facility in March and then to hospice care in June. After moving her to the hospice, her family said

that her condition continued to deteriorate and that she was in "God's hands now."

On Sunday, friends and family members expressed their grief over the 22-year-

old's death on social media. "Bobbi Kristina Brown passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2015, surrounded by her family. She is finally at peace in the arms of God. We want

to again thank everyone for their tremendous amount of love and support these last few months," Bobbi Kristina's family said in a statement on Sunday.

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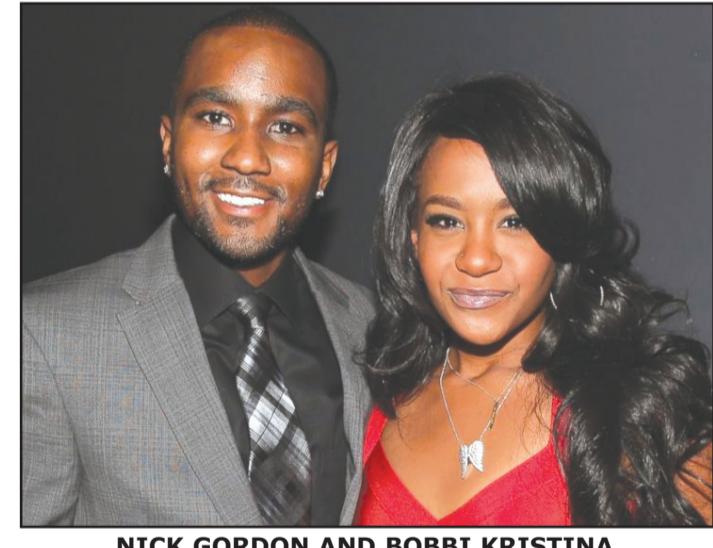
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## Our Voice

### BLACKONOMICS

## The change we've been waiting for

In light of the conversations about police abuse, unwarranted stops and arrests, and homicide cases involving Black people and police officers, many Black people get angry, maybe have a march, and then go home to await the next incident. Some of our organizations do their usual thing by making loud threatening statements and then get back in line until the next crisis hits. Amos Wilson said, "Until our behavior changes, the behavior of those who oppress and abuse us will not change." In other words, the onus for change is on us.

Many of you may not know about the Uniform Reporting Law Enforcement Improvement Act (URLEIA), which is proposed legislation that calls for the creation of a National Office of Civilian Oversight that hosts meetings across the nation to garner citizen input. Law enforcement agents, their spouses, and unions are not permitted to attend or participate in the Civilian Oversight Conferences. These conferences are essentially designed to create policy that governs policing. Police unions and associations are largely responsible for developing the policing approaches we see in effect today; URLEIA will change that practice.

This legislative proposal is provided by ONUS, Inc., and Black Communities United for Progress (BCUP) for presentation to members of the United States Congress and the president of the United States. Now that's what I call proactive work that will have a direct and positive effect on Black people. This is not just rhetorical bombast; this is attacking the problem of police brutality from a practical, logical, and legal perspective.

Immediately after a White woman was shot and killed by an illegal immigrant in San Francisco, Bill O'Reilly called for what he titled "Kate's Law" to be passed by Congress. Within days 600,000 signatures were collected and members of Congress went to work to get the proposed law passed. They held hearings and brought the family of Kathryn Steinle to Washington to testify. They got swift action.

So where is the Tamir Rice law against cops shooting 12-year-olds in less than two seconds? Where is the Eric Garner Law against police officers choking a man to death? Where is John Crawford's Law that punishes department store employees for lying to 911 and cops from killing a person for holding a BB gun that is on the shelf of that store? Where is Sandra Bland's Law that would send a cop to jail for falsely arresting a young lady who questioned why she had to put her cigarette out while seated in her own car?

Why hasn't O'Reilly's TV news counterpart, Al Sharpton, gone to his good friend, Barack Obama, and all his friends in the Black Caucus and gotten them to hold hearings and write Sandra's Law?

Instead of real action, we see our vaunted politicians genuflecting before the powers-that-be and our "Black" organizations - the NAACP and Urban League - walking 860 miles and issuing an annual report that tells us how bad our situation is.

This is exactly why we need and must support ONUS, Inc. and its URLEIA legislation. Instead of symbolic gestures, "ONUS is calling upon Congressional leaders to sponsor, endorse and enact the provisions contained in URLEIA in order to stop law enforcement agents from wreaking havoc on Black Americans..." says Jerrroll Sanders, ONUS, Inc. president and CEO.

Sanders states, "The contents of the URLEIA legislative proposal stand in stark contrast to H.R. 2875 - a bill titled the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2015 that is currently making its way through Congress. While H.R. 2875 provides additional funding for grants and U.S. Department of Justice policing oversight activities and promotes the creation of national training, accreditation and operating standards, it provides few real solutions to adequately address America's racist policing problem."

I would add that H.R. 2875 creates a National Task Force on law enforcement oversight composed of individuals appointed by the attorney general from various DOJ bureaus. The AG's task force will consult with professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations and "community-based organizations." Along with a few other loosely worded recommendations, of course, the usual suspects, to and through which funds would be channeled are named outright, i.e. NAACP and National Urban League.

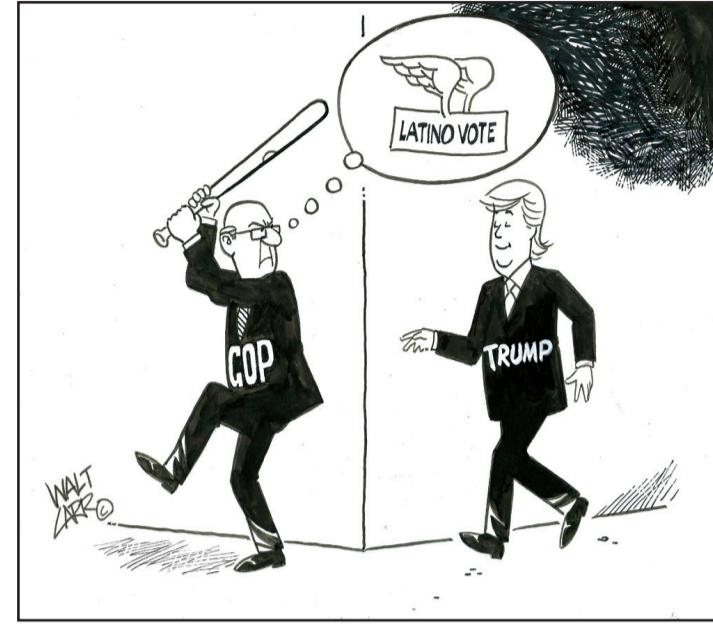
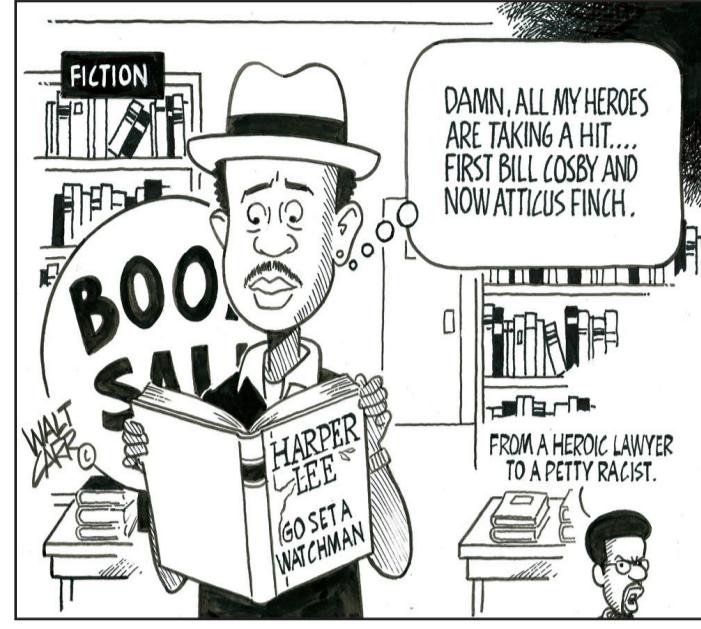
"URLEIA, on the other hand, addresses the root cause of police brutality in black communities by holding law enforcement agents accountable for the actions and sealing loopholes that currently allow perpetrators of police brutality to walk free," Ms. Sanders continues, "URLEIA is the type of tough legislation Black Americans have been demanding in order to bring a permanent end to centuries of police brutality and abuse."

Please go to [www.changeisonus.org](http://www.changeisonus.org) and read the URLEIA legislation for yourself, and then support it by supporting ONUS. If all we do is say we need change, we will never obtain it. It takes work, and ONUS is doing that work. Get involved.

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Thursday, July 30, 2015

## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion

### BEYOND THE RHETORIC

## How will we know the right one to vote for?

**D**uring the last seven years we've seen our nation go from an economically challenged state of affairs to one of confusion, division, hate and hopelessness. It isn't what President Obama promised but he did say he was going to fundamentally change America. He has done that and we are in a worse position since the 1970s.

Our rivals (Iran, China, Russia, etc.) no longer fear us. They, in fact, regard us as "chumps" and they may be right. Our friends such as Israel, England, France, etc. see us as undependable and afraid of standing up for what is right. We are not acting like the greatest and richest nation on earth and that is a threat to our future.

We hunger for strong leadership and are looking to the next election cycle to bring positive and strong change. We want to go back to the days of undeniable strength. We are looking for someone who will make our military strong again. Someone who will rejuvenate our economy and jumpstart more jobs and development. Dear Lord, send us a great leader!

Who will be? How will

**I**t ought to be unnecessary for an activist movement to hinge on the principle of the equivalence of life. In the worlds of Democratic presidential candidates (don't get me started on the Republicans), there is a compelling need to point out that Black Lives Matter and White lives matter. The problem with stating the obvious is that White lives have always mattered, and institutional racism has structured a lesser value for Black lives.

Asserting that Black Lives Matter is to rebut the inherent supposition that Black lives do not matter. Black lives have been devalued since the development of our Constitution when it counted enslaved people as three-fifths of a person. To proclaim that Black Lives Matter is to rebut this constitutional flaw. We still live with the legacy of enslavement, when Black folks were other people's property. Black folks aren't property now (unless they are the much-exploited convict laborers), but unequal treatment is not just historical - it still happens. That's why the Black Lives Matter movement is so important.

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outgrowth of the Trayvon Martin murder, furthered by the protests that happened in the wake of a Missouri grand jury's failure to bring charges against Darren Wilson, the murderer of 18-year-old Michael Brown. As multiracial crowds proclaimed, "Black Lives Matter," it seemed that, across the board, people were acknowledging the existence of institutional racism. Too bad Democratic presidential contenders can't do the same.

Martin O'Malley and Bernie Sanders, the two candidates whose entries into the race may have pushed Hilary Clinton to the left, faced protesters at the progressive Netroots Nation conference earlier this month. Instead of acknowledging the legitimacy of the Black Lives Matter movement, both candidates were prickly. Sanders threatened to leave the stage because the protester's chants drowned him out. Candidate Hilary Clinton was not present, and some objected to that, but she either missed the opportunity to engage, or was spared embarrassment if she emulated O'Malley and Sanders stance.

Both O'Malley and Sanders have scrambled to clean up their acts, backtracking and owning the "mistakes" they've made in dealing with the young activists that have taken the lead in protesting police brutality and asserting the importance of Black lives. To clean up their acts, all of the candidates need to listen to leaders of the Black Lives Matter

Movement instead of talking at people the way politicians are most likely to do.

If they listen they might hear the frustration that young folks feel when the police stop them for simply walking while Black. They might hear the despair some will share when, even while fully prepared, they find few opportunities for employment, and too many doors slammed in their faces. They might understand that Blacks have a different reality than Whites do, and it shows up in terms of economic, educational, and social indicators.

In the wake of Michael Brown's massacre, Ferguson elected two new Black members for the city council. Now, Andre Anderson, an African American man from Glendale, Arizona, has been appointed interim police chief. Ferguson is under pressure to do better. What about the rest of our country?

If Michael Brown's killing was the impetus for Ferguson voters to go to the polls, that's a good thing, though it shouldn't take that. If the Black Lives Matter Movement does the same thing nationally, the Democratic nominee has a better chance of winning in November 2016. If the Black Lives Matter movement is not treated respectfully, it is likely that many voters will stay home. Young voters rushed to the polls in 2008, riveted by candidate Obama's optimistic "Yes we can!" mantra. Will they come out for White Democrats, no matter how progressive, who

there is Hillary Clinton who believes she is the "anointed one." Maryland Gov. O'Malley, Senator Jim Webb and independent Senator Bernie Sanders are her competition. It seems lopsided in Hillary's favor but she has one big problem. Her shady past keeps getting in her way as she moves for "traction" in the race. Hillary has a problem with her image. More and more people are regarding her as "dishonest." There are a lot of scandals over the past 30 years that would support this. To the surprise of many, Sanders is starting to gain significant support.

This is causing a great problem for the Republican National Committee. They have a person leading in the race who has no true loyalty to them. Trump is actually an Independent, but is running in the Republican primary. This could be dangerous for the RNC. Ross Perot did that in 1992 and pulled out of the RNC and ran as an Independent. He took 19 percent of the overall votes. He certainly didn't win but he caused President George H.W. Bush to lose to Bill Clinton. Clinton won with just 42 percent of the vote. Thanks to Perot that was enough. Could Trump do the same if he decides to pull out of the Republican side and run as an Independent? This would surely benefit the Democratic Party.

On the Democratic, side

Dr. Ben Carson is holding steady on the Republican side, which may make him a handsome vice presidential selection. Other than that there isn't much direct Black input. The Congressional Black Caucus will have no "juice" in this matter and that is too bad. This campaign is so strange and time will only tell.

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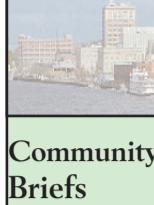
The video showing the brutality involved in the vicious arrest of Sandra Bland, the Prairie View A&M University alumnae who died in jail earlier this month, makes it clear that the Black Lives Matter movement is much needed. Their pressure to stop police brutality has pushed police departments to use video cameras, and made it possible for us to see the repugnant behavior of State Trooper Brian T. Encinia, who roughed up Sandra Bland because she would not put out her cigarette after being pulled over or failed to signal a lane change.

Don't tell me that White lives matter. That's not new information. Whose faces are on our money? Whose statues grace legislative buildings? Who leads the overwhelming majority of Fortune 500 companies? Who dominates our legislative bodies? Our African American president, supposedly the most powerful person in the world, is ill treated by Congress, often for racial reasons. We live in a racist and patriarchal society where the value of Black life is too often diminished. That's why Martin O'Malley, there is a special need to assert that Black Lives Matter. Those who would be president ought to embrace that concept, instead of denying it.

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## New Hanover County

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## Community Briefs

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**Precinct W29** will hold its 2nd Town Hall meeting at Williston Middle School in the media room at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2015. County Commissioner Mr. Jonathan Barfield Jr. will serve as moderator with the subject being the county and its role and accomplishments in the county city and community. For more information please call E.B. Davis at 910-762-8599 or Ms. Lynn H. McIntyre at 910-200-2530.

**The Wilmington Police Department** is proud to announce the expansion of the Police Athletic League (PAL) to include Olympic Wrestling and Soccer. Volunteers are currently being recruited to coach. Interested individuals should call 910-343-3608 or email pal@wilmingtonnc.gov for more information.

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*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## 106th Annual NAACP Convention July 11 - 15 in Philadelphia, PA

**M**r. Bernest Hewett, Mrs. Vernell Salmon, and I attended the National N A A C P Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 11 - 15, 2015. We prayed before leaving Bolivia, NC. We ran into very heavy showers. Some drivers had to stop on the side

of the road for safety reasons. We made necessary stops and helped Mrs. Vernell Salmon getting in and out of the van, etc.

A theme that ran throughout the convention was "Pursuing Liberty in the Face of Injustice." We were reminded that an untold number of our people have made enduring sacrifices to achieve this goal. We will not stop now. We have been inspired and empowered by such extraordinary torch bearers as Roy Wilkins, Thurgood Marshall, Medgar Evers, and Rose Parks, whose contributions have helped the NAACP to be more powerful in this changing society.

The song that's most meaningful to us and brings great hope for the future.

Lift every voice and sing 'til earth and Heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies. Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

It would be great if every member of the NAACP had a copy of this song near his or her Bible. We ought to sing it at every meeting. No one can take my happy feelings away from me. It's something that's resting on a religious foundation. There are others with the same feeling.

We must not overlook very hard times Blacks faced in getting the 1965 Voting Rights Acts passed. A very large number of Blacks could not vote in the deep southern states, and the passing of the Voting Rights Act might have started more hate groups like we have today.

We were taken back in history to 2002. This march and rally that drew over 8,000 to protest the fatal shooting of an unarmed African American, Kenneth Walker, by a White sheriff in Columbus, Georgia. Just recently, nine Blacks were

shot to death as they attended Bible Study in Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The Department of Justice has opened a hate crime investigation.

We must stop and feel the true meaning of being welcome to Philadelphia, PA.

We were reminded of various quotations which speak to the plight of our people: "Until the killing of Black mothers' sons becomes as important to the rest of the country as the killing of White mother's sons, we who believe in freedom cannot rest.

Ella Baker - "We have to keep in mind that when we talk about civil rights, we are talking about those fundamental liberties that the Constitution guarantees. Clarence Mitchell - "Let me now say to every Negro in the country, 'You must register. You must vote, and you must learn, so your choice advances your interests and the interest of the nation.' Lyndon B. Johnson - "I felt that one had better die fighting against injustice than to die like a dog or a rat in a trap. I had already determined to sell myself as dearly as possible if attacked." Ida B. Wells-Barnett - "Waiting is

a sentence, not a solution. Voting makes a difference because it reflects our interest and calls attention to our needs." Hazel N. Dukes

We will never forget the great speakers, among them President Barack H. Obama and the Honorable William "Bill" J. Clinton, who have pledged to fight for justice and equality all over the United States. Flying the confederate flag on trucks in our neighborhoods will not stop our right to vote. It will make us stronger.

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.

## SOC Student Recognition Program held



Honor roll students were (L-R): Josettah Ray, Aviana Ray, Aniyah Ray, Bishop Brown, Andrew Hankins, Bryan Hankins, Tyana Swain, and Alexandria Moore.

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Save Our Community (SOC) Organization of Southport recently held its annual Student Recognition Program at Friendship Baptist Church. Norman Jones, master of ceremonies, opened the program by asking the audience to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Bishop Brown (First Baptist) read the Scripture (Psalm 23),

Aniyah Ray (Brown's Chapel) prayed, and Tyana Swain (Friendship Baptist) gave the welcome. RaSean Roberts (St. James AMEZ) read the five original objectives of the organization. He noted that SOC has concentrated on three objectives by sponsoring the Emancipation Proclamation Program in December, the Student Recognition Program in June, and a Bible Quiz Bowl in September.

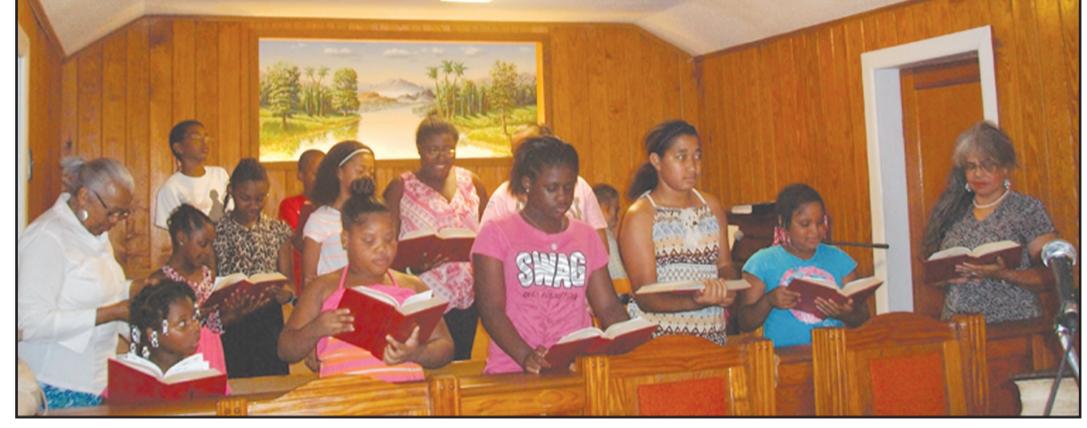
Mrs. Pamela Ferguson (St. James AMEZ) presented students with certificates for their involvement in church, school, and community activities. Mrs. Regina Alexander presented students with perfect attendance and honor roll certificates. Bishop Brown, Tremaine Brown, Kyerra Kinsey, Syriannah Reyna, and Makayla Simpson had perfect attendance. The honor roll students were Briana Bines, Niasiah Bines,

Samiah Bines, Bishop Brown, William Brown, Chantal Coleman, Andrew Hankins, Bryan Hankins, Brayden Jackson-Brown, Makara Joyner, Nakaya Joyner, Laila King, Maya King, Kyerra Kinsey, Alexandria Moore, Aniyah Ray, Joscetta Ray, and Tyana Swain.

Kyerra Kinsey was recognized as SOC Student of the Year by Deacon William Flythe. Kyerra is a rising junior at South Brunswick High School. She and her partner won third place for community awareness in the state competition for HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) students. They recently competed in the national competition in Anaheim, California. Kyerra is also a member of the choir and usher board at Friendship Baptist Church.

Musical selections were

presented throughout the program by the expanded SOC Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. Lenda Hankins and Corbett Hankins.



**The SOC Youth Choir was directed by Minister Lenda Hankins and Mrs. Beatrice Flythe.**

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but that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday,  
and days before that, too.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
All we have now are memories  
and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake,  
with which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping,  
We have you in our hearts.

We shed tears for what might have been,  
A thousand times we cried.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
you never would have died.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place  
no one can ever fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone,  
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# BLACK PRESS

**USE IT or LOSE IT**

**Ms. Velma Gibbs Cooper**

Velma Gibbs Cooper, daughter of Van and Alice Gibbs, both who preceded her in death, was born January 7, 1954 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She completed her journey on July 19, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina. The funeral service was held Friday, July 24, 2015 at New Beginning Christian Church. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Velma, raised in Wilmington, graduated from John T Hoggard High School in 1971. She furthered her education at East Carolina University where she received her degree in Physical Therapy. In 1986, Velma married Michael J. Cooper, together they have five children. Velma loved people; especially her family and her grandbabies. She enjoyed music, dancing, the beach, angel figurines and football. Friendly to all - she never met a stranger and gave the best hugs. Velma loved the Lord and it was evident through her faithful membership at New Beginning Christian Church. Unselfish and determined, she would not let her difficulties stop her - she was fighter.

Velma leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 29 years - Michael J. Cooper of Wilmington, NC. Her children - Regina McKoy (Ricardo) of Durham, NC; Michael Cooper, Jr. of Cary, NC; Jasmine Cooper of Lawrenceville, NJ; Joshua Cooper (Shanrieka) of Wilmington, NC; and Jonathan Cooper of Tempe, AZ. Four grandchildren - Adria, Ryka, Joshua, Jr. and Amara. Two brothers - Van Buren Gibbs (Carolyn) of Navarre, FL and Joseph Gibbs of Wilmington, NC; mother-in-law - Alice Cooper of Cincinnati, OH; two nephews - Tyrone and Brandon Gibbs and a host of family and dearly loved friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Mr. Damiel  
Christopher DeVane**

Daniel Christopher DeVane 34, of Wilmington, North Carolina passed away Saturday night after a dirt bike accident, July 18, 2015. He was born December 31, 1980, in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Lemanuel DeVane, Sr. and Patricia DeVane. The funeral service was held Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

He was the youngest of three children. He leaves to cherish his memories his daughter, Nevaeh, Fayetteville, NC; loving mother, Patricia, Wilmington, NC; two brothers, DeAndre, New York, NY; Lemanuel Jr., Greensboro, NC; nephew, Lemanuel III; grandmother, Patsy Louise Elliott, Tabor City, NC; grandfather, Burnie Legette Sr., Colorado Springs, CO; special friend, Tanya Villa, Wilmington, NC; aunt, Gwendolyn DeVane Tyson, New Rochelle, NY; uncle, Hargett DeVane Jr.

**Mr. Johann  
Shemuel Murrell**

Johann Shemuel Murrell, of Wilmington, NC died July 22, 2015. Johann was born in Summit, NJ on December 27, 1985. He graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in 2004.

**Mr. Johann  
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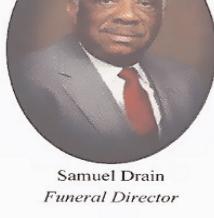
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(Brenda), Jacksonville, NC; uncle Horace Lee DeVane Sr., Wilmington, NC; aunt Carol DeVane, Jacksonville, NC; aunt, Wanda Lynch, Lumberton, NC; aunt Michele Legette, Colorado Springs, CO; aunt Sharon Sobers (Roger) Rochester, NY; uncle, Billy Elliott Jr., Tabor City, NC; uncle, Malcolm Elliott (Cheryl), Charlotte, NC; uncle, Jeff Legette (Khristi), Kansas City, MO; uncle Michael Legette (Flori), Denver, CO; uncle Burnie Legette, Jr. (Michelle), Hudson, NH; great aunt Ruby DeVane, Wilmington, NC; and a host of cousins and many special friends too numerous to name.

To the union of Patricia and Lemanuel DeVane Sr., were three spirited boys. Of the three, everyone knew that Damiel was the "adventurous one" of the boys because he was the one who would see just how far mom and dad would go! Damiel was a strong-willed, competitive young man who approached life with a fearlessness that will forever define his legacy. From home to the world, he carried with him the core values of love and family consistently instilled in him by family and an extensive network of extended family that clearly saw the best in Damiel. Not a day passed when Damiel did not acknowledge how much he missed the man who set the ultimate bar for being a man in his life - his father, Lemanuel DeVane Sr. Through that connection Damiel carried a passion for life and a love for his daughter, mother, and his big brothers in every fiber of his being.

Daniel attended E.A. Laney High School and graduated in 1999 from Mt. Zion Christian Academy with his high school diploma. Damiel navigated this world with an exceptional capacity for mastering complex tasks, often through unparalleled observation abilities. He was talented in many areas such as landscaping, electrician, carpentry, plumbing, mechanic and numerous others. As a child, Damiel had a rambunctious spirit, and he lived his life by a set of rules and a code that appeared from the outside looking in as anarchic and bold. However, from an inside perspective that anarchic boldness was just another side of the same coin for a white hot vessel of pure love whose vibration was much too high to be contained by the constraints of this world. The silent lethality of his intelligence and cunning often resulted in a compounded layer of complexity along his journey wrought with gripping twists and turns. Yet, through it all Damiel wore every bit of his heart on his sleeve and blessed everyone who knew him with his light. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Michael Deray Davis**

Michael Deray Davis died Sunday, July 19, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at St. Phillip AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the Moore's Family Cemetery.

He was born March 11, 1977 to Rosa Mary Lettley and Michael Davis. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Eddie Davis, Jr. and Arleathia Mae Peterson-Davis and his uncle, Harold Davis.

He loved spending quiet time reading his Bible and would always share the word. Michael attended New Hanover County Schools and later went to Job Corp where he became a Certified Brick Mason. Michael loved life and had an unforgettable smile that would light up any room. Once you got to know him with his quick wit and many jokes, he kept you laughing, you couldn't help but to love him. He had a rap you could always catch him singing, "Looking for some soldiers". He enjoyed home cooked meals from the houses of his family and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his older cousins and elders; he would lend a helping hand at a moment's notice. You didn't even have to ask. He was known for his nicknames: "Lil Mikey" by his mom, "Ceaser", "Lil Mike" and "Face Off" to his family and friends; which showed a different side of his loving and outgoing personality.

Michael leaves to cherish his memories: children, Derayasha Q. Davis, Michael D. Davis, Aleiteiona M. Davis, Allaheem D. Davis and Oriyona J. Baldwin; parents, Rosa Mary Lettley-Davis and Michael Davis; sisters, Radiaesh

McCrae, Catherine Williams, Marie Malone and Tisha Boston; brother, Darius Brown; adopted brothers/cousins, Eric Atkins, Donald Davis and Shawnee Jennings; adopted sister, Crystal James; grandparents, Charles and Betsy Lettley; uncles, Michael Lettley, Willie Nixon, Bernard Davis and Eddie Davis; aunts, Ida Lacewell, Lucille Perkins, Faye Davis, Diane D. Reeve and Beverly M. Barnes; several nieces, nephews, great-aunts and uncles and numerous cousins and a forever stepmother, Deborah Davis and his friends to the end, you know who you are. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Suzie Rogers**

Suzie Rogers died Sunday, July 19, 2015 at her residence. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 24, 2015 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Longwood. Burial followed in the Grissett Cemetery, Shallotte, NC.

Suzie Mae Price-Rogers, the daughter of the late Willie Anthony Price and Alene Hill Price was born on September 13, 1946. She was preceded in death by her sister Pearlene Price Motley Suzie Mae as many called her, excepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and later moved her membership to Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church. She graduated from Union High School in 1964.

Suzie Mae devoted her life to helping and taking care of others. She was employed by James and Virginia Bellamy as a care giver and employed by the Huddle House as a head cook. She was also employed by Autumn Care Nursing Home as a Nurse Tech where she later retired. She took great pride in her work and her patients loved her as she gave individualized care to each of them. Suzie Mae had a warm and

sweet spirit and would always greet you with a smile. She had a great love for children and loved spending time with her granddaughters, her cousins children and other children in her neighborhood.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband King Rogers Jr. of Shallotte, NC; son Rayburn Price (Laura) of Reidsville, NC; two granddaughters, Miara and Alacia Price of Reidsville; one sister Jeraline Hill of Shallotte who stood by her side; one very special close niece Wanda Price of Greensboro; two uncles, Charles and Lem Hill of Shallotte; one aunt, Mary Elizabeth Stanley of Shallotte; two brother-in-laws, Albert Rogers of Supply, NC and Dale Rogers of Louisiana; five sisters-in-laws, Shirley (William) Woodard of Supply; Neicy (Mertic) Daniels of Longwood, NC; Willie M. Stanley of Longwood; Terry Haines and Lettie Rogers both of Supply and a host of nieces, special cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Annie Nixon**

Annie Nixon died Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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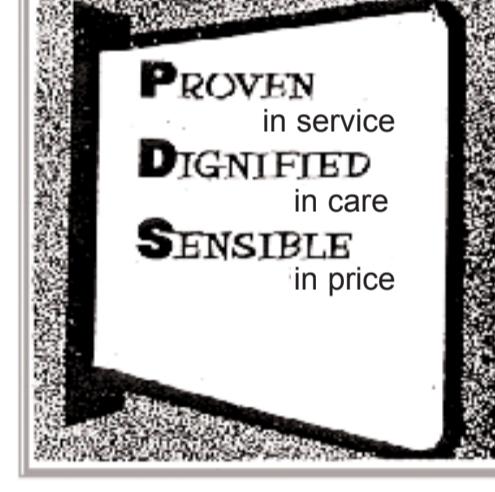
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## New Hanover County

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## Religious Briefs

## Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will hold their annual Youth revival from Wednesday, August 5th- Friday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Prophet John Langley will be the evangelist.

**Johnson Chapel**, 1822 Lincoln Road, NE, will hold their Annual Missionary Program on Sunday, August 9th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Missionary President of the Wilmington District Mrs. Delma Jones. This year's theme is "Missionaries On The Move For Unity."

## Sampson County

**Ecumenical Fellowship Worship and Praise Convention, Inc.**, will hold its next Community Worship Service on Sunday, August 2nd at 8:00 a.m. at Ward's Chapel MBC, Hwy. 421 Harrells, NC 28328. For more information contact Rev. Dr. Canty at 910-233-421, Rev. Lilly Hollingsworth at 910-523-2626 or Brother Charles Strickland at 910-590-4925.

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Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

## Untested faith is untrusted faith

BY JAMES WASHINGTON  
OF THE HOUSTON  
FORWARD TIMES

(NNPA)- The old saying is when the going gets tough, the tough get going. The operative word here is tough. My question for you is what happens when you insert the dynamics of faith into any given situation? The reason for the question is that I must have been taking notes in church one Sunday and I came across them in my bible recently. I wrote faith that is not tested is faith that cannot be trusted.' It's written in Deuteronomy 8 and I don't remember what point the minister was trying to make at that time, but my notes froze me and wouldn't let me continue. I have since been moved to think this is not only a spiritual lesson but also one of life's more poignant ones. I remember going to the doctor after receiving one of many treatments for prostate cancer and the attending physician was somewhat surprised that not only was my wife still with me, but we were and continue to be fabulously happy. So from my point of view, I guess you could say at many levels that test has given me a testimony about my relationship with my wife. Perhaps God has provided you with a test or two to see if you understand that testimony is a consequence of faith fortification and not a collapse of your belief that God has it handled.

In Deuteronomy, Moses is trying to tell otherwise ignorant Israel that even though this group was not around for his miracles and wonders, God is insistent that you still trust Him. Your faith will determine your actions and your actions will tell God if you really believe He has your back. Moses cautions not to be seduced into thinking that

what you have and what you achieve is because of your own efforts. Not true! "You may say to yourself 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today." Deuteronomy 8: 17-18.

Maybe we should all review that covenant thing. That's what I'm talking about here. God expects when the going gets tough, our expectancy should be that God will provide. He will. And even if He doesn't, He can. That test, whatever you're going through, becomes a testimony to God's glory. He demands it of us just as He demanded it of the Israelites. Plus, we got a new covenant. Jesus sealed the breach and the war is won. All we got to do is fight the good fight, endure the battles of life from the perspective Moses wanted Israel to take with it into the Promised Land. "If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed." Deuteronomy 8:19.

Faith that is not tested cannot be trusted. Yeah. I said it. Can God trust you? That's a question for you and God. So when the going gets tough for you, please do not rely on your belief that you can figure it all out. If the truth be told, you probably got yourself into that mess. At least allow God to get you out of it. But first you have to know and believe He can. Then you can ask Him for anything and expect He will provide it for you.

May God bless and keep you always,

James, jaws@dallasweekly.com

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## "The Power of Positive Thinking"

My Fellow Seniors:

I'm sure many of you have read the book called "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale. But that was not the original title. Mr. Peale wanted to call his book "The Power of Faith" but no publisher was introduced in a book about faith. So in 1952 Mr. Peale changed the title to



Ruth Johnson

"The Power of Positive Thinking" and as soon as it hit the streets it took off around the world.

Business men, publishers, school teachers and others quickly realized that negative thinking would hinder any project. So the way to get the job done was to think positive and now everybody knows if you believe you can do something you are more likely to get it done than if you think it is impossible. But all they did was change the title of the book. The substance is the same, however when you see the word "faith" you know its about

religion, and the public will not buy it. But when you say think positive, that's something we can deal with, so it took wings.

Years ago we would say take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. We still say give us this day our daily bread, but we don't wait for it, we work for it, we ask God to heal our bodies, but we still go to the doctor. In other words God uses human hands to get the job done. We are His boots on the ground.

I have seen children pray for a passing grade, and then put the books aside. The assumption is if God can

move mountains He can change a report card. I don't think this happens very often, because teenagers know better than to ask God for a passing grade. Does this mean they have no faith? I would say we need to discuss the subject more thoroughly. We need to widen the doors of the church.

Even in the fifties, the publisher knew he could not sell a book about faith to the general public. That's why he called it the Power of Positive Thinking.

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

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Be Steadfast"

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58

Steadfast - Firmly fixed in place; not subject to change  
Stable - Firmly established

In a day like today and in times like these, we need to have a faith in God that is steadfast; firmly fixed in place; not subject to change; firmly established! Our faith needs to be spiritually stable because we are living in spiritually unstable times. Many people have allowed their faith to waver, change and bend to the ever changing wind of religion. But in order to survive the shifting and changing of religious traditions and doctrines, we must be steadfast.

No matter how the laws of the land may change, God's Word is firmly fixed! God's Word is sure. Jesus said in Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my

words shall not pass away." The attitude of the church will determine our altitude. When we have a steadfast attitude, we will be able to "stand fast". Galatians 5:1 says, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Not only should we stand fast in the liberty (freedom), we also need to stand fast in the faith. I Cor. 16:13 says, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." In addition to standing in liberty and faith, we also need to embrace unity, by standing fast in one spirit and in one mind. Philippians 1:2 says, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

In order to be steadfast, we also need to be unmovable. There is a lot going on all around us. The uncertainty of threats, intimidation, and manipulation should be faced with a quiet confidence and a holy boldness that will not be shaken nor stirred!

Even though bondage and earth shall pass away, but my

Apostle Paul, he stood his ground, course of action and refused to flee for his life. He said in Acts 20:24, "But none of these things move me." Sometimes we are called upon to suffer for Christ that we may reign with him. Sometimes, we must decree and declare that nothing will shake my faith in God, and nothing shall separate me from his love.

When we are steadfast in our faith, we can yet abound in the work of the Lord under less than favorable conditions. The work of the Lord must not cease!

Jesus Christ is depending on his church to finish the work he has begun in us. Like Paul, we must, "Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14

When we know that God has called us to a work, we must finish the work of the Lord, in order to please the Lord of the work. We must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Not with the fear of men, but with the fear of God!

There is a promised reward for those who are steadfast in the work of the Lord. Faithfulness has many rewards. Needless to say, every servant of the Lord is looking to one day hear these words..... from the Lord of

the work. Matthew 25:23 says it well. "His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Prayer: Lord help me to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord inasmuch as I know that my labor is not in vain in the Lord. In Jesus's Name. Amen Tell Somebody!

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

## THE RELIGION CORNER

## Acorns vs. Oak Trees; which are you?

(NNPA)- As I listened to a sermon by Bishop T.D. Jakes recently, he used the metaphor of the oak tree and how it is destined to grow, starting from a tiny acorn, and he talked about those acorns that never become oak trees.

Acorns do have more than one purpose; billions of them grow into strong oak trees all around the world, yet each oak tree grows enough acorns to grow a forest, and, no, every acorn will not become an oak tree.

According to Peter Gosling, tree consultant, the average oak tree will produce about 6.5 - 13.5 million seeds/acorns during its lifetime, and in a good year, each will produce between 70,000 - 150,000 acorns.

This metaphor is not for everybody...it is only for those of you whom God has

destined to grow into an oak tree. Because as you can see, the oak tree is a leader, producing millions and billions more acorns per tree; that means a lot. That's a leader.

Let's use your life as a tiny oak tree plant; you feel a burning desire to achieve the goal you were sent here to achieve. You who know, without a shadow of doubt that you will reach your goal; this metaphor is to encourage you.

Will each acorn become an oak tree? No. Why not, you ask? Squirrels eat as many of them as they can, they will store others, and they come back and get some more. Approximately 80 percent of acorn seeds are destroyed by insects, so, you see, God has a plan. The strong oak tree is not for every acorn.

For those of us who do begin to grow, remind yourself that in order for you to someday become that strong and tall oak tree that produces millions of acorns to help feed part of the animal kingdom, you must first become determined you will

make it through those days when it is all you can do to take the storms, the sleet and snow.

There will be storms of life that come along for each of us, just like those storms that come along and nearly destroy the tiny little oak tree plant. But when you think of how blessed you are to grow into an oak tree, your soul ought to cry out, "Hallelujah, thank you Lord!"

Hold on. The storm will surely pass over. When it's your time and it's your season, keep fertilizing your goal, watering and protecting your little plant.

Let us take a look at some scriptures: Psalms 119:136 says "Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. 2 Corinthians 9:10 says Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for [your] food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;).

Each and every oak tree currently on the face of this Earth began merely as a tiny little acorn plant, and in

order for you to reach your destiny, or the pinnacle of your success, you must grow step-by-step too, just as the scriptures say you will.

My own calling is a perfect example. If you've read my column, you know how poor my family was when we were children in rural North Carolina, with no heat, no electricity, no TV, no telephone, no toilet. You know the drill. Yet God has chosen me to grow as one of his oak trees; that I'm certain about. And I'm so happy that I have humbly answered His call and continue to do so. Each and every week, I write this column for you to read. Amen!

*Lyndia Grant is an author, inspirational and motivational speaker, radio talk show host and columnist. She can be contacted at 202-263-4621 and via email at lyndia-grant@gmail.com. Visit her new website at www.lyndia-grant.com and hear previous radio shows on https://soundcloud.com/pro/purchased/pr o. Listen Fridays at 6 p.m. to her talk show on WYCB (1340 AM), a Radio One station.*

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Sherry Ellen Stevens, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Robert Clifton Bean**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of October, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of July, 2015.

Sherry Ellen Stevens,  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **George Diab**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit it to the undersigned on or before the **9th day of October, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 9th day of July, 2015.

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Betty Ware Wentz (15-E-933)**, late of 515 Larchmont Drive, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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Leslie Dempsey Acock Jr.,  
Administrator  
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July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2015

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Leslie Dwayne Aycock**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of July, 2015.

Henry C. Tapp, Jr.,  
Executor of the Estate  
of Rosanna W. Ewart  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Roosevelt Miller Jr.** late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of July, 2015.

Laterra Davis, Administratrix  
521 Manly Ave  
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Hosea Percy Williamson**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of July, 2015.

Wanda K. Williamson, Executrix  
4629 Benson Road  
Garner, NC 27529

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The Wilmington Housing Authority will be accepting applications for a 2 bedrooms 1 bath House at its South Side 1 Housing development beginning Thursday, July 29, 2015. Applications are available for pick up at the WHA Central Office or at any of its public housing Management Offices. Applicants can download an application online at www.wha.net. All applications must be mailed to the WHA Central Office located at 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted. Applications must be postdated by Friday, August 7, 2015.

July 30, 2015

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any information in the proposal process.

Laurette Corbyons  
Procurement Manager

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2015

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Laurette Corbyons, Procurement Manager  
Contracts/Purchasing

July 23, 30, 2015

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Rosanna W. Ewart, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Rosanna W. Ewart**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **September 17, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of July, 2015.

Henry C. Tapp, Jr.,  
Executor of the Estate  
of Rosanna W. Ewart  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2015

NOTICE OF CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE  
OF EVELENA WILLIAMS,  
DECEASED

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK  
OF SUPERIOR COURT  
FILE NO: 15 E 00807

The undersigned having qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of **Evelena Williams**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent exhibit the same to Michelle Nixon, Personal Representative, at the address set out below no later than ninety (90) days from the first publication date of this notice. This notice may be pleaded as a bar of any payment or recovery of same which is not given prior to the **30th day of October, 2015**. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

This 9th day of July, 2015

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

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Millie Botesky**, late of 201 Victoria Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401 the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at P.O. Box 641, Wilmington, NC 28402, on or before the **22nd day of October, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of July, 2015

John B. West, Jr.,  
Executor of the Estate of Millie  
Botesky  
James D. Smith, Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 641  
Wilmington, NC 28402

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Russell Davis Sr.**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of July, 2015

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Senior Staff Attorney - New  
Hanover Co. Dept.  
of Social Services  
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Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
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(910) 798-3772 \* fax

July 30, 2015

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Teresa Stewart Snyder**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of July, 2015

James Williams Snyder, Sr., MD,  
Executor  
Of the Estate of Teresa Stewart Snyder  
925 Rabbit Run Road  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor &  
Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 30, 2015

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT

## JUVENILE SESSION

## FILE NOS. 14 JT 31

## and 15 JT 36

IN THE MATTER OF:  
M.H.C. (Dob: 4/27/2012)  
S.R.C. (Dob:

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF RESALE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE SUPERIOR  
COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
14 SP 606**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Real Estate Deed of Trust executed by Robert P. Binkley and wife, Deborah L. Grantors,

To: Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, dated July 14, 2011 and recorded in Book 5578, at Page 1804, New Hanover County Registry  
Substitution of Trustee recorded in Book 5827, at Page 763, New Hanover County Registry

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Real Estate Deed of Trust dated July 14, 2011 executed by Robert P. Binkley and wife, Deborah L. Binkley, as grantors, being recorded in Book 5578, at Page 1804, New Hanover County Registry (the "Deed of Trust"), and under and by virtue of an Order Authorizing Resale of Property by the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina entered in this matter on June 10, 2015, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual and customary place for conducting public sales at the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 5th day of August, 2015, all of the Property as conveyed, defined and described in the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) All that certain real property described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

(ii) All other components of the Property, all as defined and described in the Deed of Trust.

This foreclosure includes personal property and fixtures as permitted by N.C.G.S. § 25-9-604.

This sale is made subject to all prior liens, current ad valorem taxes or unpaid ad valorem taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release and any other prior encumbrances or exceptions of record, including, but not limited to, a first deed of trust recorded in Book 1617, at Page 478 in the New Hanover County Register of Deeds.

The record owner of the Property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds as of July 10, 2015, is the heirs and/or the estate of Deborah Arlene Latham Binkley. Deborah Arlene Latham Binkley died on May 20, 2015. Charlotte Noel Fox has been appointed Public Administrator of the Estate of Deborah Arlene Latham Binkley, New Hanover County estate file number 15 E 908.

A foreclosure sale for the Property described and defined in the Deed of Trust was held on November 14, 2014. The record owner of the Property filed for relief under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on November 21, 2014 (case number 14-06817-5, EDNC), which automatically stayed this foreclosure.

On April 21, 2015, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephan W. Humrickhouse of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina entered an Order granting relief from the automatic stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362.

The Property is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee, nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title, leasehold interests or any physical, environmental, health, or safety, conditions existing in, on, or at relating to the Property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The Substitute Trustee, after sale, shall require the highest bidder immediately to make a cash deposit of 5% of the amount of the bid or \$750.00, whichever is greater. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the bid amount in cash at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed or attempts a tender of the deed for the Property, which shall be a date not more than thirty (30) days following the date the time for upset bids has expired; and should the successful bidder fail to pay at that time the full balance of the bid amount, he shall remain liable on the bid as provided in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30(d) and (e).

This sale shall be held open for upset bids filed in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.27.

TIME: 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 5th day of August, 2015.  
PLACE: New Hanover County Courthouse  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
TERMS: Cash

This the 13th day of July, 2015.

Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee  
Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster & Moss,  
PLC  
228 N. Front St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 200-2677  
(910) 202-2229 (fax)

EXHIBIT A

Being all of that certain parcel of land situated, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of Lot 150, Section II of Lion's Gate Lot Houses, as the same is shown on the map recorded in Condominium Plat Book 6 at Page 214 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, to which said map reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO all of the rights, easements, privileges and obligations made appurtenant thereto by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded in Book 1251 at Page 107 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County.

July 23, 2015

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A niece with  
sticky fingers

Dear Alma,

About six months ago, my sister moved back to our hometown with her daughter, who is 10 years old. They don't live that far from me, its walking distance. I recently noticed when my niece comes by to visit without her mother, after she leaves, a few of my things have been missing. Never any money, mainly jewelry. I've never seen her steal from me, but I know it has to be her. I'm hoping she isn't a kleptomaniac and I'm not sure how to bring this to my sister's attention. I know she misses her Dad, since they moved back and maybe she's doing this to get attention. How would you suggest I handle this problem?

Carla

Hey now Carla,

Once a thief, always a thief, or so that's what they say. Yea, right, we both know that ain't true. This email takes me back to the 1970s. I'm gonna pause a minute to tell the truth and shame the devil. Since we're all over 50, I'm naming names - lean in close, while I whisper. I remember once Neasy, Andrea and I, got caught stealing earrings from Zayre Department Store. OMGoodness, I was scared to death! All three of us were probably 11 or 12 at the time. The thought of going to jail terrified me. Let's just say, I never did that again, LOL.

You know it's no secret, I have a soft spot when it comes to our kids. Don't run and tell her mama just yet. Take the time to talk to her directly. You're her Auntie, you got this. Your sister, I'm sure would be appalled and so angry, she'd probably punish her for life. So here's what I'd suggest, the next time she's over, fix a light meal and step to her directly. Place a necklace around her neck and say something like this, "Hey potato chip, have you been pilfering through my things? If you wanna borrow some of my jewelry, just ask." I think it's important to talk to her and use the word "borrow." Politely ask her to return your items. Discuss how stealing is wrong and how it invades a person's privacy. Let her know how that choice of action will not allow you or anyone else to trust her.

I'm asking you to take this route because she's only 10 years old. There's more to this behavior than meets the eye - she's clearly calling out for help. I agree with you, that she may be missing her dad. Either way, this is your teachable moment. Become the support she needs right now. It will build an unbreakable bond the two of you will share for a lifetime.

If she dives off the deep end, tell her you'll have no choice but to mention this to her mother. I'm keeping my fingers crossed all's well that ends well. Be sure to let me know what happens. I can't wait to hear.

Alma

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: [alwaysaskalma@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysaskalma@gmail.com). Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Cash in  
the Apple



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POWERFUL COVER - The latest cover of New York Magazine with 35 of the over 40 female accusers of Bill Cosby featured, is powerful, indeed. It is not hard to believe their accusations, for during the time that Bill Cosby was at his zenith as a comedian and national television icon, the entertainment industry was awash in drug and sex parties, where the perversions flowed like water, and women were seen as ripe for the pickings.

True, it is still hard for many of us to see Bill "Cliff Huxley" Cosby as anything other than "America's favorite Dad" from "The Cosby Show." The man who built his career on the concept of family and being a loving husband, laughed all the way to the bank to the point that to even say his name meant you were referring to someone many considered to be in a class by himself.

But now we know, by his own words, that Cosby was lying about what his true values were.

And everyone, including the Disney Theme Park, to Spelman College this week telling Cos to keep his \$20 million endowment, wants nothing to do with this man. There's no need to go into the specific allegations here, but suffice it to say that this should be a dramatic lesson for everyone. What goes around comes around. What you do in the dark will one day see the light. Bill Cosby is only now, after so many years, paying for his sins.

It is a shame to see this happen.

SANDRA BLAND - It is a perplexing case, what happened to 28-year-old Sandra Bland. A Texas police officer stops her for not signaling while changing lanes, brutally arrests her and takes her to jail, where she dies three days later.

Thus far the official local investigation confirms what the local police say, that the young black woman committed suicide, but no one believes that. What's more puzzling is the police chief there saying that Bland told her jailers that she's tried to commit suicide before. If that is true, then automatically that means police were under every obligation to place her on suicide watch to ensure that she didn't hurt herself.

Apparently that didn't happen. We can only hope that a federal investigation clears the air on the Sandra Bland case. Black lives do matter, especially young ones like hers.

NEW SEXY BOSS ON "SLEEPY HOLLOW" - When the Fox television series "Sleepy Hollow" returns for its third season Oct. 1st, lead character Lt. Abbie Mills will have a new boss, FBI Special Agent in Charge Daniel Reynolds, portrayed by actor Lance Gross. As many of you know, Lt. Mills' previous boss, Captain Frank Irving, has now been written out of the show. Gross, who recently starred in Tyler Perry's House of Payne, last year portrayed a Secret Service agent in the short-lived NBC series "Crisis," so we know he has the chops for this role. He also is a great looking guy, so hopefully there will be some sexual tension between him and Abbie, who is portrayed by the beautiful Nicole Beharie. We'll see how it all shakes out when "Sleepy Hollow" returns to Fox in October.

ICE T IS GOING TO BE A DAD AGAIN - Rapper/actor Ice T, one of the veteran stars of the long-running police drama "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit" has announced that at age 57, he's going to be a father again. For him and his wife, Coco, 36, this will be their first child together, though Ice has two adult children from previous marriages. We will them well.

BOBBY KRISTINA IS GONE - What more can be said about such a sad, sad life as lived by Bobbi Kristina Brown, daughter of superstar parents Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown. She grew

up around drugs and domestic violence. She saw how drugs literally destroyed her mother, causing her death in February 2012. Her father has had numerous problems with the law. So the young lady hasn't had the best role models surrounding her. And now, at the tender young age of 22, the child dies after falling into a six-month coma after her body was found floating face down in a tub, just like her mother died.

There can be no question that Bobbi Kristina came from a dysfunctional family, and despite gallant efforts by her loving grandmother, Cissy Houston, the young woman was intent on following the footsteps of her mother; somehow becoming a star even though she didn't possess even a ounce of her mom's talent.

But the turmoil is over, and Bobbi Kristina is at peace now. It must have been a sad reunion, indeed when her spirit reunited with that of her mother's.

Bobbi Kristina Brown will always be remembered in sorrow. We don't know what she would have been because she didn't know. A young life wasted, cursed from the very beginning.

MSNBC CHANGES - Well, looks like my favorite news and talk channel is in for another serious change. MSNBC has been dragging something serious in the ratings over the past year and change, which means something has to be done to attract more eyeballs to the party. Fox News is soundly kicking everybody's behind in the ratings department, and CNN is in distant second place, though still doing better than MSNBC, which is losing viewers faster than Donald Trump loses combs.

Published reports say

MSNBC's The Ed Show at 5 p.m. will be replaced with a political show hosted by Meet the Press moderator Chuck Todd. But the changes won't stop there.

The 8 p.m. hour has been a ratings failure with All In with Chris Hayes, while 9 p.m.'s Rachel Maddow Show is holding its own against Fox's The Kelly File. There are also questions about PoliticsNation at 6p.m. with the Rev. Al Sharpton. Some folks see Rev. as a liability and have been trying to get him gone for the longest.

The most tantalizing rumor has been that now that he's left ESPN (last Friday was his last show), Keith Olbermann might bury the hatchet, similar to what he did to get back with ESPN two years ago, and return to MSNBC and the 8 p.m. weeknight time slot he used to occupy with his hit "Countdown" show. Keith was beyond funny, and beyond controversial when he helmed the program to the point where management couldn't stand him, and he openly couldn't stomach management. But now they need each other.

MSNBC needs another star beyond Rachel Maddow (whom Keith discovered and had put on the air before he left) to at least take back second place from CNN. So the question remains...does MSNBC want the ratings that a controversial Keith Olbermann can bring to the party, knowing that he can explode any moment, or do they have someone else they can bring onboard to become competitive again?

I know of no one like that Keith. Let's see what happens.

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