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Not much change

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Brunswick County, when my future looks like my past, I find that something has gone wrong! As I look at what has taken place here in Brunswick County and in the state of North Carolina, it is very upsetting. The Racial Justice Act was voted against and signed by all district attorneys in the state except two. It was said to be too broad and would let criminals out of jail, but in the objections to it, some of the wording said, if race were left in the Racial Justice Act, it would be hard to convict people. Do we convict on the basis of innocence or guilt, or do we convict on race?

The Voter ID Bill is an issue. There is no more voting the straight party ticket. We have no right to vote Democratic or Republican. Our right to vote as we please has been taken away. There will be people at the polls who don't work for the Board of Elections. These people have the right to stop or question our actions with or without proper cause. Our right to vote is under attack again, even though in the late fifty's and early sixties, this battle was fought, and, at that time, America won. What hap-

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WASHINGTON, DC US Supreme Court sends redistricting maps back to NC Supreme Court

Pressure needed to force action of redistricting decision

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Now that the US Supreme Court has vacated North Carolina's 2011 redistricting maps, and remanded them back to the state Supreme Court with a directive to correctively review to ensure that the maps are constitutionally compliant, the main question now is will they be redrawn in time to affect the 2016 presidential and state gubernatorial elections?

The hope is that the state High Court will concur with the US justices' 5-4 opinion that, like Alabama, North Carolina's 2011 redistricting maps were unconstitutional because they "stacked and packed" black voters into majority-minority districts, thus "bleaching" traditional Democratic districts, giving Republican candidates better opportunities to win elections.

Using race as the primary factor to establish voting districts is unconsti-

titutional, the High Court has ruled in the past.

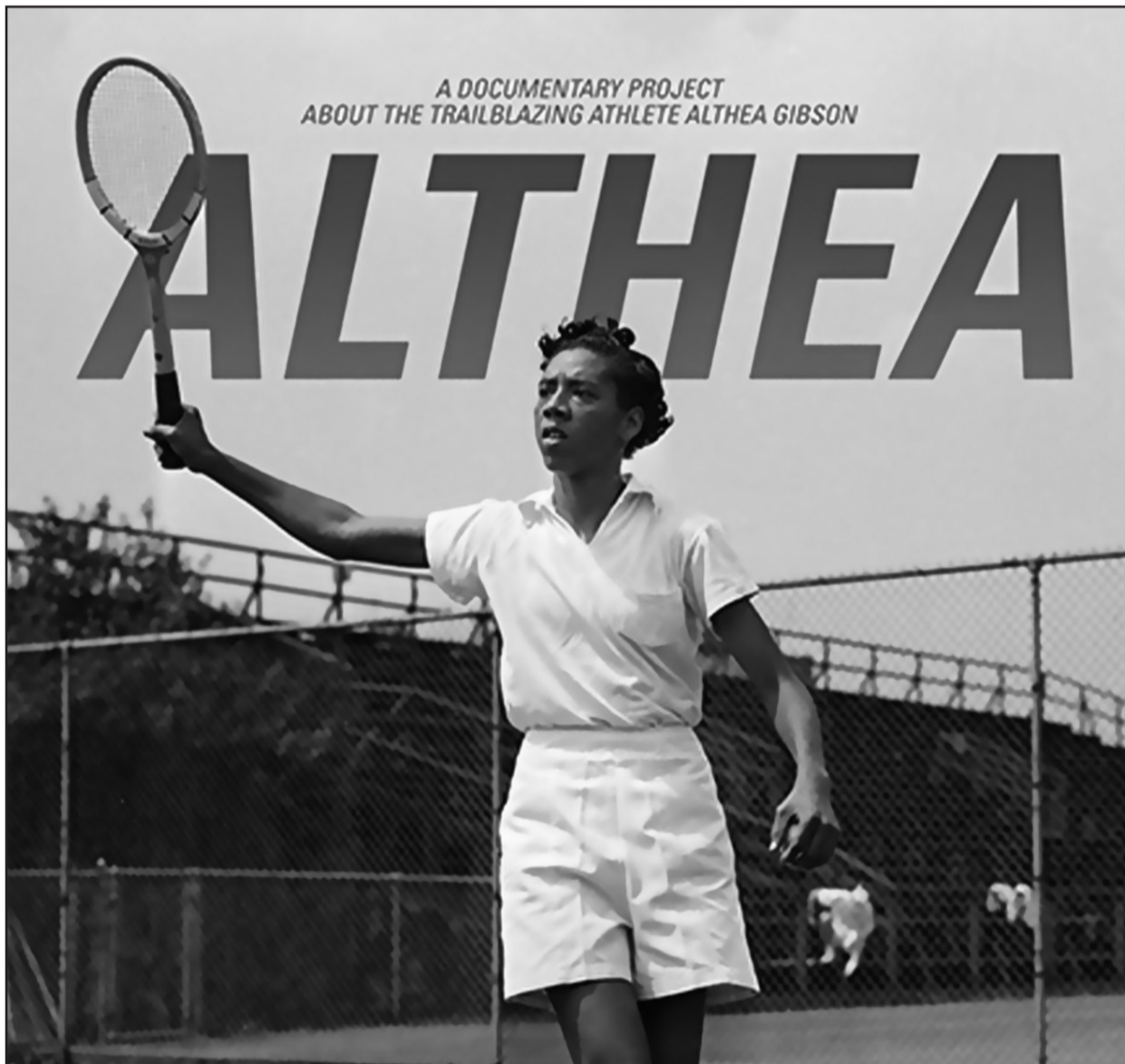
If the state's Supremes indeed formally agree that the maps, as presently drawn, are unconstitutional, then when will that happen? And once they direct the Republican-led state Legislature to indeed redraw those lines, how long would that take, especially if there is no legally compelling reason forcing state lawmakers to comply prior to the 2016 elections?

Those are the questions that attorney Irving Joyner, chairman of the NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee, says have to be answered in order for Monday's US Supreme Court opinion to ultimately bring about justice.

The NCNAACP is one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the state.

"We're pushing the NC Supreme Court to immediately review this opinion because we've had five years now of a Legislature that has been in place based on lines that were illegally drawn," Joyner told *The Wilmington Journal* Monday immediately after the High Court's majority opinion was published. He added that a motion was immediately filed

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PARTIAL POSTER "ALTHEA"

FILM REVIEW: "ALTHEA" (Director/Producer, Rex Miller--AG Film Project)

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"Althea" is an excellent, thought-provoking, inspiring documentary film about tennis legend and former Wilmington, North Carolina resident and 1949 Williston Senior High School graduate, Althea Gibson. It was recently shown at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, Durham, North Carolina, on April 11, 2015, to a capacity crowd, and was premiered in

Wilmington, while it was a work in progress, in 2013, to some students at Williston Middle School. "Althea" tells the uplifting story of a poor girl who was born in Silver, South Carolina, raised in Harlem, who began her career playing paddleball on the rough, mean streets of New York City. It shows how she overcame several obstacles to become the first African-American professional tennis player to

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ORLANDO JONES

KENANSVILLE Sleepy Hollow star Orlando Jones launches 'Foolish Desperado Fund'

Editor's Note: *The Wilmington Journal* strongly endorses Orlando Jones' effort to help the families of those whose loved one suffered a human rights violation and resulted in death. This fund is being created to help those all over this county and could very easily help families in this area. Please attend this worthwhile fundraiser. See ad on page 2. Questions regarding the fund may be directed to Shawn or Mary Alice Thatch at *The Wilmington Journal* at 910-762-5502.

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Actor, writer, comedian and activist Orlando Jones has created a social action fund in light of one of the most recent police shootings, this time involving South Carolina native, Walter Scott.

Jones, who was born and raised in South Carolina, will donate a portion of the proceeds of his self-headlining

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African American women face pay gap

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Black women working full time earned just 64 cents for every dollar White men made in 2013, according to a new report by the Center for American Progress (CAP).

Researchers with CAP, a nonparti-

san education and policy group, released the issue brief that reported that even though the types of jobs and the number of hours that women worked can affect the wage gap, "structural and economic realities that limit women's abilities to compete with men in the labor force"

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Representative Susi Hamilton spearheads bipartisan jobs creation and economic development bill

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Recently, Representative Susi Hamilton (D - New Hanover, Brunswick), Senior Finance Chair, Representative Jason Saine (R-Lincoln), Representative Rodney Moore (D-Mecklenburg), and Representative Charles Jeter (R-Mecklenburg) filed House Bill 920, in a bipartisan effort to pass a jobs creation and economic development bill.

This legislation is a result of promises that were made to the citizens of North Carolina to bring jobs to North Carolina and expand existing industries. The intent of the bill is to spur job creation and expand existing industries so working men and women throughout

North Carolina can provide for their families. "The current tax policy and the elimination of successful, proven programs have resulted in the State not being able to compete for new industries nor create new jobs for the past six months."

"We cannot cut our way to prosperity," said Hamilton. "Highway fund shortfalls, UNC system tuition increases, and cost shifting back to counties and cities can all be avoided if we can return to the economic prosperity prior to the great recession of 2008. There was no secret to North Carolina's success. It has for many years been a result of prudent spending practices, appropriate tax and incentive policies, and progressive beliefs that everyone has a right to work hard and get ahead."



REPRESENTATIVE SUSI HAMILTON (D - NEW HANOVER, BRUNSWICK)

"Economic development and job creation policies that have proven to be effective were the result of bipartisan

efforts to create and keep jobs in North Carolina," Hamilton added. Hamilton cited adequate funding for our JDIG program (Job Development Investment Grant), a decades old bipartisan program, as a great example.

"The Senate needs to follow the lead of the House, and reach across the aisle and find common ground on other policies and programs with a successful track record. The people of NC expect that we will work together to find a way to continue these job creation programs for the benefit of all North Carolinians." Representative Hamilton is encouraging everyone to contact their representatives in the House and Senate and ask them to support House Bill 920.

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also contribute to the pay disparities. It noted that Black women working several part-time jobs to make ends meet may be falling further behind.

Although White women working full time also earned less than White men (78 cents for every dollar), women of color often earned because they were stuck in low-paying jobs, worked fewer hours and had greater responsibilities as the primary caregiver in their households.

More than half of all Black children grow up in single-parent homes with their mothers. Black men raise children alone in 9 percent of single-parent households.

Black women are also less likely to graduate from high school or attend college than White women.

"This places African American and Hispanic women at a disadvantage from the moment they enter the workforce, creating major structural barriers to entering top-earning professional fields," stated the report.

Nearly 60 percent of Black women worked in either the service industry, sales or office jobs.

"Jobs in industries such as food service where women of color are concentrated are often hourly jobs in which many workers are part time and schedules are subject to cancellation or alteration on short notice," stated the CAP report.

A recent report on the effects of irregular work schedules by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), a Washington, D.C.-based think tank focused on low- and middle-income workers, noted that employers in the retail and wholesale trade and services industries, such

as hospitality and leisure, professional and business services are more likely to hire part-time workers and adjust their schedules without warning to meet immediate customer demands.

"Moreover, because precarious employment is concentrated among relatively lower-income earners, it not only exacerbates growing income inequality stifling potential economic expansion and underutilizing potential available labor input, but takes a toll on the wellbeing of working families," the report explained.

Workers who made less than \$22,500 annually were more likely to work irregular schedules than workers who earned more.

The EPI report said that, "For workers with significant caregiving or financial commitments, having weeks with as few as zero hours and days when there may be either no work or short notice to arrive at work, may make balancing

work with life stressful, intolerable, or even impossible, forcing them to choose between participating in the paid labor force, unemployment, or withdrawal from the labor force."

Just 35 percent of Black women were employed in higher-paying management, professional and related jobs compared to 48 percent of Asian women and 43 percent of White women, according to the CAP report.

EPI researchers also reported that 43 percent of workers may have less than a week's advanced notice of their hours. Another 8 percent indicated that they knew their work schedules one to two weeks in advance had and 6 percent had two to four weeks.

"Employees who work irregular shift times, in contrast with those with more standard, regular shift times, experience greater work-family conflict, and sometimes experience greater work stress,

stated the report and that work-family conflict is in turn associated with lower job and life satisfaction," the EPI study said.

The CAP report on the race and gender wage gap said that expanding policies like paid family, medical leave and paid sick days, and strengthening equal pay laws would help women of color remain in the labor market and protect them from racial and gender discrimination.

Milia Fisher, a research associate with the Women's Initiative at CAP and the author of the report, wrote that public policy alone will not close the gender wage gap for women of color.

Fisher concluded: "The United States needs to address both the structural drivers behind the pay gap and the persistent cultural biases against women and people of color if it wants to truly affect change for these populations."

JONES

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Color of Laughter Comedy and Music Festival to the pilot project.

The event, featuring hip-hop activist Talib Kweli, will be held at the Duplin County Events Center on April 25.

The project - aptly called the Orlando Jones' Foolish Desperado Fund - aims to gal-

vanize the public into action.

"I make my living being foolish but like so many of us I am desperate for change," said Jones. "By doing a concert with Talib Kweli and giving away part of the proceeds, I want to create a platform that will ensure that the families of those killed, including Miriam Carey, Jordan Russell Davis, Latasha Harlins, Rekia Boyd, Anthony Lee and many many others, have a chance to define the narrative about their loved ones before the media and others do it for them."

The shooting hits close to home for Jones, who is an alumni of the College of Charleston. He's known for his extensive career in film and television with "new classics" such as 'Drumline', 'The Replacements', 'Time Machine', 'Double Take', 'Office Space' and his recent role as Captain Frank Irving on Fox's 'Sleepy Hollow'. The actor has used his national platform to draw attention to human rights issues; yet, demonizing cops is far from the actor's aim.

"I've been pulled over by police on numerous occasions. Sometimes I deserved to be stopped and cited. Other times I fit the description, or that's just what police protocol is in that par-

ticular area. But law enforcement officers are not the enemy," said Jones.

"They have an extremely difficult job. They risk their lives daily in the line of duty. I do not believe that any of these murders were committed by coldblooded killers. I do believe that these people acted out of fear, but an unjustified fear has never been an excuse for taking someone's life. Something must be done about the breakdown in trust and

accountability we've been witnessing on the national stage from Ferguson to New York, from California to Ohio." The increasing violence and loss of black life cannot continue," Jones said.

"If all lives matter then we can no longer excuse nor ignore the fact that far too many black men and women are still dying," he said. "I sincerely hope people who are offended by the phrase, 'Black Lives Matter,' can do this basic math."

ABOUT THE COLOR OF LAUGHTER COMEDY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The festival will feature performer PAY GAP by Jones, Kweli, and rapper NIKO IS, dance crew RemoteKontrol, local comedians Cliff Cash and Matt White, Coast 97.3's Big B and MC Brick Jackson.

Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door and are available for purchase at the DuplinEvent.com.

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pened?

In the last year, or a little more, we Blacks have found ourselves under attack from police who have no regards for life. Minorities are shot down, run over, and even hanged with ropes around their necks. We hear elected officials say we have three states where you can be taken to court and tried if you take pictures or record an officer of the law making an arrest. Why? How can we keep the people who are suppose to protect us from abusing us? This kind of conduct reminds me of times past, when we had to go to the back of the public food stand or stand in line at the grocery store while the clerk called Whites ahead of us. I find myself looking at a

school system that has been badly mismanaged to where race determines who gets certain jobs, not qualifications and a county government that can build five million dollars parks but can't provide county water for all its citizens. Now I ask, "What price must a person pay for freedom?"

How long will it take before man realizes that all this belongs to God and that man needs to be able to live free of all the self hate and prejudice. I find myself with hope because God told Moses, and then he gave the message to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and both of them passed it on to the world: The oppressor must "let my people go." It will work because God said so, but we must begin to move!!

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

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STATE BRIEFS

A Texas-based ice cream maker has recalled all of its products sold in 23 states, including in North Carolina, because two samples of its cookie dough

ice cream have tested positive for dangerous bacteria listeria, and may have caused three deaths in Kansas. Officials at Blue Bell Creameries say even though the bacteria showed up in just one batch of its many ice cream flavors, they aren't taking any chances, and urge customers who may have recently purchased any product with the Blue Bell label not to consume it, but either return it to the store of purchase for a complete refund, or immedi-

ately throw it out. That include Blue Bell ice cream, frozen yogurt, sherbet and other snacks. The company is doing a complete investigation of its factory facilities to identify where the infection may be. This is the first recall in the company over 100-year history.

MARCH STATE JOBLESS RATE TICKS UP

[RALEIGH] Has North Carolina's employment growth stalled? It may be too

early to tell, but the jobless figures for March inched tenth of a point from the previous two months, coming in at 5.4 percent, according to the state Dept. of Commerce. January and February saw 5.3 percent. Reportedly, the number of unemployed in the state rose by 6,000 in March, even though approximately 26,000 people found work. Most experts aren't too worried, given that over a year ago in February 2014, North Carolina jobless rate was 6.5.

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SEND PROPERTY RIGHTS BILL TO THE FLOOR

[RALEIGH] The right of a private property owner trumps the people's right to know if something concerning the public is happening there - that is how opponents of House Bill 405, the Property Protection Act, see the proposed law if passed by the NC General Assembly. The House Judiciary Committee approved the

measure this week, sending it to the full House for a vote at press time. The measure would prohibit animal rights activists and journalists from taking jobs in meat packing plants and farms to uncover workplace safety issues. Supporters say the rights of the property owner are more important than any safety concerns activists or the media may have.

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asking the state Supreme Court to grant an urgent review of the case as remanded back from the US Supreme Court. "We feel that everyday y that the court is slow in acting on this, that it allows the illegality which has occurred to continue."

"We feel that some remedy should be presented immediately so that we can elect people in the [2016] election based on legitimately drawn lines giving power to the people to really elect representatives of their choice, Prof. Joyner continued.

"We are also calling upon the members of the Legislature to become proactive, and take some

efforts to redo the legislative lines in this state so that it is in compliance with what the [US] Supreme Court has found offense with."

Joyner conceded that pressure will have to be brought to bear on bring about the ultimate change they seek.

"We're in the process of mobilizing as much community and political pressure as possible to push both [the state Supreme Court and NC Legislature] to act immediately to rectify this situation," he said. "The state Legislature and state Supreme Court can slow-drag this process out to unimaginable lengths, and it is our responsibility to put pressure on both of those bodies to ensure that that doesn't happen."

Republican leaders in the NC General Assembly moved

quickly to downplay the High Court's decision. Both Rep. David Lewis and Sen. Bob Rucho, chairs of the House and Senate Redistricting Committees respectively, were confident that in the end, the maps would be upheld.

Since 2011, every court that has issued an opinion and the Obama Justice Department has reached the same conclusion - North Carolina's redistricting maps are constitutional," the chairs said in a joint statement Monday. "Today's procedural ruling is not unexpected and we are confident that our state Supreme Court will once again arrive at the same result and the U.S. Supreme Court will affirm its decision."

Contrary to what Lewis and Rucho said, Prof. Joyner counters that the ruling was "very signifi-

cant" because it made clear that the maps the GOP drew in 2011 were clearly unconstitutional.

He accused the GOP leaders of "willful blindness" in their response.

"The North Carolina Supreme Court had said that what was being done here had an adequate legal basis to support it, and the US Supreme Court disagreed," Joyner said, charging that the "stacking and packing" by Republican lawmakers when they redrew the state's voting districts was "deliberately done for the purpose of creating apartheid [racially exclusive] districts in North Carolina for African-Americans."

A look at the High Court's recent decision in Alabama makes Joyner's point.

There, too, the

Republican-led Legislature redrew the voting districts in a way that shifted black voters out of Democratic-leaning districts, under the guise of trying to comply with the 1965 Voting Rights Act to ensure that blacks had the ability to elect their representatives.

But US Supreme Court Justice Breyer, writing for the court's majority, stated that when the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus to the state to court there in complaint, it was correct in alleging that the Alabama plan "stacked and packed" blacks in districts where they couldn't have a voting impact beyond their own districts.

Doing so was a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause forbidding the use of race as a "predominant" dis-

trict boundary-drawing "factor" unless boundaries are "narrowly tailored" to achieve a "compelling state interest."

Justice Breyer said that just as in Alabama, a lower court in North Carolina "applied incorrect legal standards in evaluating" the claims against the state and its maps.

Some legal observers say while this week's High Court opinion was indeed a victory for the plaintiffs, there is a long way to go.

"We're in the battle for the long haul, and we'll battle it in the courts, legislative halls and in the streets, wherever is necessary to bring some redress to this terrible wrong that the NC General Assembly has visited on African-Americans in this state," Prof. Joyner said.

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win the prestigious

Wimbledon and The U.S. Open tennis matches. Later, she became a professional golfer, recording jazz vocalist and a celebrity.

"Althea" also includes commentary and observations from people who were familiar with her when she lived in Wilmington, in the home of Dr. Hubert Eaton, Sr. The physician, who had a

tennis court and a swimming pool in his backyard, provided a place for Althea to live and practice during her high school days at Williston. Tennis professional and teacher Lenward "Lenny" Simpson, who grew up near the Eaton residence, and who considered Ms. Gibson his mentor, makes an appearance in the movie. He talked about how tough she was and about how she made him want to excel in his career. "Her father wanted a boy," said Simpson. "When they were in New York, he would take her up on the roof and box with her. So, when she got to play tennis, it was a piece of cake."

Dr. Eaton's son, Dr. Hubert Eaton, Jr., is also featured in the film. He recalled the years that Gibson lived with their family and about how

sometimes her transition from the fast streets of Harlem to the slower streets of Wilmington wasn't always that easy. He described how once his father got a phone call from a citizen who said: "Hey, Doc, your girl was down at Brown's Pool Hall, shooting pool with the guys."

young ladies down South didn't do those kinds of things."

Wilmingtonians would love this heart-warming, uplifting movie, and they would also enjoy reading Gibson's 1958 autobiography I Always Wanted To Be Somebody. She speaks well of Williston and Wilmington in both. It is obvious that her time in the port city was

a pivotal and immensely beneficial part of her life. Here is hoping that this outstanding, highly-recommended documentary will be shown at one of Wilmington's fine film festivals in the near future. "Althea" (the movie) will make you smile and make you very proud to call Wilmington "Home, Sweet Home".



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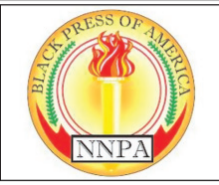
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BLACKONOMICS

Who can we turn to politically?

"Who can I turn to, when nobody needs me? My heart wants to know, and so I must go where destiny leads me." Listening to an old album by the Temptations, "In a Mellow Mood," made me think about the political trick-bag Black folks are in now that Barack is on his way out and the focus is on 2016 presidential candidates.



James Clingman

I thought about how Black folks are nowhere in the political conversation, neither on the Democratic nor Republican side. Based on the last mid-term election, after which pundits said the emphasis must now be placed on White men and Hispanic voters, Blacks find ourselves on the outside looking in, asking, "Who can I turn to?"

Politically, Black voters are obsolete - no longer needed, and in some cases, no longer even wanted. Who can we turn to, now that's over? Terms such as the "middle class," "minorities," "LGBT," and other nebulous classifications do not identify a group of people who have been in this nation since it began, and do not address our needs or our deserved compensation, in some form or another, for the labor and wealth that we generated.

Oh, we are good little boys and girls when it comes carrying the water for the Democrats for the past 80 years or so. We are so docile and compliant as we traipse to the polls every four years to choose from the two persons put in front of us by the real powers in this country. It's nearly always a case of voting for the lesser of two evils - and sometimes the evil of two lessers. But we continue to rely on a corrupt political system to do right by us.

We are so good at crying in front of statues and on bridges and at gravesites. We are great at listening to rousing speeches that cause us to feel good but never make us go out and "do good" for ourselves. We are so captivated by many of those for whom we vote, and we really believe they will work for us when they get to Washington, rather than work for themselves. Our naiveté is off the charts when it comes to politics, which is now causing us to ask: "Who can we turn to?"

What is our "destiny," as the words of that song imply? Where is destiny leading us now? Well, here is what Martin Delany said in his book, *The Political destiny of the Colored race on the American Continent*, "No people can be free who themselves do not constitute an essential part of the ruling element of the country in which they live. The liberty of no man is secure who controls not his own destiny. For people to be free they must necessarily be their own rulers."

Will we follow Delany's lesson or will we continue to be swayed by U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who says the vote is "sacred" and is the "most powerful" weapon in a democratic society. Will we follow the likes of the "Five M's" - Marcus, Medgar, Malcolm, Martin, and Maynard - or will we continue to slobber over many of today's politicians who have overstayed their time in office and who have not nor will do anything that specifically benefits Black people?

Abraham Maslow said, "If a hammer is the only tool you have, every problem in front of you will look like a nail." As the new political season gets underway, I reiterate that although we have a trillion other tools, called dollars, the only tool we have relied upon has been the vote. Thus, we now face a political climate that has absolutely no concern for the Black electorate because they already know what we are going to do - and not do.

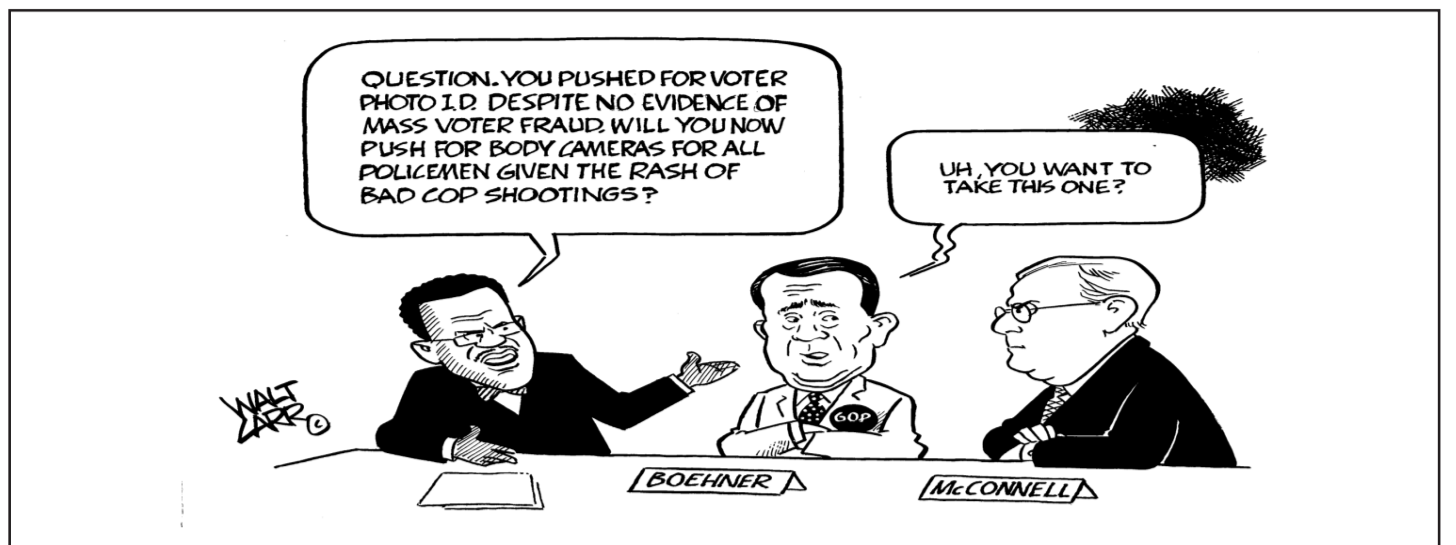
Hillary is the likely choice for Blacks now, even though she will not commit to issues that directly benefit Black people, just as the ones on the Republican side will not. Unless we organize a critical mass of Black people willing to be politically independent, vote (or refuse to vote) as a bloc, and leverage our dollars against a political system that has no regard for us, we are doomed as a concern in public policy.

Another song on that Temps' album, our political swan-song, says, "What now my love, now that you've left me? How can I live through another day? Watching my dreams turn into ashes, and my hopes into bits of clay. Once I could see, once I could feel, now I am numb, I've become unreal. What now my love, now that it's over? I feel the world closing in on me. No one would care, no one would cry if I should live or if I should die."

Better yet, why don't we all join in a chorus of "What kind of fool am I?"

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Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March

On October 16, we will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March. In the subsequent two decades Black Americans, have experienced great triumphs, tragedies and tribulations.



Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

This anniversary of the Million Man March will have a special meaning and significance for Black America and all who continue to thirst and struggle for freedom, justice and equality. Preparing for this milestone will require not only reflections of the triumphs of that great day of successful mass mobilization, but also that we assess where we are today and where we should be in the future to progress and advance our cause.

Of course, there are today millions of younger Black Americans who are under the age of 20 and many of them may have heard or read about the Million Man March. But most of our youth today are not really aware of the pivotal life-changing impact of that "Holy Day of Atonement, Reconciliation and Responsibility" for the more than 1.2 million Black men that assembled resolute in spiritual unity

at the Million Man March on Monday, October 16, 1995 in Washington, D.C.

There is an old African proverb that says if you do not share your triumphs and achievements with the youth of the village, then the future of the village's progress will be put in greater jeopardy. Likewise, there should be a concerted effort to inform our youth about how the Million Man March had a positive change effect on the men and their families who participated in the largest single gathering of Black Americans in the history of America.

Confounding the legions of critics, there was no violence, no drunkenness, no drugs, no physical fights and no acts of self-destruction and degradation at any point during that day. Instead, what was displayed during that eventful day was an unprecedented example of Black brotherhood, camaraderie, solidarity, and commitment to improve the quality of life of the Black family and the Black diaspora.

When the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan issued the call for the Million Man March, I believed that it was not only possible to achieve the goal of getting more than a million Black men of all ages and backgrounds to assemble and stand together, but also I knew that it would have the potential to change the mindset, consciousness

and behavior of millions of our brothers.

We must remember that prior to October 1995, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) had declared that young Black American males had become an endangered species because of the escalating rate of fratricide and homicide among young Black males. On the day of the Million Man March, the Black on Black crime rate went down to its lowest rate since crime statistics have been recorded. The Million Man March also caused a significant decrease in Black high school dropout rates immediately during the first year after the march. There was an increase in Black voter registration by more than 1.5 million after the march.

According to the National Association of Black Social Workers, there was a significant increase in the adoption of Black orphaned children by the thousands across the nation in the aftermath of the Million Man March. There are countless of antidotal stories in every state about how the Million Man March reunited tens of thousands of families with many of the men who participated in the Day of Atonement that took stronger acts of personal responsibility to provide for their families and children.

Now it is 20 years later, and we should be preparing to celebrate the progress that has

been made and to focus on those areas where we are experiencing a recurring hopelessness and self-destruction. The Million Man March showed beyond the shadow of any doubt that we do have the capacity to change for the better. If we can do it on one day, we should be able to do it every day, every week and month, and every year.

There will be certainly much more written and hopefully done to prepare for the much needed "revival" of the spirit and substance of the Million Man March going forward. The future of the oppressed is not in the hands of the oppressor. Our future is in our own capable hands if we would all work together more effectively.

By God's grace and love, may we all find the courage to work together anew to raise the consciousness of men, women and youth about our mutual responsibilities to be thy brothers and sisters keepers beyond just at an anniversary moment.

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A young sister 'hashtagged' me out of my silo

When a colleague dropped the line, "You can't hashtag your way to freedom," I loved it! I laughed out loud, and promised that I'd not borrow the line, but steal it because I was so enamored of it. I've used it quite a few times since then, and gotten my share of grins and guffaws. So I used it again and again, always getting the same reaction.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Imagine my surprise, then, when Frenchie Davis, 35, the Howard University alumna who burst onto the music scene with her 2003 turn on "American Idol," took me to school by telling me she thought my remark was "condescending." I didn't mean to be condescending, just to make the point that there is a difference between tweeting and fighting for change. Hashtags are not votes. Even if a million people hashtagged #bringbackourgirls, the hundreds of Nigerian young women abducted by Boko Haram are still missing.

Frenchie Davis thought my glib remark dismissed a form of communication that young people find effective, a form of communication that raises their awareness. She is right to point out that electronic and social media is far more consequential today

than it was just a decade ago, and that her generation relies on social media more heavily than it does traditional media. While many people of my Baby Boomer generation use electronic media, we are not as immersed in it as younger folks are.

Reality check. The median age of the African American recorded in the 2000 Census was 30.4, compared to the national mean of 34.4. As of 2013, the mean age of U.S. born Blacks was 29, compared to a national mean of 37. That means the average African American is closer in age to Frenchie Davis than to me.

Members of that generation - too often disdained by their elders for their work ethic, commitment to civil rights, or style of dress - are the ones who will propel the Civil Rights Movement into the future. So Sister Frenchie was right to call me on my snarly/funny remark about hashtagging to freedom. If the hashtag takes you to a conversation, and that takes you to action, then the hashtag may be a step in the right direction.

My conversation with Frenchie Davis took place when I moderated a panel on "Race, Justice, and Change," as part of the Washington, D.C. Emancipation Day commemoration. By way of background, the Compensated Emancipation Act of 1862 paid the owners of 3,100 slaves \$300 each to emancipate them; for the past decade D.C. commemo-

rates this day with an official holiday.

The other panelists, Malik Yoba, Doug E. Fresh, and Mali Music, are, like Davis, socially and politically active artists, who are also concerned with ways to increase involvement in civil rights matters. Mali Music, 27, was the youngest member of the panel. His comments about young Black male alienation offered an important perspective in a conversation structured to address voting, policing, and organizing. I'd not heard of the Grammy Award nominee before, which perhaps reveals the generational silo I occupy.

I'm uncomfortable in my silo. Uncomfortable with how easy it is to join a conversation about generational differences without embracing generational similarities. "Back in the day," a phrase I probably should use much less, many of our radio shows or stations were called "The Drum," after the drumbeat form of communication. Hashtag can rightly be seen as another word for drum. And getting out of my silo, it's important that drummers (or hashtaggers) both teach and learn.

How do we get young people involved in the Civil Rights Movement? Many already are involved - check them out at #Blacklivesmatter. More than conversation, this communication has galvanized tens of thousands to stay

focused on continued police violence and the attacks on Black life. The hashtag has connected people planning marches and protests. That's involvement.

Are we insisting that young people be involved in the movement as we know it? New organizations and movements are emerging, and some younger folks won't embrace or engage in organizations they consider irrelevant. Has anyone marketed the contemporary Civil Rights Movement to younger African Americans? Do we feel that we need to? Do we expect people to show up (where?) and roll their sleeves up, task undefined?

How do we get young people involved? Ask them. Sit back and listen, really listen, to their reply. And understand that there are some, not so young, who may also need a nudge to get involved.

I am energized, enlightened, and privileged when I am pushed out of my silo. I am grateful to Frenchie Davis, Malik Yoba, Mali Music and Doug E. Fresh for helping me connect the drums with the hashtags. The generational conversation is engaging, frustrating, and effervescent. It is an essential part of our movement for social and economic justices, and its many definitions and experiences.

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Thursday, April 23, 2015

Normalizing relations with Castro

I was standing in Jacksonville, Fla. airport awaiting a flight home when I looked up at the television at the gate. CNN was repeating the story that President Obama and Cuba's President Raul Castro were to have a one-on-one discussion and were also to speak to the press. This was a sight that, until a few months ago, I had never expected.

The change in U.S./Cuba relations has been a long time in coming. The U.S.A. has attempted through a combination of a blockade, assassinations, invasions, and support of terrorism, to under-

mine and overthrow the Cuban government. Though it has succeeded in creating great misery for the Cuban people, it never shattered their resolve. In effect, the Cubans stood firm.

At the same time, the U.S. took on more and more the appearance of, not only a global bully, but also a global brat. It has had to have its way at whatever cost. The problem is that its belligerence towards Cuba continued to backfire, leading to a situation of increasing isolation. As the April 2015 "Summit of the Americas" approached, the isolation of the U.S. and Cuba became very evident, necessitating that something change.

President Obama, despite protests from many domestic right-wingers, recognized that the jig was up and that the USA/Cuba relationship

needed to alter. Undoubtedly, what the U.S. now hopes to accomplish is to subvert Cuba through various economic incentives. Time will only tell whether such an approach will work. What is clear, however, is that the Cuban government, while looking forward to an improvement in relations, is not planning on getting on its knees in front of the U.S.

Ironically, at the same time that U.S./Cuba relations were improving, the U.S.A. worsened its relationship with Venezuela, announcing that Venezuela represented an alleged security threat to the U.S. Most of the Western Hemisphere rejected this characterization and also rejected the approach of the U.S. toward Venezuela, apparently forcing the Obama administration to reconsider its stand towards Venezuela.

The ruling elite in the U.S. seems to have great difficulty appreciating that Latin America is not its property. There really is something called "national sovereignty," that nations on this planet are supposed to respect. Yet, when it comes to Latin America there is a long history—dating back to the Monroe Doctrine of the 19th Century—of assuming that the entire hemisphere is made up of different components of Washington, D.C.'s realm.

In looking at President Castro on CNN the other day, it was clear that he had different ideas.

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Proof that the Supreme Court got it wrong in Shelby

When the Supreme Court gutted a key provision of the 1965 Voting Rights Act nearly two years ago in *Shelby County v. Holder*, many of us suspected that Chief Justice John Roberts in particular was distorting the severity of voting violations in jurisdictions covered by the act. As a popular GEICO commercial says, now we know.

We now know because of extensive research conducted by William R. Kenan, Jr., a professor at the California Institute of Technology, titled, "Do the Facts of Voting Rights Support Chief Justice Roberts' Opinion in *Shelby County*?"

By a vote of 5-4, the Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional Section 4 of the law that requires certain jurisdictions with a proven history of racial discrimination to pre-clear any changes in their elections - such as redistricting, annexations and switching to at-large elections - with either the Justice Department or the federal District Court in Washington, D.C.

Despite renewals of the Voting Rights Act by Congress in 1970, 1975, 1982 and a 25-year extension in 2006, Roberts contended that the pre-clearance provision was no longer needed.

Writing for the majority, Roberts said, "... But history did not end in 1965. By the time the Act was reauthorized in 2006, there had been 40 more years of it. In assessing the 'current need' for a pre-clearance system that treats States differently from one another today, that history cannot be ignored. During that time, largely because of the Voting Rights Act, voting tests were abolished, disparities in voter registration and turnout due to race were erased, and African-Americans attained political office in record numbers. And yet the coverage formula that Congress reauthorized in 2006 ignores these developments, keeping the focus on decades-old data relevant to decades-old problems, rather than current data reflecting current needs."

However, as Kenan points out in his research, "Neither the Chief Justice nor any scholars or civil rights proponents or opponents have systematically examined the evidence on the entire pattern of proven voting rights violations over time and space."

Kenan examined the issue by compiling what he called the largest such database in existence, including numerous maps to make his point.

"Congress in 2006 was not presented with maps or other documents that laid out the pattern of proven voting rights infractions so starkly, but it received plentiful evidence in the form of lists and discussions of cases that showed that the problems were still overwhelmingly concentrated in the South and that discrimination continued to be widespread," he wrote.

"And the map would have shown that the number of voting rights infractions had increased, not decreased, compared to the earlier period."

Kenan explained, "An objective observer in 2006 comparing the number and location of all successful voting rights events in the period since the last renewal in 1982 with the events of the years from 1957 to 1981 would conclude that Section 5 needed to be renewed, and that the coverage scheme still fit the problem remarkably well, hitting the target about 94% of the time. Even among Section 2 cases, which could be filed anywhere in the country, 83.2% of the successful cases from 1982 through 2005 originated in covered jurisdictions."

Roberts was joined by the court's conservative majority, including Clarence Thomas. As usual, Thomas asked no questions during the proceedings. In his concurring opinion, he stated, "I join the Court's opinion in full but write separately to explain that I would find Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act unconstitutional as well."

That comes as no surprise. But what did come as a surprise, as I have written here, was that the National Black Chamber of Commerce (not to be confused with the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.), established by Harry C. Alford and his wife, Kay, filed a brief in support of *Shelby County* mirroring the objections raised by John Roberts.

In its shameful friend-of-the-court brief, it claimed, "Section 5 is no longer necessary to combat widespread and persistent discrimination in voting and now, perversely serves as an impediment to racial neutrality in voting and to the empowerment of state and local officials who represent minority constituencies."

The research undercuts the premise advanced by John Roberts and Harry Alford's group and notes the role courts play in undermining access to the ballot box.

Professor Kenan wrote, "...by rendering decisions that make it easier or harder to bring and win voting rights cases or make objections, the Supreme Court can, in effect, manipulate the evidence of discrimination, which it can then use, in a second stage, to justify a decision to further weaken or strengthen the tools. It can create the reality that it subsequently reacts to. The Rehnquist and Roberts Courts have done exactly that."

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TO BE EQUAL

The state of on-screen diversity

"She was never able, after her education in the movies, to look at a face and not assign it some category in the scale of absolute beauty, and the scale was one she absorbed in full from the silver screen." - Toni Morrison, "The Bluest Eye," 1970

From our television sets in our living rooms to our local movie theaters, diversity appears to be the new Black.

Fresh off the success of small screen hits such as Fox's musical *Empire*, CW's telenovela inspired "Jane the Virgin," and ABC's family-centric "Black-ish," television

has emerged as a powerful frontrunner in the race to broader inclusion on our nation's shared media landscape - even outpacing Hollywood.

According to the "2015 Hollywood Diversity Report: Flipping the Script," published by the Ralph Bunche Center for African American Studies at UCLA, people of

color are gaining ground and more movie leads in Hollywood films, overall cast diversity is increasing and directors of color are a more frequent phenomena on movie sets than in the past.

But these hard-fought strides are oftentimes undermined by harsh realities, like the total lack of nominations for Black actors, directors, cinematographers or female screenwriters at this year's Oscars. And these accomplishments are also tempered by the numbers.

While people of color make up about 40 percent of the U.S. population, those numbers are neither reflected in front of the cameras nor behind the scenes of our film and broadcast industry complex - shining a glaring spotlight on another reality: while the push to diversify casts and crews on television and in film is clearly having a moment right now, the work to remedy the underrepresentation of people of color and women is far from over and requires a dedication far more sustained than a brief, moment-in-time uptick in casting.

Diversity is more than a discussion about a studio's payroll; it is a much-needed conversation about perspective and pride. Debra Martin Chase, the founder of Martin Chase Productions, credits a desire to create positive images of African Americans in film and television as the catalyst that drove her into the entertainment business. Chase shared her views about the importance of diversity on our small and big screens in an essay entitled "Creating the Change the World Needs to See," in the 2015 State of Black America® report - "Save our Cities: Education, Jobs + Justice."

"I grew up watching television and going to the movies. While I was conscious of the fact that I seldom saw myself in the images that were projected on screen, it wasn't until I was older that I understood what that really meant. Those images did not just dictate how I viewed myself, I eventually learned that they very clearly influenced how the outside world viewed me and others like me."

Diversity benefits us all. When we see our communities fairly represented in our movies and television shows, we are given the opportunity to see ourselves, each other, and hopefully learn about one another -- what makes us

unique, as well as what we share in common. This is not merely a call for greater numbers, because reducing communities to racial or ethnic stereotypes does our nation of viewers as much of a disservice as ignoring the existence of groups outside the borders of the typical Hollywood model.

Evidence from the Hollywood diversity report also points to another emerging truth about diversity: it sells. The data shows that our nation's increasingly diverse audiences are buying movie tickets for, and tuning into television shows that have "relatively diverse casts." Diverse audiences want to see their multifaceted lives reflected in the media they enjoy.

If ignoring the lives and experiences of so many Americans once came without a price, today's audiences are making their voices and preferences heard with their dollars and Nielsen ratings influence, and they are sending a loud and clear message to television and film's decision makers: they are no longer willing to have their American experience ignored.

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.



Marc Morial

CHILDWATCH

"Thank God for peanut butter and jelly"

Kaylyn Sigman is a high school senior with big plans. A star soccer player from a poor rural Appalachian Ohio community who loves calculus and creative writing, she's college bound this fall and dreams of becoming a middle school special education teacher.



Marian W. Edelman

Kaylyn's overcome a lot to arrive where she is today. Her parents' relationship was rocky throughout her childhood and they finally divorced when she was 10, leaving Kaylyn's mother alone to raise her, her younger sister, and two younger brothers who were adopted. Her mother, who suffers from seizures, worked as a labor and delivery nurse but is now on disability. Both brothers have special mental health needs and Kaylyn, a bright student who skipped second grade and was reading at the ninth grade level in third grade, has ADHD, all leading to an ongoing pile of medical appointments and bills.

After her father left, Kaylyn's family struggled in poverty, moving seven times in four years trying to find an affordable place to stay. Kaylyn's mother says when they lost their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamps) benefits last year, their family never would

have survived the toughest times without PB and J Day, held once a week during the summer months at the children's school through the local county Children's Services Agency. They'd come home with enough bread, peanut butter and jelly so each family member could have one sandwich for three meals a day until the next pickup.

Kaylyn is one of five inspiring high school seniors the Children's Defense Fund-Ohio is honoring this month with a Beat the Odds® award and college scholarship. But millions of other children continue to go hungry every day in our wealthy nation. Some aren't even lucky enough to be able to count on peanut butter sandwiches to get them through. What do those hungry families do?

SNAP helps feed 21 million children-more than one in 4 children in our nation. SNAP prevents children and families from going hungry, improves overall health, and reduces poverty among families that benefit from it. The extra resources it provides lifted 2.1 million children out of poverty in 2013. It's the second most effective program for rescuing families from poverty and the most effective program for rescuing families from deep poverty. SNAP doesn't just keep a child from going to school or bed hungry, but has long-lasting effects. Research shows children with access to food stamps are less likely to experience stunted growth, heart disease, and obesity by age 19,

and are nearly 20 percent more likely to complete high school.


And SNAP's positive effects extend beyond individual children and families to entire communities. During a recession, the impact of SNAP's economic growth is estimated to be from \$1.73 to \$1.79 for every dollar of benefits provided. In short, SNAP works. It's critical that SNAP be improved and expanded, not cut as proposed under the House and Senate Republican proposed budgets.

Although we know cuts to SNAP would mean millions of children might lose benefits and be more likely to go hungry and suffer the long-term negative impacts of hunger, and despite the fact that every major bipartisan budget commission has said that SNAP should not be cut, that's just what current Republican budget blueprints in the House and Senate are proposing.

Worse, the House budget plan would block grant SNAP and cut its funding by \$125 billion-more than a third-from 2021-2025. The Senate budget doesn't provide enough detail to tell exactly how SNAP would fare, but it cuts non-health entitlement programs serving low- and moderate-income people-which includes SNAP-24 percent.

SNAP benefits now average less than \$1.40 a person a meal, and as critical as they are, they're not enough for many low-income families like Kaylyn's. In 2013, 54 percent of families receiving

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



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Corinthian Colleges Fined \$30 Million

Financially-troubled Corinthian Colleges, once one of the nation's largest for-profit colleges, has a new financial hurdle: a \$30 million fine.



Charlene Crowell

An April 14 order by the U.S. Department of Education followed its finding 947 documented incidents of misrepresentations on job placement rates made to both current and former students. Enrollment at Corinthian's California Heald College is banned and will also lose participation in the Title IV federal student aid programs at campuses in Salinas and Stockton. Current students must either be helped to complete their education or continue it elsewhere.

At the heart of the department's actions, related and continuing litigation and other activism is a basic public policy question: Should students repay billions of dol-

lars in federal student loans for an education that failed to provide what it promised?

Education Secretary Arne Duncan doesn't think so.

"This should be a wake-up call for consumers across the country about the abuses that can exist within the for-profit college sector," he said. "We will continue to hold the career college industry accountable and demand reform for the good of students and taxpayers. This is unacceptable, and we are holding them accountable."

Other Heald College job placement practices that concerned the Department of Education included:

- o Failing to disclose that it counted graduates whose employment either began before enrollment at Heald or preceded their graduation as job placement;

- o Counting job placements that were outside of the study's field of study as an in-field placement; and

- o Paying temporary agencies to hire its graduates to work at temporary jobs on its own campuses.

The department's actions came on the heels of mount-

ing concerns from former students and elected officials sustained over several months.

On April 9, in a joint appeal to Secretary Duncan, nine state attorneys general called for the department to "relieve borrowers of the obligation to repay federal student loans that were incurred as a result of violations of state law by Corinthian Colleges, Inc." State attorneys general signing the letter represented California, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Oregon and Washington state.

"Through their predatory practices, these unscrupulous for-profit schools have co-opted a public loan program intended to increase access to higher education and left hundreds of thousands of students in financial ruin. Students and families should not be left to bear the costs," wrote the state officials.

Days earlier, before the attorneys general's correspondence, a delegation of indebted former students, known as the Corinthian 100, met with the Department of Education to explain why

they were withholding payments of their student loans and further asked for the department's support. Organized by the Debt Collective, an advocacy group, the students wanted to know why the education officials would allow Corinthian College access to federal student aid while the school was under investigation for fraudulent practices and activities.

In February, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) secured private loan forgiveness of \$480 million for current and former Corinthian students enrolled at one of 52 campuses in 17 states. These terms were an important condition to CFPB agreeing to allow the sale of these campuses to Zenith Education, a subsidiary of Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC), and long-time federal loan guarantor.

According to CFPB, Corinthian deliberately raised prices on tuition in order to create a "funding gap" beyond federal grants and loans that students were pressed to close with private loans. Corinthian needed the

additional private revenue because of a federal law limiting for-profit schools from receiving no more than 90 percent of their income from federal sources.

And in December 2014, 13 U.S. Senators signed a letter to Secretary Duncan that expressed shared concerns about Corinthian students' federal student loan debts.

"If colleges fail to hold up their end of the bargain - if they break the law in ways that bear on their students' educational experience or finances - students should not literally be stuck by paying the price," wrote Senators from California, Connecticut, Hawaii,

Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin.

For several years Corinthian Colleges were among the nation's largest for-profit schools, operating under several brands -- WyoTech, Heald College and Everest College. After maximizing its reliance on federal loans and Pell Grants, Corinthian's private student loans, with higher interest rates than federal ones were used to fill funding gaps.

Corinthian's private "Genesis" loans, unlike other

student loans, required repayment to begin while students were enrolled in classes.

Last fall the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) released research that found how high-cost, for-profit colleges make millions each year by targeting students of color. Although for-profit colleges actually enroll only 13 percent of all college students, they account for nearly half of all student loan defaults.

"For profit colleges have positioned themselves as a means for traditionally underserved students of color to achieve educational success and thus to increase their ability to earn higher incomes, and build wealth," states the report. "If these schools do not engender better outcomes for their students and instead merely saddle students with debt, then the access these schools provide could prove to widen existing income and wealth gaps, rather than to narrow them."

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Marketing unhealthy foods unfairly targets children

SPECIAL TO THE NNPA FROM OUR WEEKLY

It's another David and Goliath story.

A small group of South LA parents, alarmed about companies advertising unhealthy foods to their children, has banded together to draw attention to the problem.

The parents recently roamed their own neighborhoods, shooting pictures of fast food restaurants, grocery store soda displays and candy at the checkout stand.

Virginia Parks, one of the parent-photographers, is a woman with a mission.

Virginia's photos and those of other parents will be on display during a program focused on the marketing of unhealthy foods Thursday, April 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC) Phoenix Hall. Speakers will talk about the dangers of unhealthy foods. They will describe the marketing that makes these foods so attractive to children and difficult for parents to resist.

The parent-photographers will be present, talking about their children, unhealthy foods and their experiences documenting the marketing of these unhealthy foods. The project, called PhotoVoice, enables parents to voice their concerns.

Virginia and the other parents are members of the Choose Health LA Kids Parent Collaborative. Choose Health LA Kids is a childhood obesity prevention program of the County Department of Public Health funded by First 5 LA and implemented by South LA Health Projects and 19 other agencies.

When Virginia's 4-year-old daughter, Ashlee, entered preschool at the Children's Institute this fall, Virginia joined the parent committee and attended a presentation by Choose Health LA Kids staff.

When Virginia learned the parent collaborative addresses the challenges of unfair marketing practices, joining was an easy decision. She says the main reason she got involved was "to try to change some things for the better for our kids. To give a voice for our kids. Being healthy is so important. There are so many illnesses. I want my kids to be around for a long time."

Virginia also attended a Choose Health LA Kids cooking demonstration at the school. "I learned that it's important for our kids, even for us adults, to eat healthy. I learned that eating lots of unhealthy foods can make people too heavy and can lead to diabetes and other illnesses. It's important to stay active and to eat more fruits and vegetables. This came as a shock to me - what certain foods can do for you," Virginia said.

Ads and toy give-aways for



COURTESY PHOTO Marketing unhealthy foods unfairly targets children.

unhealthy foods upset Virginia. She and her children see them on TV and wherever they go. "The advertisements have them begging and bugging us parents for those foods," she said.

Virginia took a number of photos. One shows a McDonald's toy display encouraging parents to purchase Happy Meals.

"The toys are important to any child. This month there's a new children's movie called 'Home.' It's about a girl and a little alien." Virginia and her daughter saw the movie. "The next day the McDonald's ad was on tv. McDonald's was giving away toys shaped like a little alien. Ashlee sees the McDonald's TV advertisements. The toy draws them in."

Virginia has modest expectations for restaurants. "I feel that they should have at least more nutritious options. They should have some vegetables on there, maybe with some dip. We aren't trying to stop what they're doing; we just want them to add more healthy items. Especially for our children."

Choose Health LA Kids' overarching goal is to prevent childhood obesity through a variety of strategies. If the obesity epidemic remains unchecked, experts say one-third of all children born in the United States in the year 2000 could develop diabetes during their lifetimes. Obesity can lead to other significant health problems as well.

In 2009, companies spent \$113 million on packaging and in-store marketing targeted at youth. This did not include other forms of marketing, such as promotional signs in Little League fields; contests and toys marketing candy, foods and beverages; apps; company-sponsored "advergaming" and more.

Companies spend nearly \$1 billion annually on advertising in schools, on food and beverage packages, in stores and at quick-service restaurants.

To read more about Choose Health LA Kids, visit www.slahp.org/choose-health-la-kids.

WLCAC Phoenix Hall is located at 10950 South Central Ave., Los Angeles 90059. To RSVP for the PhotoVoice event or for more information, phone (323) 757-7244 ext. 233.

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Legal Aid of North Carolina has federally certified Healthcare Navigators to assist consumers with the Affordable Care Act Tax Special Enrollment period until April 30th. If you did not enroll in health coverage prior to February 15th are subject to a penalty for not having health coverage in 2014 or you have had a life changing event and can possibly avoid the penalty with a qualifying exemption please call 1-855-733-3711 to schedule an appointment or go online to www.healthcare.gov.

Community Briefs

Mosley Career Readiness Academy will hold an informational session on Wednesday, April 29th from 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. at Mosley, 3702 Princess Place Dr. For more information contact Shelley Kinder at 910-251-6161 ext. 121.

New Hanover High School Class of 1975 will be holding their 40th Class Reunion from July 16th-17th. If you or someone you know is a member of the Class of 1975 please contact Laura Triece at 910-392-5538 or Debbie Brown at 910-398-2749 by May 10th.

Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group, a Chapter of Us TOO International next meeting is at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2015 in Classroom C of New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 3121 S. 17th Street, Wilmington. All interested men and their spouses are welcome. Survivors will be present and a range of subjects are open for discussion, including active surveillance or watchful waiting. For information, call George at 910-792-9953 or Hank at 910-799-5478 or Carl at 910-512-0770 or email Wproscasupportgp@aol.com. A great national source is: www.ustoo.org.

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The Williston Class of '61' will hold its second quarterly meeting of 2015 on Sunday April 26th at 4:00 p.m. at Mt Olive AME church. We are planning our 55th. reunion. Please join us.

Towncreek Vision is hosting its first annual softball tournament in memory of Mary S. Jenkins on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Festivities will start at 10am. There will be gospel singing, face painting, vendors, food and much more! The softball games will begin at 11:00 a.m. Towncreek Vision will also be dedicating their ballpark in memory of Mrs. Jenkins. The dedication will take place at 12 noon. Please come out and join the Jenkins Family! We are looking for all of her former ball players and team mates to come out and support this great event! For more information, please contact Josephine Grady at 910-233-7518.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

There's only one North Carolina

There's only one North Carolina in the United States. We are taxpaying citizens, and we must have our voting rights. We want a better North Carolina for all people. If you have never voted, get with the NAACP leaders in your community. They will help you.

We are in great need of more powerful voting rights, quality public education, health care, unemployment benefits, etc. Our young men who are selling drugs are on a path that leads to death at a young age. There is a better life for them, and voting will help. Again, the right people in office are needed. Look at



Verniece Stanley

what happened when the Supreme Court opened the door to secret spending in our elections. Democrats moved quickly and pressed Congress for reforms that would stop industry and groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce from secretly drowning political campaigns in special interest money.

We are with the League of Women Voters. Their independence means that we depend on concerned citizens in every way possible to empower individuals to be more knowledgeable about voting. We can strengthen our democracy and hold elected officials accountable when they vote against America's priorities. Much has changed and much has not. In 2006, a family moved to Atlanta, Georgia, a town that is no stranger to police raids gone astray. A police

there invaded the home of ninety-two year old Kathryn Johnson, shooting her dead in the process. After police found no drugs in her house they planted three bags of marijuana. This is how they can get away with such an invasion. In many cases, police are cleared of many wrongdoings or faced relatively light or unspecified punishments. It leaves police feeling comfortable and ready for the next situation to happen.

"Black Lives Matter" is an organization founded in 2013 shortly after George Zimmerman was acquitted in the killing of Trayvon Martin. There were other equally dedicated organizations founded in the wake of the failures of grand juries to indict the police officers in the deaths of Eric Garner and Michael Brown. We are living in times of

great change. Complaints about drug activity or any illegal or other suspicious activities will grow more powerful for the future and our children.

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.

Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ celebrating 145 years

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Southern African American Congregational Churches were established by the American Missionary Association located in the New England states. The association started its work in Wilmington, N.C. in April 1865. This work continued for more than twenty years. The first order of business was to purchase land and build a school. The school was completed in 1866. According to some records, in 1870, the association organized the church. Church services were held in the school during that period. Reverend D. D. Dodge was the first minister on record. He also served as the principal of the school.

In 1880, James J. Howard Gregory, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, donated funds to build a brick church. The total cost of the building came to \$3600. It was built to seat approximately four hundred people. The church was dedicated on March 12, 1881. In 1884. The church became Christ Congregational Church. In the early part of the 20th Century, the church became Gregory Congregational Church in honor of James J. Howard Gregory. In 1931, the name was changed to Gregory Congregational Christian Church. A bell was donated by Mr. Gregory to the church with the inscription "North to the South, in Sympathy and Love."

The earlier history of the church and school were very much intertwined. Both institutions were grounded in a strong foundation of Christianity and education. It has a rich history in Christian leadership and community service. It is said to have had the first Vacation Bible School, the first baby contest, and community reading clinic. Gregory hosted such musical greats as Marian Anderson and Roland Hayes.

On June 25, 1957, the United Church of Christ was formed. In 1965, during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, several denominations came together to form the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. In 1968, Gregory became Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ. Mrs. Hannah Nixon, Mr. Herbert Howard, and Mrs. Annell Holmes Gardner represented Gregory at those transitional meetings.

Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ and Gregory Normal Institute have been given historic status by the city. A plaque has been placed on the church, and a marker has been placed near the corner of Third Street and Nun Street.

To celebrate its great history and these 145 years, Gregory has planned events on these dates, April 25 and April 26, 2015. Plans for this great celebration are special events on Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a. m. - 2:00 p. m.



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GREGORY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Authors Mrs. Bertha Todd, Mrs. Carolyn Blanding, and Mr. Wayne Moore will be present for the book signings. Storyteller and musician, Lloyd Wilson, will hold sessions for the young people. A church tour and slide show will be among the events. Hot dogs with trimmings will be available. On

Sunday morning, April 26, at 11:00 a. m., the Reverend Dr. Edward Davis, lead Southern Conference Minister, of Burlington, will deliver the message, and on that afternoon, at 3:30 p. m., Bishop Joseph Garnett, Freedom's Way Ministries in Wilmington, will deliver the message.

WRAAP receives top honors



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

WRAAP Executive Director Daryl Dockery receives this award for best Community Based Kids Cafe program from Earline Middleton, Vice President of Agency Services and Programs at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Recently, (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place received 2014-2015 Top "Community Based-Program Award" from the Food bank of Central and Eastern NC. The award presentation took place in Dunn NC during the 2015 Kids Café Program "Standards of Excellence" Banquet.

Kids Cafe is an after-school program that offers tutoring, nutrition education, mentoring, and nutritious meals to children at risk of hunger. Kids Cafe provides a safe and positive environment for children ages 15 and under to gather after school. The Food Bank's Kids Cafe program began in 1999 with 5 Kids Cafe sites. The

program currently supports 26 Kids Cafe programs at 32 sites in 34 counties serving approximately 1,692 children.

Each Kids Cafe site is operated in partnership with a respected community agency in order to provide the attention and accountability needed to ensure quality programs for children. Although the details and schedules vary by site, all sites are geared towards academic enrichment, mentoring, nutrition education, nutritious meals, physical activities and parental empowerment.

The WRAAP' after school enrichment academy program operates out of Freedom's Way Ministries. For more information on WRAAP please visit www.nc-wraap.com or call 910-392-6007.

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Mr. Eddie Nixon, Jr.

Eddie Nixon, Jr. "Lil Bud" of Wilmington, North Carolina, passed away Monday, April 13, 2015. He was born to the union of Eddie Nixon, Sr. and Goldie McClammy Nixon. Funeral services were held at 12 Noon, Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel. Burial was in Pollock Cemetery.

Before his illness, he was employed at Speedy Concrete Company for many years. He was a comic for all times and loved everybody.

Eddie was preceded in death by parents, Eddie and Goldie; brothers, McKinley Joe and Gerald; sisters, Hannah and Mollie "Doll Baby."

He leaves to mourn his passing, nieces, Rachel Rogers, Knoxville, Tennessee and Alice Williams, Wilmington, North Carolina; nephews, Thomas Jordan, Charlotte, North Carolina; great nieces and nephews, Anthony, Alana, Mackcell, Regina, Shauna, Alphonso, Jeremiah, Tommy, Kevin, Gerald and Kendra; several great-great nieces and nephews; devoted caregiver, Ms. Gale Johnson; devoted and loyal friends, Freddie Lewis and Robert Beckton; other relatives and friends to include the residents of Solomon Towers. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com.

Shirley Hines

Shirley Hines died April 8, 2015 at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the International House of Praise. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Shirley Jean Hines was born May 23, 1969, in Florence, South Carolina, in Bruce Hospital to the late Jessie Mae Hines. Shirley attended Trinity Tabernacle where she dedicated her life to God. She served on the usher board and sang with the Praise and Worship Choir (Women of Wisdom). She also did outreach ministries. Shirley was the first girl to play nose guard for Williston football team. She was a loving mother and loved her grandkids dearly. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, Willie Mae Hines and Jessie Hines, Sr.; her sister, Shakelia Hines and aunt, Mary Harvin.

Shirley leaves to cherish her fond memories: three children, Marquell Hines (Carree Graham), Shanita Bullock and Shaquita Bullock; two grandchildren, Zaakir Hines and Zaymarion Bullock; one brother, Neil Hines (Joann); one sister, Jeanette Hines (Eddie); special friend of 14 years, Billy Sims; aunts, Barbara Jackson, Ella Mack (Carolina); one uncle, Jessie Hines, Jr.; special friends, Sharita Piggott, Geneva

Bullock, Lakesha Green, Craig Scott and Bobby Piggott; a host of nieces, nephews and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lorraine Ramsey

Lorraine Ramsey died April 8, 2015 in Rowlett, TX. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, 2015 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Lorraine was born in Brooklyn, New York on September 15, 1950, to Lillie M. Williams (Vaught) and Leroy Williams. She attended Evander Childs High School in Bronx, New York and the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work in 1981. She enjoyed work that involved helping others. She worked for the Department of Social Service, Admitting and Accounts at New Hanover Regional Medical Center and at Visiting Nurses where she arranged care for ailing patients. Lorraine was joined in holy matrimony to Kenneth Ramsey in March 1981. She enjoyed listening to music, dancing and socializing. She loved anything having to do with Egyptology, Black History and Family Genealogy. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Myron Williams. She leaves behind: her husband, Kenneth Ramsey of Bronx, NY; three children, Kendall Ramsey of Wilmington, NC, Rahshan Yates (Michael) of Knightdale, NC and Kanetha Ramsey (Samuel) of Chapel Hill, NC; grandchildren, Shakindal Ramsey of Leland, NC, Kyree Ramsey of Raleigh, NC, Jaleesa Hardy of Knoghtdale, NC and Khabria Ramsey of Raleigh, NC; four great-grands; brother, Kenneth Wilson (Barbara) of Rowlett, TX; nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James A. Keeling

James A. Keeling died April 12, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, 2015 at St. James AME Church. Burial was on Friday at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC.

James, son of the late Albert and Dorothy Carper Keeling was born on April 24, 1939 in Kansas City, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Patricia Mitchell and Thelma Bennett; and his brothers, Sonny and Butch Keeling. He attended public schools of Kansas City. After graduating he enlisted in the US Marines. James served faithfully in the Vietnam War. He was in the Marines for 16 years and later served in the Army Reserves for 20 years. He traveled to various overseas areas four times to fight for his country. When James came to Wilmington, NC he worked for Star News and later 25 years with

General Electric from which he retired. He was a very active and hardworking person until his health failed.

He leaves to cherish his memories his loving, caring, devoted wife, Betty for almost fifty years; daughters, Rhonda (Roy) Devane of Ivanhoe, NC and Vickie (Tyronne) Foy of Wilmington, NC; nine grandchildren; step-children, Gloria (Esbie) Davis of Camden, SC and Tommy (Teresa) Boyd of Lexington, SC; two sisters-in-law, Bernice Abraham and Patricia Ann Moody; two special nieces, Anne Abraham of Wilmington, NC and Irean Boyd Jones of Jacksonville, FL; special god-son, Michael Abraham of Atlanta, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Brenda Smith

Brenda Smith died April 18, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center. Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at St. Phillip AME Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jason Lawrence McIntyre

Jason Lawrence McIntyre died April 12, 2015 in New York. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Jason was born into this world on July 14, 1977 in Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. Jason was educated in his early years in Brooklyn, New York and later moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, where he attended E.A. Laney High School. Jason to all who knew him was a happy young man who loved his family and he would make sure you knew it. After several years in Wilmington, he decided to return to his home that he loved, Brooklyn, New York. In New York he was employed with MTC Transportation. Jason was a loving father, son, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend who will be greatly missed and remembered with love.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his daughter, Dejuria McIntyre of Wilmington, NC; his sons, Jason Lawrence McIntyre, Jr of Wilmington, NC and Cyncer McIntyre of Brooklyn, NY; his loving mother, Celeste McIntyre Kelliehan; one brother, Daniel "Donnie" McIntyre; five aunts, Pearlina McIntyre, Charline McClendon (Jerome), Callie Wrice, Burnell Plummer and Ruby Simpson; three uncles, Joseph Johnson (Rose), Lewis McIntyre, Jr. and Timothy McIntyre (Esther); four nieces, a host of cousins and all who were special to him. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Andrew Canady

Andrew Canady died April 16, 2015 at Oliver House in Wendell, NC. Memorial serv-

ices will be held 12 Noon Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Unity of Wilmington. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Beatrice "Phil" Hicks

Beatrice "Phil" Hicks died Sunday at Brunswick Cove. Memorial services will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday in the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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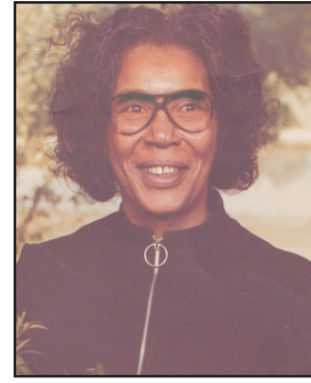


Mrs. Ezmars Marscine Carmichael
May 13, 1911 to
April 22, 1988

On Friday, April 22, 1988, the Lord knew that your suffering was taking its toll and sent His Angels to bring your Spirit home. This Wednesday, April 22, 2015, will mark the 27th year that we have been without your smile. Mom, we still miss you and appreciate the joys, laughter's even cries that we shared. It was you that taught us to love God and be a family. We have and will always continue to strive to hold the family together. We remember the good and sad times but most of all we remember the love that you shared with us all and told us to always be there for each other. You are in our hearts and we will remember to tell the younger generation of your love and life. Being a parent can still be a house of love for all children as long as there is respect and love of God.

Submitted by the family

In Loving Memory Of



Etta Mae Wrisbon
Sunrise: October 7, 1923
Sunset: April 22, 2005

Mother you are missed but not forgotten. You never failed to say I love you at the end of all our conversations. Those words have been placed in our hearts forever. Thank God we can still say: We love you.

Your son Hugh and family

In Loving Memory Of



Edith Jinwright Brown
Sunrise: September 29, 1944
Sunset: April 18, 2014

Edith, You fought the good fight, you have finished your race. And thru all of it, you could always find your beautiful voice to sing a song, with us. We will always remember you.

Your family,
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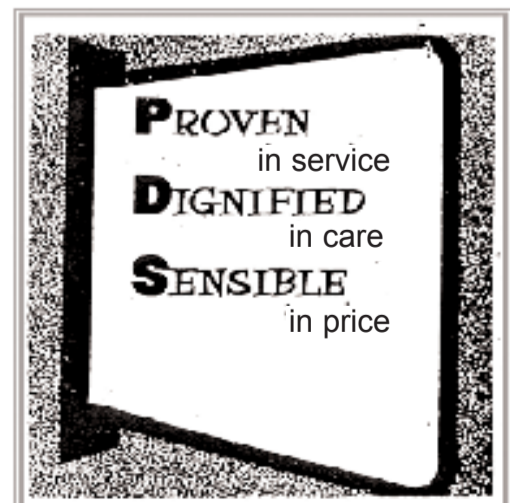
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New Hanover County

Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2929 Princess Place Dr., will hold their Usher's Anniversary Service on Sunday, April 26th at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Wayne Johnson of St. Stephen AME Church.



Chords Across America will hold a concert series on Saturday, April 25th at 3:00 p.m. The Garner Sisters of Orlando, South Carolina. Also on Sunday, May 3rd the church will hold their Women's Program. The guest speaker will be Tisha Jones.

Religious Briefs

Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ, 609 Nun St., will celebrate its 145th anniversary on April 19th, April 25th and April 26th. A pre-anniversary musical will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. On Saturday, April 25th authors, Bertha Todd, Carolyn Blanding and Wayne Moore will be featured and storyteller Madafo Lloyd Wilson. There will be a slide show and guided church tour. On Sunday, April 26th at 11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Edward Davis of Burlington. At 3:30 p.m. Bishop Joseph Garnett of Freedom's Way Ministries will be the guest speaker.

Mt. Holly Missionary Baptist, 2425 Old Wrightsboro Rd., will hold their Women's Conference from Wednesday, April 22nd- Friday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Breakfast will be held at Golden Corral at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th. The speakers for the week will be Minister Ursula Williams of Union chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Rocky Point; Sister Abbelre Macklin of Mt. Holly Missionary Baptist Church and Prophestess Benaye Burgess of New Spirit of Truth Apostolic Prophetic Ministries of Wilmington, NC. For more information contact Evangelist Carol Jones at 910-232-1424.

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 North Fifth Avenue, will hold a Sacrifice Rally Program on Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Jerry McKoy, his and church family of Pleasant Meadows Missionary Baptist Church of Lumberton will be the guest. For further information contact Brother Columbus Pridgen at 910-616-2519.

N.C. 2nd. Jurisdiction Women's Convention, "Unearthing the Treasure Within" will be held from Thursday, April 30th-Saturday, May 2nd at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1119 South 4th St. Services will be held 7:00 p.m. nightly. The speakers will be Supervisor Patricia Lofton on Thursday evening; Bishop Stenneth Powell on Friday evening and Pastor Eria Nesbitt on Saturday at 12:00 noon.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., will hold their Annual Night of Prayer Service on Friday, May 1st from 7:00 p.m.- midnight. Also On May 3rd their Annual Women's Day Celebration at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. Patricia Freeman of St. Phillip AME Church.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church will celebrate its 146th Anniversary on Sunday, April 26 during 11:00 a.m. service. Ms. Sandra McClammy will be the guest speaker. She will speak on St. Mark's theme "A CHANGE IS COMING AND WE ARE MOVING FOWARD." All are WELCOME to come join in St. Mark's celebration.

St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will hold May Day 2015 along with Rachel & Joy on May 9th from 11:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. There will be singing, jazz, gospel rap, food, face painting, games. Vendors are welcome for \$25.00. For more information please contact Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon (910) 540-4406 or Rachel Dixson (910) 431-0551.

St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday, April 26, 2015 during morning worship service at 10:00 am. The speaker will be Presiding Elder Evelyn Gail Dunn. She is the first appointed female AME presiding elder of the 2nd Episcopal District to the southern district of the NC conference. The Women's Day theme is: "Bridging the Gap - Brick by Brick". Special music provided by the women's day vocal ensemble, under the direction of Rev. Gaysharon Bell, accompanied by Cornelius Hamilton.

The Blanchard/Solomon Women's Missionary Society and St. Phillip AME Church will celebrate their Annual Day on Sunday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. at 815 N. 8th St. The guest speaker will be Elder Dianne Hayes of Life Changing Ministries. Also at 3:00 p.m. The Senior Gospel Choir of St. Phillip AME Church will hold their anniversary. The guest speaker will be Minister DeMarcus Nixon of The Love Factory Church.

The Education Committee of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Breakfast and Silent Auction on Saturday May 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Carrie Ballard Fellowship Hall of the church. The theme is "Woman of God, Joy in the Journey".

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Food Pantry "From His Table to Yours" will be open Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Individuals must have identification and transportation. There is no fee involved. Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

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SENIOR MOMENTS

A stand against discrimination

My Fellow Seniors:

Big business has just stepped out against a recent Indiana law concerning the right to refuse service to gay people. I'm sure that law will be changed because, if the financial world doesn't like it, the politicians are going to erase it.

So how does the church feel about this? We are supposed to love everybody. We are against

discrimination of any kind, whether by race, religion, sex, or nationality.

Frankly, I would not want to participate in a gay wedding, and I don't think anyone would ask me to, but I would gladly give them the right hand of fellowship. However, that's just my personal point of view. The question is, what does the church have to say? Do we invite gay couples to join the church? Do we make them feel welcomed, or do we treat them like strangers. Will our leaders stand up and say, "We don't discriminate against other people for any reason."

Just as we have taken a stand

against racial discrimination, we should strive to eliminate bias of any kind. We should be teaching tolerance in any way we can.

There was an article in the journal last week called "Fighting for a More Exclusive Pulpit." As you know, that kind of talk is right up my alley. Even though Bible study will always be our main focus, we should be able to branch out and talk about some of the major concerns of the community.

The Wilmington Journal has carried articles on home sharing, which is a way of moving your families from renters to

home owners. They would be moving from poor to middle class in just a short while.

We could reach out to experts on AIDS to Alzheimer's. We could ask the high school principal to come and share with us on a monthly basis. Volunteers could be monitors on school buses, but, first of all we would have to widen the doors of the church. If we do that, we can uplift our community in more ways than we can count, and other communities would soon follow.

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Annual Women's Convention of N.C. 2nd. COGIC to convene in Wilmington, NC

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All roads lead to Wilmington, N.C. to convene the Annual Women's Convention of N.C. 2nd. COGIC from Thursday, April 30th-Saturday, May 2nd.

The host District is The Greater Wilmington District. The host church is Faith Temple COGIC, located 1119 South 4th St. The Thursday opening night speaker at 7:00 p.m. is Mother Patricia D. Lofton. Don't miss the Mary E.

Bennett Banquet on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 251-4887. Saturday morning workshops begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by Guest speaker at 12:00 noon, Pastor Eria Nesbitt, of New Covenant Holiness Church, 10th. And Dawson Sts. The public is invited to attend, worship, and fellowship with N.C. 2nd. Jurisdiction Women's Department in all of our services and events.

Delegates from far and

near will be traveling to attend this exciting event from Virginia, Raleigh Durham, Greensboro, Charlotte, and other cities throughout North Carolina. They are making their way to visit us here in the Port City of Wilmington, because they are following the anointing God has placed on this annual event. The focus of this year's convention is based on the theme, "Unearthing the Treasure Within." Join us if you can! You are welcome.



MOTHER PATRICIA LOFTON

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

"Life and Death are in the Power of the Tongue"

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! Oh what a beautiful day this is! To God be the glory! Our meeting began with the choir, under the direction of George Hill singing "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." Free to all! Praise the Lord and bless His name. Prayer was led by The Reverend Aaron Moore. Our next song was "Blessed Assurance." This is my story, This my song, praising my Savior all the day long. We all

have a story. Minister Doris McQuillian introduced our speaker for today, Mrs. Emma Saunders. Her topic was "Life and Death Are in the Power of the Tongue". The tongue is a small part of the body (James 3:5). Yet, Proverbs 18:21 says that it has the power of life and death. This holds true whether we're speaker of spiritual, physical, or emotional life and death. Think before you speak. What a wonderful message! Thank you. Comments and remarks for the speaker were given. Our secretary was not present

today. We miss you! God will take care of you. It was now time for our "Callers" report. There was a tie between Carrie Nixon and Rosella Bellamy. Each had 11 members. Thanks to all the callers and the members of the group. God bless you all. Mrs. Anna Haskins gave the sick report. She always does a beautiful job. We thank God for her faithfulness and dedication. We love you. Ms. Shirley Drye had a moment for us in Black history about Jane Bolin. In 1932, she became the first Black woman

to serve as a judge. Thank you for that information. We allowed time for any announcements. "Smiles" were given by Ms. Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter. They really put some smiles on our faces. Again, we thank you. Our circle was formed. Prayer was led by Minister Doris McQuillian. The meeting was adjourned. There were 50 members present. Thought for today: Saints have a past. Sinners have a future.

TELL SOMEBODY

"When to shut your mouth"

"W"hosoe keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." Prov. 21:23

Sometimes we talk too much! We don't know when to quit, and by the time we do, it's too late and the damage is done! If we knew when to keep our mouth shut, we could



Sylvia Hooper

avoid a lot of unnecessary hurt, pain and suffering to ourselves and to others. Life and death is in the power of the tongue, and we need to understand that this little "member" has the capacity to harm, maim, and cripple without the use of a gun or knife in hand! Matthew 5:37 states, "But let your communication be, Yea, Yea, or Nay Nay, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

The tongue is a small but powerful member of the body. It can be used to edify (build up), or to terrify. Once a word is spoken, it cannot be recov-

ered. There are times when damage resulting from an ill spoken word can be corrected or a statement can be retracted. On the other hand, there are times when spoken words can cause irreparable damage. In spite of all effort to apologize, sometimes it is too little and too late for the situation.

There are times when the very words that come from our mouths cause us the greatest misery. Proverbs 6:2 says, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth." With this in mind, we sometimes pray like the psalmist in Psalm 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

Ecclesiastes 5:2 states, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."

Don't Open Your Mouth

1. When you are angry Proverbs 14:17 "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly; a man of wicked devices is hated."

2. When you don't have all the facts Proverbs 18:13
3. When your words will offend a weaker brother. I Cor. 8:12
4. When you are tempted to joke about sin. Proverbs 14:9
5. When the matter is none of your business. I Peter 4:15
"But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters."
6. When you are tempted to tell a lie. Psalm 101:7
"He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight."

7. When your words will destroy a friendship. Proverbs 16:28
"A froward (stubborn, contrary, and disobedient) man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends."

Another reason to know when to keep your mouth shut is because, "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction." Another reason to keep our mouth shuts is because, it may cause us to go into bondage." Proverbs 6:2 states, Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth."

Remember beloved, that if God has set you free, why should you be bound? Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Prayer: Lord set a watch over the door of my mouth. Teach me to bridle my tongue. Psalm 39:1, "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue." Tell

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