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GUEST EDITORIAL  
"Majority of Black Americans are living through worst economic conditions in modern history!"  
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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



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**The battle is not won**  
BY **BERNEST HEWETT**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the last months, why are you so bitter or leaning so much toward racism? Why is it that it seems to me you are bringing up those things which will divide the people, Blacks and Whites? As we are living now, this is a question that's asked of me many times, here lately as I go from place to place, in stores, churches and even at a convention. I have the same answer that my parents had over sixty years ago, and that is if you don't know where you come from, you don't know where you want to go. If you are White and think things are good, look at the young Black men who are

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**Wilmington 10 pardons letter revealed**

*Editor's Note: The Lee Upperman referred to in this story is the late Atty. Leroy W. Upperman who was a Wilmington native, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Leroy Upperman, and sister of Linda Upperman Smith, who resides in Wilmington.*

BY **CASH MICHAELS**  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

This week, as the world mourns the passing of legendary UNC Tar Heel Head Basketball Coach Dean Smith, he is being remembered as a trailblazer not only for his championship winning hardwood strategy, but also for standing strong for social justice, and against racial discrimination.

"He pushed forward the Civil Rights movement, recruiting the first black scholarship athlete to North Carolina

and helping to integrate a restaurant and a neighborhood in Chapel Hill," said Pres. Barack Obama of Smith in tribute.

But while many know of how Coach Smith recruited Charlie Scott as the first African-American to play Atlantic Coast Conference basketball in the '60's, and how he supported former Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee when the black man tried against all odds to purchase a home in an all-white Chapel Hill neighborhood, it has never been revealed, until now, that Dean Smith also tried to use his considerable influence with then Gov. James B. Hunt in 1977 to secure pardons for ten wrongly convicted civil rights activists known as "the Wilmington Ten."

In July 2013, while doing research for the National Newspaper Publishers Association, for the documentary,

"Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten" at the NC Archives, Cash Michaels discovered a previously unknown missive from Coach Smith to Gov. Hunt. Dated July 25, 1977 on "University of North Carolina" letterhead from Smith's "Basketball Office," a copy of the extraordinary letter was made for possible use in the film. However it was never used in the production, so the letter copy was held until this week, after Smith, at age 83, died at his home in Chapel Hill Saturday evening.

When Gov. Hunt first took office in 1977, the Wilmington Ten - nine young black males and one white female led by the fiery Rev. Benjamin Chavis - had

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**COACH DEAN SMITH**



**"BLESS HER HEART" SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS AT ST. STEPHEN'S AME CHURCH--(L TO R) Doris McNeil, Dora Herriott, Mary Lockhart, Harriet Crummy, Deidre Ennett, Margaret Fredlaw, Mable Justice, Angela Sparrow, Cynthia J. Brown, Loretta Herriott, Liz Martin, Magdalene Johnson, Joyce Hairston, Dawn McClammy, Florence Warren**

JOHN DAVIS PHOTO

**"We choose to live"**

BY **CYNTHIA BROWN**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Statistics continue to tell us that Heart Disease is the #1 cause of death in women, both nationally and locally. African American women suffer a greater disparity than their white counterparts and are at greater risk primarily due to other health conditions such as obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, according to the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute of the NIH.

The Association of Black Cardiologists (in its 20% by 2020 campaign) reminds us that despite tremendous successes by African Americans in the United States, our professional and materialistic accomplishments may be making us complacent or worse still blind, to a critical need that exists. That need is to reduce health disparities in our community so that we may have increased longevity and quality of life. ABC reports that African Americans not only have a higher mortality rate for

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) but that African Americans are less likely to be treated according to evidence based guidelines. African American men are 76% more likely to die of stroke while African American women are 54% more likely to die of stroke. Nationally, both groups have a higher prevalence of hypertension and diabetes.

Consider the following local data. The N.C. Center for Health Statistics and Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, in its most recent online Minority Health Facts for African Americans reports that diseases of the heart are ranked number one as the leading causes of death in our community. Cancer is a very close second. Furthermore, the New Hanover County Community Health Assessment as published in 2011, reported diseases of the heart as the number one killer of African American males and females. Although heart disease death rates decreased somewhat in the

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**MRS. KATHERINE SCOTT WELLER**

**Mrs. Katherine Scott Weller passes at 92**

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Katherine Scott Weller, 92, died peacefully in her home surrounded by her daughters on Monday, February 9, 2015. Mrs. Weller was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Fritz William Weller and three sons, Wagner, William and Michael. She is survived by her daughters Katherine Bell Moore of Louisburg, North Carolina, Frances Weller of the city and Margaret Weller-Stargell of the city. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Ira Braswell the IV, Katherine L. Moore and Kamili Bell Hill (Eddie), two great grandchildren, Skye and Lyric Hill, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. She leaves behind a devoted companion, her 17 year old dachshund, Lil Jess.

Mrs. Weller was a lifelong Wilmingtonian. She graduated from Williston Senior High School and attended A & T State University, Greensboro,

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**Report: BLACK GIRLS SHOULD MATTER, TOO**

BY **GEORGE E. CURRY**  
NNPA EDITOR IN CHIEF

WASHINGTON (NNPA) -Black girls are disproportionately suffering from punitive school disciplinary policies and actions yet society fails to take note of their plight the way attention is focused on Black males who get trapped in the school-to-prison pipeline, according to a report by the African American Policy Forum, a New York-based national think tank connecting academics, activists, and policy-makers whose goal is to dismantle structural inequality.

The report, titled "Black Girls Matter: Pushed-Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected," was scheduled to be

released on Wednesday, Feb. 4. A copy of the report was obtained in advance by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) News Service.

Anyone who doubts that Black girls are being severely disciplined for minor infractions in school need to look no further than reporting in their local media to learn otherwise, according to the report.

The report noted: "In 2007, a 6-year-old girl was arrested in a Florida classroom for having a tantrum. Later that year, a 16-year-old girl was arrested in a California school for dropping cake on the floor and failing to pick it up to a school officer's satisfaction. "In 2013, an 8-year-old girl in Illinois

was arrested for acting out, and a 16-year-old girl in Alabama who suffers from diabetes, asthma, and sleep apnea was hit with a book by her teacher after she fell asleep reading 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' in class. The student was later arrested and hospitalized due to injuries caused by violent interactions with the police. Also in 2013, in Florida, a 16-year-old was arrested when her 'science experiment' caused a small explosion in her classroom and a 12-year-old girl was threatened with expulsion from an Orlando private school unless she changed the look of her natural hair. "In 2014, a 12-year-old girl faced expulsion and criminal charges after writing 'hi' on a locker room wall of her

Georgia middle school, and a Detroit honors student was suspended for the entire senior year for accidentally bringing a pocketknife to a football game."

The U.S. Department of Education reported last March that for the 2011-2012 school year,

"Black students are suspended and expelled at a rate three times greater than white students. On average, 5% of white students are suspended, compared to 16 % of black students.

"While boys receive more than two out of three suspensions, black girls are suspended at higher rates (12%)

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being shot with no reasonable  
cause. Take a long look at why  
Blacks and Hispanics have  
such a hard time trying to  
vote or get decent jobs with  
reasonable pay.

Even though they have as  
much education as Whites,  
why do our elected officials  
keep making Jim Crow laws  
that will take our civil rights  
away? Here in Brunswick  
County why are Blacks less  
likely to get County water or  
even be hired as a teacher? If  
this sounds racist, then by  
telling the truth about it  
might be racist, or maybe  
unjust. You may call it what-  
ever you wish, but the truth is  
the truth. If you are black  
and don't want to hear about  
these problems then maybe,  
you are wanting to say it's get-  
ting better.

I got news for you. For over  
a hundred years, we have  
fought the battle of racism  
and unfair laws and unjust  
people. The battle has not  
been won. We move forward  
for a while, and then people  
with their unfair racist agen-  
da come along, and it starts  
again, Brunswick County, we  
have always been in the mid-  
dle of this problem. If there is  
no justice, there is no peace. I  
bring these problem to the  
public so that everyone who  
reads will know and tell oth-  
ers that we still need to stay  
on the watch and keep an eye  
on the battlefield of justice.,  
Our enemy may not be in the  
Middle East!

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

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North Carolina. She was an  
Administrative Assistant at  
John T. Hoggard High School  
for over 25 years.

Mrs. Weller, affectionately  
known as "Mama Weller,"  
opened her home and heart to  
friends and neighbors. She  
never met a stranger and hol-  
idays in her home were filled  
with people of all ages and  
races. Her favorite past times  
included playing poker and  
watching Major League  
Baseball. Unbeknownst to  
her, one of her favorite play-  
ers, the late Willie Stargell,  
would become her son-in-law.  
Despite many health chal-  
lenges, she devoted much of  
her time helping others face  
similar issues, including  
heart disease and breast can-  
cer. In 2012 she received the  
Rachel Freeman Unsung  
Hero award from the  
Wilmington YWCA and was  
honored as one of the Ladies  
of the Cape Fear.

Mrs. Weller was the keynote  
speaker at the 2007 American  
Cancer Society dinner at the  
age of 84. She was also recog-  
nized at the annual Pink  
Ribbon Project and Relay for  
Life events. Mrs. Weller gave  
many years of service to her  
community. Her legacy of  
strength and perseverance was  
an inspiration to many and will  
live on in all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations  
may be made to the Pink  
Ribbon Project, the American  
Heart Association or the Willie  
Stargell Foundation.

The family will receive  
friends from 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 15, 2015, at  
Church of the Servant, 4925  
Oriole Drive, Wilmington, NC.

Funeral services will be  
held at 2:00 p.m. Monday,  
February 16, 2015, at St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church, corner of  
16th and Market Street,  
Wilmington, NC. Interment  
will follow at Greenlawn  
Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Andrews  
Mortuary, Market Street  
Chapel.

## BLACK GIRLS

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than girls of any other race or  
ethnicity and most boys."

In addition, "Black students  
represent 16 % of student  
enrollment, 27 % of students  
referred to law enforcement,  
and 31% of students subjected  
to a school-related arrest. In  
comparison, white students  
represent 51% of students  
enrolled, 41% of referrals to  
law enforcement, and 39% of  
those subjected to school-relat-  
ed arrests."

That disproportionate pat-  
tern begins at an early age.

Black children represent 18  
percent of preschool enroll-  
ment but 48 percent of pre-  
school children receiving more  
than one out of school suspen-  
sion. On the other hand, White  
students represented 43 percent  
of preschool enrollment but  
only 26 percent of preschool  
children receiving more than  
one out of school suspension,  
according to the Department of  
Education.

The African American  
Policy Forum report grew out  
of a 2012 conference it con-  
vened on girls of color at the  
UCLA Law School.

"Girls have rarely been  
included in either the discus-  
sions about exclusionary disci-  
plinary policies or the broader  
concerns about the under-  
achievement of youth of color,"  
the report stated. "Yet the data  
suggest that Black girls face a  
variety of factors - historical,  
institutional, and social - that  
heighten their risk of under-  
achievement and detachment  
from school, as well as the life-  
long consequences of dropping  
out."

It explained, "Research and  
public policy debates, howev-  
er, often fail to paint a nuanced  
picture that addresses the  
degree to which girls are vul-  
nerable to many of the same  
factors faced by their male  
counterparts. For example,  
reports about zero-tolerance  
and push-out policies fre-  
quently fail to disaggregate or  
highlight the consequences of  
such policies for girls of color.  
Available information about  
the challenges that they face  
in regards to suspension,  
expulsion, and other discipli-  
nary practices often go under-  
reported, leading to the incor-  
rect inference that their  
futures are not also at risk."

Among the report's observa-  
tions:

\* At-risk young women say  
that in zero-tolerance schools,

discipline receives a higher  
priority than educational attain-  
ment; Increased levels of law  
enforcement and security per-  
sonnel sometimes make girls  
feel less safe and therefore less  
likely to attend school;

\* Black girls sometimes get  
attention than males because  
they are perceived as more  
socially mature and self-reliant;

\* Conflicts better addressed  
through counseling are too fre-  
quently referred to the juvenile  
justice system;

\* Failure of schools to inter-  
vene in instances of physical or  
sexual harassment of girls con-  
tributes to their insecurity at  
school;

\* Girls sometimes resort to  
"acting out" when their coun-  
seling needs are overlooked or  
disregarded;

\* School-age Black girls expe-  
rience a high incidence of per-  
sonal violence;

\* Girls are often burdened  
with family obligations that  
undermine their capacity to  
achieve their goals and

\* Pregnancy and parenting  
make it difficult for girls to  
engage fully in school.

Recommendations included  
providing funding programs  
that serve the needs of women  
and girls as well as men and  
boys; reducing the overre-  
liance on punitive interven-  
tions; create an environment  
where students are free of sex-  
ual harassment; devise pro-  
grams that help identify and  
assist students who have been  
sexually victimized or trauma-  
tized by violence; offer sup-  
port programs for pregnant  
girls or mothers with young  
children and mobilize the pub-  
lic to help address the chal-  
lenges facing young girls.

Authors of the report fund-  
ed by the Schott Foundation  
stated, "This modest but long-  
overdue effort to cast light  
onto the lives of marginal-  
ized girls should be replicated  
and expanded across the  
nation. Ideally, the conversa-  
tion 'Black Girls Matter:  
Pushed Out, Overpoliced, and  
Under-protected' engenders  
within communities and  
among philanthropists, poli-  
cy makers, stakeholders, and  
advocates will lead to the  
inclusion of girls in efforts to  
address school discipline,  
pushout, and the pathways to  
incarceration, poverty, and  
low-wage work. We are hope-  
ful that ongoing efforts to  
resolve the crisis facing boys  
of color will open up opportu-  
nities to examine the chal-  
lenges facing their female  
counterparts."

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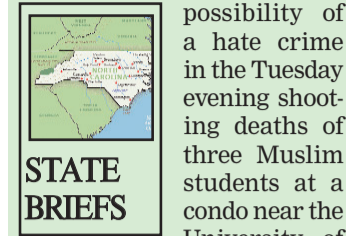
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**PROSECUTOR NOT RULING OUT HATE CRIME IN TRIPLE CHAPEL HILL SHOOTING**

[CHAPEL HILL] Durham's top prosecutor said Wednesday that he is not ruling out the possibility of a hate crime in the Tuesday evening shooting deaths of three Muslim students at a condo near the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



STATE BRIEFS

District Attorney Roger Echols echoed comments earlier Wednesday by Chapel Hill's police chief, who said investigators "will exhaust every lead" to determine if bias was a motive in the slayings of Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23, his wife, Yusor Mohammad, 21,

and her sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19.

Police were called shortly after 5 p.m. to Finley Forest condominiums on Summerwalk Circle in Durham County, where the victims were found shot in the head.

According to two 911 calls released Wednesday afternoon, callers reported hearing multiple gunshots.

Hours later, Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, who lives in the complex, surrendered to authorities in Chatham County and was charged with three counts of first-degree murder.

Police said a preliminary investigation shows the shooting might have been the result of an ongoing parking dispute. They said Hicks has been cooperating.

"We understand the concerns about the possibility that this was hate-motivated,

and we will exhaust every lead to determine if that is the case," Police Chief Chris Blue said in a statement. "Our thoughts are with the families and friends of these young people who lost their lives so needlessly."

**STATE DEMOCRATS CHOOSE KEEVER FOR CHAIR**

[PITTSBORO] As many had expected, NC Democratic Party First Vice Chair Patsy Keever was elected to become chairman of the beleaguered party by members of the State Executive Committee. Keever, who represents the moderate wing of the state Democratic Party, succeeded former Pittsboro Mayor Randy Voller, who endured a controversial two-year term. Keever's immediate tasks are to bring a divided party back together, retire

the party's debt, and fundraising for the 2016 presidential and gubernatorial elections.

**GOV. MCCRORY DELIVERS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

[RALEIGH] Saying that his plan would make North Carolina a "national model," Gov. Pat McCrory shared his "State of the State" bi-annual vision in a joint session of the state Legislature last week. McCrory said progress had been made during the first two years of his administration, with unemployment dropping and more job creation. The governor said the state deserves to "have the best of everything" by way of improved educational opportunities, transportation, energy and technology, in addition to greater government efficiency.

**STATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GET LETTER GRADES; POOR KIDS NOT FARING WELL**

[CHARLOTTE] Public schools statewide with high concentrations of high poverty students did poor under North Carolina's new performance grading system, released last week. The majority of high poverty schools received a D or F, with only one actually getting an A. Meanwhile schools with no more than 20 percent of students on free or reduced lunch received an A or an B. Only one received an F. State lawmakers say the new grading system helps parents better judge the job schools are doing. Critics say the grades are too simplistic and unfair.

**SEANC DIRECTOR STEPS DOWN AMID PROBE**

[RALEIGH] Dana Cope, the

executive director of the State Employees Association of North Carolina, resigned Tuesday amid published allegations that he used association money for his personal purposes. Cope admitted that he had "blurred the line between is personal and professional life. Published reports said a landscaping company that did work at Cope's home also got a no-bid contract of \$109,000 to do landscaping work at the SEANC headquarters. Another \$8,000 was allegedly spent to pay for Cope's flying lessons, in addition various personal credit card charges billed to the association. The Wake District Attorney's Office has asked the State Bureau of Investigation to probe the allegations.

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already been tried, convicted and sentenced to a combined 282 years in prison in 1972. Defense attorneys were unsuccessful appealing those convictions to state courts, and an appeal to the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals was pending.

Upon taking office, Hunt indicated that he wanted to review the historic case, and once all of the state appeals ran out, he would step in if needed.

It was during this time that letters from literally all over the country and the world began pouring in to Gov. Hunt's office, both pro and con.

One of them was from Dean Smith.

Addressed to "The Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr. - Governor," Coach Smith wrote:

"Lee Upperman, our former basketball manager and now one of the attorneys for the Wilmington 10, has allowed me to read the Petition for Pardon of these ten people," Coach Smith wrote to Hunt. "Without knowing the full details, other than what I have carefully examined in the Petition for Pardon, I would still urge you as a citizen to truly pardon these ten who have already served what many would consider a just sentence for what they had been determined guilty."

Smith continued, "Apparently there is no chance for a new trial and for them to serve the number of years given them in a rather strange way would seem to be excessive."

Coach Smith concluded his letter to the governor with, "As a citizen who supported you for Governor in the November election, I would urge you to pardon the Wilmington 10 if you do have that right."

"Most sincerely, Dean E. Smith." The coach signed it

simply "Dean."

But the letter didn't finish there.

In what apparently was Dean Smith's handwriting, he adds a postscript:

"Bob Seymour has provided me with some additional material on these 10 people which would lead one to believe injustice was done."

Smith then initialed the handwritten notation.

The significance of Smith's July 1977 letter is the fact that he marked the envelope "PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL" meaning that he wanted his request to be seen, and considered, only by the governor; and not be made public.

Given the raging national and worldwide controversy about the Wilmington Ten case, and how they were falsely convicted for the arson destruction of a white-owned grocery store in Wilmington during the height of racial tensions there in February 1971, Smith would have found himself in the cross-fire between civil rights and law enforcement groups who were bitterly divided.

While African-Americans and white liberals would have welcomed someone of Coach Smith's stature and high profile in support of their worldwide movement to free the "freedom fighters" Wilmington Ten, Smith would have been instantly vilified by members of the NC judiciary, North Carolina's business community, and even conservative US Sen. Jesse Helms - all of whom who considered the Ten to be dangerous radicals - and wrote numerous letters to Gov. Hunt opposing freeing them.

His controversial involvement would have undoubtedly put an unwanted cloud over his basketball program at UNC if word ever leaked at that time, and his judgment on race would have once again been questioned.

Because of a recent change in policy, letters sent to the

Governor's Office of Executive Clemency in the past ten years to be considered during pardons cases are no longer considered public record, in an effort to protect those who communicate with the governor, who has the sole discretion in issuing pardons.

In the State Archives, an unsigned drafted letter dated Sept. 1, 1977 apparently from Gov. James Hunt, responds to Coach Smith, thanking him for his missive, and telling Smith that until all of the state courts considering appeals in the case have decided, he will abide by a policy of not stepping in.

"If, at some time in the future, we consider any action for any of the individuals involved, we will give your thoughts due consideration," wrote Hunt to Coach Smith. "I thank you for sharing your ideas with me on this case."

History shows that a few months later, on January 23, 1978, Gov. Hunt went on statewide television, and announced that he would not pardon the Wilmington Ten, but would reduce their harsh sentences. However in December 1980, after all of them had been released from prison, the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Virginia overturned the Wilmington Ten's convictions citing "gross prosecutorial misconduct," and ordered North Carolina to either drop the charges, or conduct a new trial.

The state did nothing for 32 years, thus leaving the Ten in legal limbo. Not until the National Newspaper Publishers Association, led by the *Wilmington Journal*, defense attorneys Irving Joyner and James Ferguson, and the NC NAACP, mounted a successful national campaign in 2012 to secure ten pardons of innocence from then Gov. Beverly Perdue, were they finally legally exonerated.

Calling the Ten victims of "naked racism" and "political

prisoners," Gov. Perdue said she granted the pardons of innocence because she couldn't find any evidence of their guilt, but did agree with the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals that prosecutors in the case indeed broke the law in framing the ten activists.

Dean Smith was right in 1977 when he wrote, "...injustice was done."

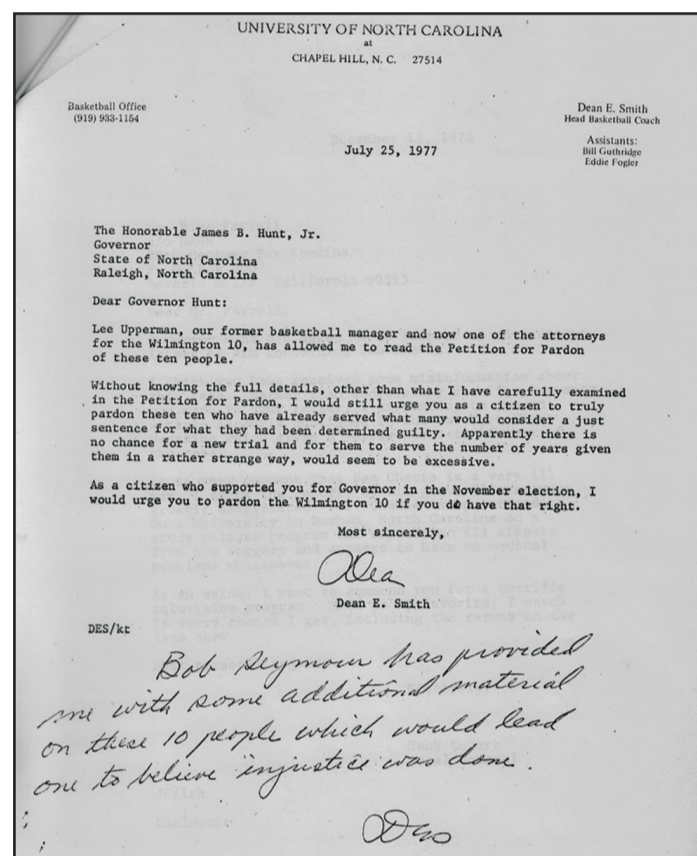
This week was the first time anyone associated with the Wilmington Ten case were told or shown anything about Coach Smith's bid to gain their freedom.

After reading the letter, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, now president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, said in an exclusive statement to *The Carolinian and Wilmington Journal* newspapers, "Dean Smith was a bold leader who stood for racial equality when it was not the popular thing to do. Smith's courage made him more than one of the greatest basketball coaches in the world. He triumphed off the court as well and won progress for all humanity. Long live the legacy and spirit of Dean Smith."

Another Wilmington Ten member, Wayne Moore, also paid tribute to the great coach and leader.

"I have known for a long time that Dean Smith was not only a champion as a coach, but that he was also a champion for social justice," Moore, who now lives in Michigan, wrote. "Being the first coach to grant a scholarship to a black player at UNC at a point where Jim Crow and Civil Rights were clashing on the doorsteps of justice, took a great deal of courage. There were immediate calls for him to be fired, but he stood his ground and went on to become one of the greatest coaches in the history of basketball."

"Still, his greatest legacy might rightfully be the passion he openly displayed for racial justice and equality. The fact



**LETTER REQUESTING PARDONS TO GOV. JAMES B. HUNT, JR. FROM COACH DEAN SMITH DATED JULY 25, 1977**

that this letter is written on UNC stationery is a testimony in and of itself to his bold approach he often took."

Attorney Irving Joyner, professor of law at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, and one of the defense attorneys for the Wilmington Ten, wrote, "I have always been an admirer of the courage that Dean Smith exhibited in his coaching and community affairs."

"His decision to bring Charlie Scott from New York to desegregate the UNC-Chapel Hill basketball team changed the complexion of NCAA basketball at a time that he was not forced to it. At the time, Dean Smith knew that desegregating that basketball team and the campus was the right thing to do. For him, it was a

matter of principle," Prof. Irving wrote.

"Likewise, I treasure and appreciate his championing of the early efforts to pardon the Wilmington 10 in 1977 and since that time because he personally knew that it was the right thing to do," Joyner continued. "I deeply regret that Governor Jim Hunt did not accept his advice. Those and other equally courageous acts endeared Smith to his community, his school, and to the many people who were engaged in the struggle for equal rights and racial justice."

Prof. Joyner concluded, "We pray that these lessons of racial harmony and racial justice will serve as an inspiration, and guide to others who find themselves in positions of power and influence."

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state and the county between 2001 and 2009, the local heart disease death rate as reported in the 2011 New Hanover County Community Health Assessment still outpaced the state.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and The Heart Truth campaign (U.S. DHHS) indicate that only 36% of African American women are aware that heart disease is their #1 killer compared to 65% of White women. Without knowledge, we can't take action, and it's clear that in many instances risk factors could be eliminated or significantly reduced through education and action.

There are fundraisers and initiatives to increase awareness and assist women with free screenings. However, one local church has led the charge to reduce this disparity through education and advocacy. For the past several years, St. Stephen A.M.E. Church has partnered with community based efforts to raise awareness of heart disease and its effects on the African American community. The church's Health Ministry and Department of Christian Education have made literature available to educate the congregation and its visitors on the need to be "heart healthy". In 2010, the church partnered with the former New Hanover County Community Action, members of the Wilmington Symphony

strings, Dr. Marvin Curtis of Indiana University, the Fayetteville State University Choir and others to host Heart Strings: Music for the Soul, a benefit concert which provided women of limited means and suffering from cardiovascular disease with support to purchase groceries and medicine.

Annually, the church has designated the second Sunday in February as "Bless Her Heart" Sunday. It is on this Sunday that the church encourages others in the faith-based community to wear red at their house of worship to show solidarity in our fight against heart disease and its effect on women. On February 8, 2015, St. Stephen once again took the lead in promoting awareness

and education to save hearts. Under the leadership of Rev. Wayne A. Johnson, Sr., the Board of Stewards, Christian Education Department and Health Ministry continued the annual "Bless Her Heart" worship service. This year a special Koinonia moment was held following the worship service.

A compelling and spiritual message was rendered by Rev. Johnson (affectionately referred to by the congregation as Pastor Wayne), and the St. Stephen Gospel Choir sang to the glory of God. The message was delivered from the New Testament writings of the Apostle Paul, I Corinthians 6:19-20. The Pastor reminded congregants that our bodies are temples of

the Holy Spirit and therefore we must glorify God by fleeing from the behaviors that cause early and unnatural deterioration - both of the body and the soul. Such behaviors include overeating, poor lifestyle and social habits, failure to maintain healthy habits, and failure to effectively deal with stress. His message closed with an Old Testament reference to Psalm 118, verse 17 "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD".

Following a heartfelt worship service, members and visitors met in Sloan Chapel of the church for a Koinonia moment. The word Koinonia is derived from Greek meaning fellowship, and the church seized this opportunity for

Christian fellowship and spreading the message of good heart health.

As it prepares for its sesquicentennial anniversary celebration, the pastor, officers and members of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church have chosen to live, and encourage you to do the same - in mind, body and spirit. Watch for upcoming information about the sesqui-

centennial anniversary as the church celebrates its Strength from the Past, and Faith for the Future.



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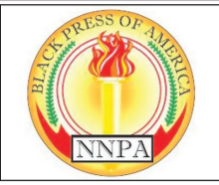
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## Our Voice

Majority of Black Americans are living through worst economic conditions in modern history!

Welcome to America, where Black Americans are more likely to be under-educated, unemployed and imprisoned than their White peers; where Black Americans, in general, have significantly less wealth, dramatically lower-quality housing, much poorer nutrition and sub-standard medical care. This is an America where Black people remain relatively silent while these conditions and a raging economic genocide, eliminates them, their children and their grandchildren from ever participating in the American mainstream!

Recent economic, wealth and employment reports confirm what much of Black America already knows: We are in serious TROUBLE and multitudes of Black people exist in deep poverty. Many Black people in America are not just poor by American standards; many of us are third-world poor. Black Americans are in an economic free-fall with no fiscal backstop. Many Black Americans will live their entire lives without ever having a positive net worth. Most Black people today who work are like "sharecroppers", men and families who did most or all of the work on a farm, but seldom earned enough to pay their debts and never owned anything of value.

While many economists praise the American economy with talk of low unemployment, record- housing starts and a booming GNP (gross national product), none of this tells the real story of the devastated Black economy within America. Recent data from the Pew Research Center shows the median wealth of Black households dropped an astonishing 34 percent from 2010 to 2013 while that of White households grew, albeit slightly, over that same period.

Pew's research shows that when automobiles and other durable goods are included, the net worth of White families was \$141,900 in 2013 while the net worth of Black families that year fell to \$11,000, down from \$19,000 in 2007. This means that two years ago White families had 13 times the wealth of Black families in America, a 24-year high for the wealth gap.

But it gets much worse! When you remove vehicles and other durables from the equation, according to New York University economist Edward Wolff, the median Black family worth is just \$1,700 (while 40 percent of Black families have zero or negative wealth). The median White family worth (without durable goods) is roughly 69 times more than that of Black families, or about \$116,800.

And worst of all, the sad reality is that liquid wealth is largely non-existent within Black families. Liquid wealth is the money used to pay bills, buy food, pay the rent and cover emergency situations. In 2011, the Center for Global Policy Solutions in a report entitled Beyond Broke, showed the median liquid wealth of Black Americans as only \$200, compared to \$23,000 held by Whites.

More than \$100 billion might have been extracted from Black American communities during the recent recession according to a report by the Center for Responsible Lending, Foreclosures by Race and Ethnicity. That money left the bank accounts, housing accounts and pockets of Black people and went somewhere else. While few people are searching for where that \$100 billion went, it is almost certain that it will never come back to those Black families. This economic carnage of the Black American economy constitutes a kind of "financial rape" of the African American community, similar to the devastating effects of colonization to the African continent. Black Americans might never recover. Never!

Higher education, once the reliable key to moving from low-income to middle-income status, is no longer an option. The portals that lead away from poverty, crime and despair have closed tight. Generational poverty is inextricably intertwined with race. Hope for breaking the poverty cycle diminishes as generations of Black children are born into inescapable poverty. Many more Blacks in America are slipping into a third-world status-from poverty to deep poverty.

Black America cannot wait for the government, foundations and universities to save us. Annually, Black Americans generate about \$1 trillion within the U.S. economy. We must take control of our financial resources and improve Black personal finances, our family wealth and our communities' economies. Although life might be good economically in America, the majority of Black Americans are living through the worst economic conditions in modern history!

### TEN KEY SOLUTIONS FOR BLACK ECONOMIC WELL-BEING:

1. Start your own business. By starting your own business, you can hire family, friends and community members.
2. Get as much formal education as you can. It usually translates into higher income.
3. Stop renting an apartment. Save enough money to make

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## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion

### WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

A Tuesday, November 8, 2016 rematch is scheduled

#### THE PROBLEMS:

Our opposition is still mostly lifelong extreme conservatives, but some of our former progressive people have become so comfortable with their new "temporary" friends, jobs and salaries that they have become ice cold.

James Hankins

Many of us progressive took our defeat in the 2014 mid-term election just as hard as losing a close family member. We experienced denial, anger, bargaining, depression then acceptance commonly known as the five stages of grief.

I went through anger, depression and bargaining. I stopped reading, listening to and watching anything that

had to do with politics for about seven weeks. I did not write about or discuss the elections. I foolishly hoped that only the people who did not take the time to vote would suffer at the hands of the people they allowed to be elected.

NOTE: In his fourth (4th) week of a six year term, North Carolina United States Senator Thom Tillis made an un-intelligent, arrogant and un-sanitary statement about government safety regulations. He said the people who prepare and serve our food in restaurants should not be required to wash their hands after using the bathroom. That decision should be left to the business owner not government regulators. We, taxpayers, pay him \$174,000 plus benefits a year for his "wisdom".

#### THE SOLUTIONS:

We assemble at church to say good-bye to our loved one,

the choir sings the final song, the minister gives the eulogy and benediction, we go to the grave site; wipe our tears for the last time, then to a fellowship hall to share a celebratory family meal with friends.

The fifth stage of grief is acceptance which will allow us go on with our lives. Some people take a long time to reach this stage, so we must be patient and accept their timeline. If we try too hard to rush them, we may lose them. Their personalities play a small part, but their occupations are a large factor in deciding when they step back into the movement.

It took me, a retired teacher, seven weeks dwelling on the negative before I got back involved in the movement. My son, a sixth year social studies teacher, had to have a lesson plan ready the very next day.

Most of us are now ready to fight again for the civil rights we gained during our second

(2nd) Reconstruction in the 1960s. The issues are still equal rights, equal pay, equal protection and voting rights.

Will you please join me and other freedom fighters in going back to work?

To be successful in this our third (3rd) Reconstruction, we must make the best use of one hour (60 minutes). Please spend only five minutes discussing the problem and fifty-five minutes working on solutions.

Psalm 30:5 "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

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## Each generation has something to offer

Whether it is in an inner city neighborhood across America, the Caribbean, in Europe or in a sprawling mass of people in an African or Brazilian urban area, millions of Black youth throughout the world are crying out for a better quality of life.



Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

They should always have a better life than their parents.

I always try to keep my eyes and ears open to see and hear what our youth are saying and doing. The axiom that the future is in the hands of the young is certainly true today. I admire and support young people who stand up and speak out for freedom and equal justice.

Despite what you may have heard, I have been impressed by the new generation of young activists, freedom fighters and community mobilizers who are emerging from Ferguson, Mo. to New York City, Rio, Soweto, Cape Town, Kingston, Havana, Luanda, and Lagos to Kinshasa and

Lubumbashi in the Congo.

Over the past several years, we have witnessed Black youth in the United States and throughout the Pan African world rise to challenge the lingering vestiges of racial oppression, neo-colonialism and economic inequity. There is a hunger and thirst for new movements for social, political and economic change by a generation of youth who appear to be ready to move forward.

Unfortunately, there are many young activists and leaders who are not receiving the kind of encouragement that they deserve and need to be successful. That's especially true in the case of those of us who have learned the contours and dynamics of power, institution building and what it means to sustain an effective movement for change. We need to show our youth more love, concern and support, even when we have a different opinion about how they should approach a particular task.

We cannot afford a generation gap at the leadership level. We cannot afford a cultural gap on the issues revolving around the poetry, music and art forms of our young artists who have always

evolved out of the crucibles of our long struggle for freedom, justice and equality. Wisdom must be transmitted from one generation to the other. But more than anything else, our young today need to be encouraged to withstand harsh contradictions of a society and world that still attempts to deny our humanity.

Yet, I know from first-hand experience that it is difficult, if not impossible, to give to others what you do not have in your own mind, pocket or spirit. In order to encourage our young lions to become strong freedom fighters, we have to be encouraged ourselves. If our spirit is broken, how are we going to inspire someone else?

W.E.B. DuBois, John Oliver Killens, James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, Zora Neale Hurston, Angela Davis, Sonia Sanchez, Nelson Mandela and many other of our freedom-fighting writers and scholars all were once encouraged by elders who pointed the way forward in the global struggle for freedom and empowerment. Now more than ever before, our youth need the encouragement and guidance of the elders who are sober with informative and inspir-

ing wisdom of the past and present.

That is true at home and abroad. For example, there are 78 million people, whose average age is 16 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Millions of these young Congolese should be educated about the legacy and spirit of Patrice Lumumba. The majority of Africans across the continent are young, gifted and talented.

This is no time for us to engage in hopelessness in Africa, nor in America. The miseries of the past do not have to be our future. We must learn from the past. Our future should not be determined by what others do to us, but by what we will do for ourselves, and in particular what we will do to help our youth excel, triumph and push for a better quality of life.

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a down payment on a house. Then buy a house.

4. Get married! Two-person-headed households are more viable economically. Marriage can be an economic advantage when both parties are aligned on financial priorities and share similar

fiscal visions.

5. Open savings accounts for your children, teach your children the value of money and have them take personal finance classes.

6. First, invest your money and your time in your skills, your knowledge base and your self-improvement. Second, learn how to let big companies work for you rather than you only work-

ing for them through stock ownership. And third, invest your money in the U.S. and other global stock markets.

7. Manage your credit carefully and avoid unnecessary debt.

8. Create a living strategy that includes good nutrition, plenty of exercise and proper rest so that you might live a long and healthy life. Health is wealth!

9. Contribute to your faith-based institution and invest in a social organization or social cause.

10. Create a will or trust to pass on your accumulated wealth.

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

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB





## Super Bowl noise drowned out Russell Wilson

"Every setback has a major comeback." - Russell Wilson, Seattle Seahawks Quarterback, via Twitter (@DangeRussWilson)

Far be it for me to join the legions of Monday morning quarterbacks for a game that has been, and will be, dissected for days, weeks and years to come. But whatever one may think of the outcome of the Seattle Seahawks' decision to have QB Russell Wilson throw from the 1-yard line in Super Bowl XLIX's nail-biting, final seconds, it accomplished something more than sealing the fates of two championship teams. It shifted our attention from "DeflateGate" and pre-game snuffles to Wilson - where arguably much of the focus before the big game should have been considering that this 26-year-old from Richmond, Va. stood on the precipice of both NFL and American history.

Initially tapped by the Seahawks as a 2012 third

round draft pick out of the University of Wisconsin, Wilson, with the presumed limitation of his 5-foot-11 inch frame, was an underrated prospect and an undervalued entity. However, he emerged from his first season as the 2012 NFL Rookie of the Year with his 26 touchdown passes, tying the NFL's single season record by a rookie set in 1998 by Peyton Manning.

The Seahawks; 8-0 record at home making Wilson the first rookie quarterback in the Super Bowl era to lead his team to an undefeated home record. By the 2013-14 season, only his second in the NFL, Wilson had led the Seahawks to the team's first-ever Super Bowl victory, making him only the second African American quarterback to win a Super Bowl (Doug Williams was the first in 1988) and cementing his standing as a new force in the NFL.

So, with a media landscape as vast and varied as ours, why was this story drowned out by so much less-worthy noise in the days leading to the Super Bowl?

Whether you prefer to call it "DeflateGate" or "Ballgazi," the allegation of underinflated balls is a serious one for the NFL to investigate. The act itself strikes at the very heart of the game

and its obligation to fairness. But for a nation known for its love of feel-good, inspirational stories, putting a spotlight on Wilson's history-making rise could have been a reminder that cheating allegations do not define the pastime - and that "nice guys" are champions, too. However, as many media chose to not focus on this angle, in the few words that I have here, I will.

Of course, there is more to Wilson than his prowess on the field. Last year, he launched "Pass the Peace," an initiative to raise awareness and money for victims of domestic violence through his "Why Not You Foundation." In an environment where the NFL remains under a cloud of scandal after a number of high-profile abuse cases, the story of Wilson's effort to help combat this insidious problem should be able to generate as much press interest as Marshawn Lynch's media stand-off or Patriots' QB Tom Brady's pre-Super Bowl cold.

If history had been on the side of the Seahawks, the national conversation the morning after the NFL's biggest game would have been about Wilson being the youngest starting quarterback ever to win two Super Bowls, the only one to win

two Super Bowls in his first three seasons and the only Black quarterback to have more than one Super Bowl ring. Instead, many people are discussing an ill-fated pass that Wilson refuses to become his lasting legacy. Making his feelings clear on his Twitter account, he responded that "At 26 years old I won't allow 1 play or 1 moment define my career. I will keep evolving. #Motivation."

When Wilson was a teenager, his father, who died in 2010 from diabetes complications, would conduct mock interviews with him, asking him how he prepared for an imaginary Super Bowl in the future. This wasn't his first Super Bowl run - and I have a strong feeling it will not be his last. I believe Wilson will rise above the noise of the NFL and the media's silence both on-and-off-the-field and continue to make history.

The final-minute interception snatched a hard-fought victory from the Seahawks, but if Wilson's story speaks to us in volumes about anything, it tells us that defeat will never have the last word in his game called life.

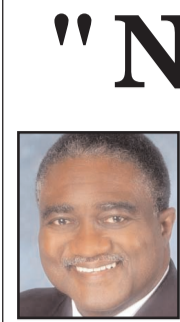
Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.



Marc Morial

## CURRY'S COMMENTS

### Did NBC'S Brian Williams also lie about Hurricane Katrina?



George Curry

"NBC Nightly News" anchor Brian Williams has finally admitted that he had incorrectly asserted that a helicopter he traveled aboard in 2002 while reporting on the Iraq War in 2003 was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, forcing an emergency landing.

"This was a bungled attempt by me to thank one special veteran and by extension our brave military men and women veterans everywhere..." he said on air.

Williams' admission came on the heels of a story published in the military publication Stars & Stripes that challenged his retelling of events.

"NBC News anchor Brian Williams has told a war story over the years since the 2003 invasion of Iraq. It grew to where he was claiming to be on a Chinook helicopter that was forced down after taking rocket-propelled grenade and small-arms fire," the newspaper reported. "In his on-air apology Wednesday, he backed off that, but said that he 'was instead in a following aircraft.' Soldiers who were in two Chinook companies say he was not in, nor ever near, a helicopter that was being fired upon."

Williams, who makes \$13 million a year, has drastically altered his story over the years, according to a timeline published by CNN.

Lt. Col. Jerry Pearman, the mission commander when one of the three Chinooks took fire, told Stars & Stripes, "I can say with 100 percent certainty that no NBC reporters were on any of the aircrafts."

Following his public admission, Williams said that he would forgo his anchoring duties at the top-rated network news program "for the next several days." Politico.com, describing what it called "a sign of deepening trouble," reported on Sunday that Williams cancelled an appearance on "Late Night with David Letterman" that had been scheduled for Thursday.

It was on an earlier Letterman show that Williams also gave his now-discredited account.

The New York Times reported, "In 2013, Mr. Williams told David Letterman that he had actually been on the helicopter that got shot down, adding that a crew member had been injured and received a medal. 'We figured out how to land safely,' he said, 'we landed very quickly and hard. We were stuck, four birds in the desert and we were north out ahead of the other Americans.'"

Of course, none of that was true. Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR), the media watchdog group, said, "Now that he's cleared that up, there are some other tall tales that Williams might want to take back. Take his recounting of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans (Dateline NBC, 8/22/10; Extra!, 10/10):

"You know, I've been around a lot of guns and a lot of dead bodies, and a lot of people shooting at people to make dead bodies. But you put them all together and you put it in the United States of America, and boy, it gets your attention...."

"It was clear already there weren't going to be enough cops.... Everywhere we went, every satellite shot, every camera shot, we were at the height of the violence and the looting and the-all the reports of gunplay downtown. Well, who's bathed in the only lights in town? It was us...."

"We had to ask Federal Protection Service guys with automatic weapons to just form a ring and watch our backs while we were doing Dateline NBC one night.... State troopers had to cover us by aiming at the men in the street just to tell them, 'Don't think of doing a smash and grab and killing this guy for the car.'"

FAIR stated, "As long as he's in a confessional mood, Williams might as well admit that he didn't see 'a lot of people shooting at people to make dead bodies,' nor would people have killed him for his car if he hadn't been surrounded by feds - none of which appeared in his original reporting."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune reported in a Pulitzer Prize-winning story, "Four weeks after the storm, few of the widely reported atrocities have been backed with evidence. The piles of bodies never materialized, and soldiers, police officers and rescue personnel on the front lines say that although anarchy reigned at times and people suffered unimaginable indignities, most of the worst crimes reported at the time never happened."

To Williams' credit he did air a week-long series called "After the Storm: The Long Road Back" in which the network tackled racial discrimination, among other issues. He said Katrina was different from most disasters and that NBC would "keep covering it."

However, that was not the case. FAIR observed, "... Katrina's impoverished victims faded rapidly away from NBC's coverage thereafter. By the six-month anniversary in February, NBC had joined its rivals in limiting coverage to a brief look at the struggles of putting on Mardi Gras in a depopulated city, then moving on before anyone could accuse them of peering too deeply into matters of race or class."

Perhaps it was another "bungled attempt" by Brian Williams to portray himself as a hero.

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## BLACKONOMICS

### When are we going to get tired of abuse?

There comes a time in the course of human events for persons who have been mistreated to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with those who mistreat them. In the interest of self-respect and to claim the respect of



James Clingman

others, after a long train of abuses, such persons have the right and the duty to throw off those who mistreat them and provide new guards for their future security.

The Declaration of Independence

This country was established on the simple facts that people were being mistreated, they were tired of it, and they were not going to take it anymore. One cannot help but admire people who come to the end of their rope, defiantly proclaim the truth about their condition, and then do something about it.

I long for the day when Black people finally get so tired of the abuse we suffer all over this country that we will decide to spend much more of our time, not trying to hurt someone else, but to use our resources to help ourselves.

Our plight is similar to that of the founders of this country. The big difference: They were fed up and determined to make a change; we are just fed up. They had to go to war, as we must do if we want change. Our war must be revolutionary as well, but it must be fought with dollars rather than musket balls.

Our resolve must be the same as the Patriots. We must "admit" our problem and then "commit" to doing what we have to do to get what say we want. Why would we continue to hope and wish for change from people who have demonstrated no indication of their willingness to do so? Check out how Patrick Henry put it: "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past. And judging by the past, I wish to know what there has been in the conduct of the British ministry for the last ten years to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves...."

Henry knew he had to fight rather than hope and wish for change. He asked his compatriots what would make them believe their captors would change. "Is it that insidious smile with which our petition has been lately received? Trust it not, sir; it will prove a snare to your feet."

Patrick Henry continued, "They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed... Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot?"

Henry reminded the people of their futile petitions, their arguments against oppression, their entreaties and supplications to the King. He reminded them of their demonstrations, their protestations, and their humility, all rejected by the power structure. He told them it was time to take things into their own hands and stop begging their oppressors to come to their rescue. He said, "There is no longer any room for hope. If we wish to be free... we must fight! I repeat it, sir, we must fight!"

Until Black people decide to fight against negative external forces and our own internal economic recalcitrance, things will not change.

If we do not act upon the historical juxtaposition of David Walker's Appeal and Patrick Henry's words, we are doomed to permanent under-

class status. We must leverage our economic capacity against corporations that treat us like afterthoughts. And, we must combine our intellectual and financial resources to build our own political, economic, educational, and social independence. (Join the One Million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors movement by sending an email to [info@iamoneofthemillion.com](mailto:info@iamoneofthemillion.com))

Having written in this space for 22 years, I figured I'd let a White man do the talking this time. That way more of our people will listen and act; because if a White man called for a revolt, it must be all right for a Black man to call for one.

So I leave you with Patrick Henry's most famous words: "Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

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

## 'The Detroit Walker,' a study in resilience

For most of the last decade, James Robertson, a 56-year-old Detroit, walked to work every day.

Of course, anyone who's not been on Planet Saturn this month knows that simple sentence is a gross understatement, akin to saying Brazil's mighty Amazon River is just an ordinary waterway.

In the space of three days as January turned to February, the fact that James Robertson has walked a total of 21 miles to and from work most of his working days since 2005 became an Internet sensation, attracting legions of admirers and donations totaling at least \$300,000. All because thousands of people both in Detroit and far from the Motor City recognized the quality that James Robertson embodies most of all.

That quality is resilience. The plainspoken Robertson has said he was

determined to keep the job he loved as a machine operator for a plastics molding firm that had moved from one suburb relatively near Detroit to a location farther away. So, when Robertson's nearly 21-year-old car quit on him in 2005 and his working-man's salary was too low for him to afford another one, and public transit cutbacks eliminated the possibility of fully commuting by bus, Robertson embarked upon the physically and mentally grueling regime of riding the bus from his neighborhood to its end point - and then walking for hours through city and suburban neighborhoods to his job.

Despite getting on average, two hours of sleep a day during the workweek, he's never missed a day of work and he's never been late. "I do it with no excuses," the plain-spoken Robertson said later to one of the many news organizations that sought him out in the wake of a Feb. 1 Detroit Free Press story about him. "If you want something, you gotta go out and get it... You better go ahead and do it because your girlfriend doesn't want to hear it, your coworkers don't want to hear

it and you got to get up and do it again the next day."

That story was the product of a query made to the newspaper by a banker who, after seeing Robertson walking many days along his commuting route, began to give him rides for part of Robertson's arduous trek. The publicity, in turn, led a Wayne State University student, to quickly set up an online funding campaign. The initial target: \$5,000.

Now, the banker has assembled a team of advisers to ensure the windfall the story brought in will be managed wisely. Robertson himself has made it plain the windfall won't change his simple wants and needs. "I've seen what happens when people get money," he told the Free Press. "My dad, God rest his soul, he still influences me. He's not going to let me get haughty."

James Robertson has become a figure of widespread acclaim for two reasons. First, he's a man who has refused to accept defeat. He refused to bow to powerful large-scale economic forces - such as those that have pushed many blue-collar and white-collar jobs away from

cities and public transit cutbacks. And he refused to surrender to smaller-scale individual economic setbacks that increasingly threaten low-wage workers' ability to get and keep jobs. Secondly, Robertson's quiet heroism illuminates the value of work itself to human beings' sense of themselves and their own sense of connection to the larger society. It also underscores the point that poor people and people with modest incomes don't need tendentious lectures about that. They just need work and affordable means of getting to those jobs. In other words, James Robertson refused to be kept from his goal.

At the first level, one can say that goal is simply to keep the particular job he loves.

But there's another meaning to the incredible saga of James Robertson. That meaning is to be found in the elements that make up that overarching quality of resilience he possesses in abundance. Those elements - commit-

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ment, grit, and a refusal to be deterred - show he understands a profound point about human existence. It is the determination to keep trying to make our way in the world on our own terms - a determination produced not by our vanity but by our humanity.

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

## The BLACK PRESS

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## THE PEOPLE'S CLINIC

## Protect your heart: Show it some love!

**H**eart disease continues to be the leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause of death in North Carolina. Did you know that, each year, more than 600,000 people in the US die as a result of heart disease? The American Heart Association (AHA) estimates that 85.6 million people in the US are living with some type of heart disease. Alarmingly, African Americans suffer at a 20% higher rate than Whites, and African Americans account for almost 25% of all US deaths due to heart disease! In NC, over 24,000 people died as a result of heart disease in 2013, accounting for 29% of all deaths in the state, and more than 5,000 of those deaths were African Americans.

#### Why are African Americans at greater risk for heart disease?

Recent research, cited by the AHA, suggests there may be a gene that makes African-Americans much more sensitive to the effects of salt,

which in turn increases the risk for developing high blood pressure. High blood pressure is one of most significant risks for heart disease. African Americans also tend to have higher rates of obesity and diabetes, which then puts them at greater risk for high blood pressure and heart disease.

#### What is Heart Disease?

Heart disease is defined as any illness that affects the heart's ability to function normally. Heart disease is also known as cardiovascular disease, coming from the words "cardia" referring to the heart, and "vascular" referring to the arteries and blood vessels that carry blood throughout your body. Adapted from the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association, we have prepared a mini-glossary of heart disease terms below.

**Angina** - A type of chest discomfort or pain caused by inadequate blood flow through the blood vessels of the heart muscle.

**Arrhythmia** - An arrhyth-

mia is any disorder of your heart rate or heart rhythm, such as beating too fast, too slow or irregularly. This occurs when the electrical impulse that signals the parts of your heart to contract in a synchronized manner is interrupted.

**Atherosclerosis** - A disease that occurs when fatty material and a substance called plaque builds up on the walls of your arteries.

**Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)** - happens when the heart can no longer pump enough blood to the rest of the body.

**Heart failure** is almost always a chronic, long-term condition, although it can develop suddenly. This condition may affect the right side, the left side, or both sides of the heart.

**Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)** - is a narrowing of the small blood vessels that sup-

ply blood and oxygen to the heart. CAD is usually caused by atherosclerosis. As the coronary arteries narrow, blood flow to the heart can slow down or stop, causing chest pain (stable angina), shortness of breath, heart attack, and other symptoms.

**Heart Attack** - A heart attack occurs when low blood flow causes the heart to starve for oxygen. Heart muscle dies or becomes permanently damaged. Most heart attacks are caused by a blood clot that blocks one of the coronary arteries. The coronary arteries bring blood and oxygen to the heart. If the blood flow is blocked, the heart starves for oxygen, and heart cells die.

**Heart Murmur** - a blowing, whooshing, or rasping sound produced by unstable blood flow through the heart valves or near the heart.

#### What are the risk factors for heart disease?

There are two types of risk factors for heart disease: controllable risk factors, and non-controllable risk factors. Non-controllable risk factors include: age (being 50 years old or older) and having a family history of heart disease, especially if your relative had it before age 55. Controllable risk factors for heart disease include having hypertension (high blood pressure), high cholesterol, and/or diabetes; being obese; being sedentary (lacking physical activity); and smoking.

#### So what can I do if I have these risk factors?

1. Control your blood pressure. Hypertension is defined as having blood pressure greater or equal to 140/90 mmHg. For adults with diabetes, blood pressure should be below 130/80 mmHg. Pre-hypertension, a risk factor for hypertension, is defined as having a systolic (upper number) blood pressure of 120-139 mmHg or a diastolic (lower number) blood pressure of 80-89 mmHg. Check your blood pressure regularly and make sure that your healthcare provider checks your pressure every time you go to see him or her.

2. Keep your cholesterol in check. There are two types of cholesterol: LDL (low density lipoprotein) and HDL (high density lipoprotein); high levels of HDL (greater than 50mg/dl) and low levels of LDL (less than 130mg/dl) are healthy for your heart. According to the American Heart Association, everyone who is 20 years of age and older should have a fasting lipoprotein profile every five years. If you have diabetes or heart disease, more frequent checks may be needed.

3. Control your diabetes. If you have diabetes, it is very important to keep your blood sugar under control. Your doctor may order a glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) test to determine how well your blood sugar is controlled. The higher your HbA1c is, the greater your risk for heart disease and other diabetes complications. A normal level of HbA1c is less than 7.0 percent.

4. Control your weight. Body mass index, or BMI, is a measure that indicates our "body fatness" or level of weight control. It is based on a ratio of your weight to your height. For an adult, obesity is defined as having a BMI of greater than or equal to 30. Between 25.0 to 29.9 is considered overweight, and 18.5 to 24.9 is normal. Getting adequate physical activity (as discussed below) and eating a healthy diet can help keep your weight under control.

5. Get active! Physical activity doesn't have to be boring; there are plenty of ways to be active and enjoy a healthy lifestyle. According to the CDC, adults should engage in moderate-intensity physical activities for at least 30 minutes on 5 or more days of the week, or engage in vigorous-intensity physical activity 3 or more days per week for 20 or more minutes per occasion. Physical activity can include anything from jogging to biking, brisk walking, swimming, and mowing the yard.

6. Stop smoking and/or avoid secondhand smoke. If you are a current smoker, there are many resources available to help you quit. Quitting smoking may be difficult, but you have a much higher chance of succeeding if you involve your doctor, your family, and your friends in your decision to stop. Getting involved in tobacco support groups may increase your chances of success because you will be able to talk to people who are feeling the same way you are. Talk to your doctor about what resources are available in your area to help you stop

smoking.

#### How is Heart Disease Diagnosed?

Your doctor may perform several tests, examples of which are: resting or non-resting electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG), chest X-ray, exercise stress test, computed tomography (CT) scan, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The CT and MRT scans allow the doctor to see a 3-D image of your heart. Your doctor may also perform a cardiac catheterization, during which a doctor inserts a thin plastic tube (catheter) into an artery or vein in the arm or leg. From there it can be sent into the chambers of the heart or into the coronary arteries, allowing the doctor to see what areas are blocked or affected by disease.

#### Medications & Procedures

There are a variety of heart medications you can take to treat or prevent heart disease. These drugs lower your blood pressure, reduce the level of cholesterol in your blood, or help your body get rid of excess fluids that affect your heart's ability to pump blood. There are many procedures done to treat heart disease, such as angioplasty, bypass surgery, cardioversion, and heart transplant. There are also devices that can be used, such as a pacemaker, a small device that sends electrical impulses to the heart muscle to maintain a correct heart rate and rhythm. Some of the common procedures include:

**Balloon Angioplasty:** A small balloon is threaded through a catheter and inflated to compress fatty tissue around your coronary artery; the balloon can also stretch the artery a bit to increase blood flow to the heart. A stent is a small metal mesh tube that supports the inside of your coronary artery to help keep it open and reduce the risk of further blockage.

1. Bypass Surgery creates a new path for blood to flow to the heart when coronary arteries are blocked. During coronary artery bypass graft surgery, a blood vessel is removed or redirected from one area of the body and placed so that it "bypasses" the blockages and restores blood flow to the heart. This vessel is called a graft. These substitute blood vessels can come from your chest, legs, or arms. It's safe to remove grafts from these areas because there are other pathways that take blood to and from those tissues.

2. Cardioversion is a treatment for arrhythmia (heart rhythms that are irregular). During cardioversion, a special machine sends electrical energy to the heart muscle to restore normal rhythm. The procedure restores the normal heart rate and rhythm, allowing the heart to pump more effectively.

3. Heart Transplant is the replacement of a person's diseased heart with a healthy donor's heart. A heart transplant procedure is considered when heart failure is so severe that it does not respond to all other therapies, but the person's health is otherwise good.

Preventing Heart Disease by living a healthy lifestyle and being aware of your risk factors is essential, along with having regular check-ups with your doctor. Treat your heart right so it can take care of you for many years to come!

*Do you need further information or have questions or comments about this article? Please call toll-free 1-877-530-1824. Or, for more information about the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, please visit our website: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/MACHE>.*

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**New Hanover County**

The New Hanover County Schools Parents Communication Committee is seeking additional parent members for the 2014-15 school year. The committee includes Board of Education Members Tammy Covil and Lisa Estep, Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley, other school administrators and four NHCS parents.



**Community Briefs**

Any NHCS parent interested in becoming a part of the Parents Communication Committee should contact Crystal Buie in the Superintendent's Office at (910) 254-4219 or crystal.buie@nhcs.net. The next Parents Communication Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. in the New Hanover County Board of Education Center, 1805 South 13th Street.

**Holly Tree Elementary School** welcomes community members to participate in the 6th annual Holly Tree Cardinal Strut on Saturday, February 28, 2015, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Holly Tree Elementary School, 3020 Web Trace, Wilmington, NC 28409. This year's Cardinal Strut returns with the same great 5k, 10k, Fun Run and 5k walk events to meet every age and fitness level. Holly Tree will also be bringing back the Cardinal DASH - a competitive 1 mile race to determine who is the fastest man, woman and child. The post race activities will feature breakfast for all participants, music and great awards. Visit [www.cardinalstrut.com](http://www.cardinalstrut.com) for all race and registration information, or contact Tovi Heffron at (910) 264-1396 or tovi.heffron@gmail.com.

**New Hanover Regional Medical Center** is offering a new Ostomy support group to help improve the quality of life for people with permanent and temporary Ostomies. Run by NHRMC wound/Ostomy nurses, meetings will offer education and a chance for those with Ostomies to share their experiences. Ostomy Support Group meetings will be on the second Monday of each month from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. in the James Walker Conference Room near the NHRMC Cafeteria. For questions, email [nhrmc.ostomates@gmail.com](mailto:nhrmc.ostomates@gmail.com).

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

**Pender County**

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

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**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

Happy Valentines to the ones I love. I know I don't say this enough but I do love each and every one of you. Thanks for keeping me in your prayers. May God continue to bless each one of you. From brothers, sisters, cousins, children, grand, great grand, friends and associates

Love always,  
Helen Johnson.

**Utley signs National Letter of Intent**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS  
**DANDRELL UTLEY**

New Hanover football star Dandrell Utley signed his National Letter of Intent to play college football in the fall, on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

February 4th was the first day that high school seniors could sign a National Letter of Intent.

Utley, who played cornerback for the Wildcats, had a tremendous career at New Hanover, earning three varsity letters. He is ranked as one of the top 100 defensive backs in the State of North Carolina.

Utley was named second

team All-Mideastern Conference after helping lead New Hanover to a 7-5 record, a 5-1 conference finish and an appearance in the NCHSAA 4A Playoffs. As a senior, he recorded 64 tackles, 22 pass break ups, three fumble recoveries, and an interception.

Utley also participated in Track and Field at New Hanover. His events included 100, 200, and 400 Meters, as well as High, Long, and Triple Jumps.

Utley currently holds a 4.2 GPA and plans on pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice while attending college.

**HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**Sink holes, pot holes and Women's Conference, Saturday, January 31, 2015**

Senior Citizens keep up to date with news in the community and far away. We watch and listen to the news on television; we read newspapers, magazines, and books with our special reading glasses.



**Verniece Stanley**

There is a large pond of water on Old Ocean Highway, HWY 17 South. Pass the Government Complex and go about three miles. Look for the large pond of water on the right side. It appears to be getting larger, and it's near a brown log cabin style home.

The pond has been there for many years. It was there when our grandparents were living. Now it's overflowing with water. Help is needed to save the houses in that area. We listen to the news

about the sink-holes in Florida. Sink holes are a natural depression in a land surface communicating with a subterranean passage, generally occurring in limestone regions and caused by the collapse of a cavern roof. Scientists are using special kinds of machinery to help locate places where sink holes are likely to happen. Many people are moving away to live in other places that are safer. A large body of water like a pond could be flooded. For a long time you can see bubbles in the water. It may be the first sign of a sink hole. We wonder about other places of water that will flood on highways.

There was big gathering at the Women's Conference, held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, N. C. It was a most outstanding part of our lives, one we will keep as a guiding light. It was help at the St. John

Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, NC 28422.

Workshop topics were "Education, Respect and Self Control for Youth"; "Adults Setting Examples for the Youth"; "Being a Positive Witness." Presenters were Sister Betty Bryant, Prophetess Deborah Smith, Mattie L.H. William and Minister Vanessa Armond.

Apostle LeTonya McLaurin-Harris, of "For Ladies Only Outreach," which has evolved into "Don't Waste the Oil", a ministry designed to minister to single, married, wounded, abused and those with low self esteem, by letting them know who they are.

She has been inspired to write a book, entitled Me and My Own Will, which is still underway. Pastor Quan K. Stewart and Assistant Pastor Helen Smith-Boynton invite all to come and worship with them at St. John Missionary Baptist Church..

We departed with a deep feeling of being together in the near future. They did not forget to take another look at the flooded pond with water near the door steps. We hope the family will get the help needed.

*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.*

**NHCS 2015-2016 school year enrollment application deadlines**

New Hanover County Schools will be accepting enrollment applications for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:  
**Kindergarten Registration** March 2 - 13, 2015  
Parents can register a child for kindergarten at their assigned district school. Students must be five years old by August 31, 2015 to qualify. Kindergarten registration will

be held through the first day of school should parents miss the March dates.

**Year Round Kindergarten applications** March 2 - 13, 2015  
To be included in the initial lottery draw.

**Year Round Grades 1 - 5 applications** March 16 - April 24, 2015  
To be included in the initial lottery draw.

**Magnet Kindergarten applications** March 2 - 13, 2015  
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**Magnet Grades 1 - 5 applications** March 16 - April 24, 2015  
To be included in the initial lottery draw.

**Open Choice applications** March 16 - April 24, 2015  
Applications are available

online, at all schools, at the NHCS Administration building located at 6410 Carolina Beach Road, and at the Spencer building, 1802 South 15th Street. For more information, visit <http://www.nhcs.net/districts/options.htm> or call Denise Angevine, NHCS enrollment specialist, at (910) 251-2929 or LeAnne Groves, NHCS Student Support, at (910) 254-4292.

**Wilmington premiere of Clybourne Park**

The Thalian Association, North Carolina's Official Community Theater, in partnership with the Black Arts Alliance, invite you to the Pulitzer (2011) and Tony Award Winning (2012) play Clybourne Park. This captivating spin off of Lorraine Hansberry's A Raisin in the Sun will play at the Red Barn Studio Theatre, February 19 - March 1; performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm with Sunday matinees at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 with senior and group discounts available and Thrifty Thursday performances are \$10. For tickets visit [thalian.org](http://thalian.org) or call 910-684-5709 or 910-254-1788.

Brandon Hickman, President of the Black Arts Alliance, shares: "The Black

Arts Alliance is excited about the production of Clybourne Park in Wilmington, NC! This body of work is thought provoking and makes us look at ourselves and how we deal with our neighborhood relationships. Additionally, this Wilmington production has some of the best actors and actresses from, in and around the city...as we support all arts this is an event you do not want to miss as it brings "ALL" of our neighbors together in one room!"

Home is where the heart - and history - is. Jokes fly and hidden agendas unfold as two vastly different generations of characters tip-toe the delicate dance of social politics. Pitting race against real estate, two seminal events - 50 years apart - are at the crux of the conflict

in the same north Chicago house. The play takes Lorraine Hansberry's landmark drama A Raisin in the Sun as its jumping-off point; the house being sold in Clybourne Park is the same house purchased by Hansberry's character Lena Younger. The ensemble cast under the direction of Joy Gregory consists of Katrina Hargrave, Jacob Huber, Jane McNeill, Stephanie Grace Meyer, Timothy Rizor, J.R. Rodriguez, Robert Smith III.

In this ground breaking production about locations, relationships and real estate, the Thalian Association, for the first time, will be performing Clybourne Park in two different theatrical venues. The show will be previewed February 20-March 1, in the intimate setting of the Red

Barn Studio Theatre (1122 S. 3rd Street). It will then transfer to Thalian Hall, March 19-22.

*Established in 1788, the Thalian Association is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to enhancing the Cape Fear region through live community theater and arts education. The Thalian Community Theater produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at historic Thalian Hall. The Thalian Association Children's Theater (TACT) is a youth production company that offers training and performance opportunities for children age 7 through high school seniors. In 2007, North Carolina legislature named the Thalian Association North Carolina's Official Community Theater. For more information, go to [www.thalian.org](http://www.thalian.org).*

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**LaTasha Renee Springer**

LaTasha Renee Springer, daughter of Pamela Springer and the late Reginald Sweet, entered into eternal rest at her residence on January 25. She was preceded in death by her father, Reginald Sweet, her grandparents, Jacqueline D. Springer and Daisy L. Sweet, and her uncle, Robert Springer. Funeral service was held Saturday, January 31st at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial followed in the Pollock Cemetery, Scotts Hill, NC.

"Big Mama", as she was affectionately called, had a place in her heart for everyone. She will be remembered by her beautiful smile, joyous laughter, caring heart and sincere devotion to her family and friends.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her mother, Pamela Springer; siblings, Darelle Young, Jaquan Williams, LaTonya Springer, DeAndre Sweet; Sylvester Hooper and Valaria Barnhill who were raised as siblings; grandparents, Joseph Sweet and Harold Wrotten; aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends. *John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Barbara Marie James**

Barbara Marie James, daughter of the late Mrs. Amelia E. Mitchell and Mr. Lindsey Blackledge, Sr. died January 29, 2015. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Lindsey Blackledge, Jr. and Gerald A. Blackledge. Funeral Services were held Sunday at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

She leaves to mourn her passing, yet cherish her memory, her devoted husband of 48 years, George R. James; daughters, Shawne L. James-Newell and Damita B. Davis (Keith); sister, Lisa Marbley; brother Raoul Coal; grandchildren, Roderick, D'Chantel, Darius, Kye; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Helen Kirby  
Brewington Scott**

Helen Kirby Brewington Scott transitioned to her heavenly home on January 28, 2015. Daughter of the late John William and Linnie Joyner Kirby, she was preceded in death by her children, John, Bettye and Donald; her brother, Samuel and sister, Marie. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Helen joined Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. She served faithfully for over 50 years, even after relocating to Ohio. She enjoyed cooking and listening to gospel music.

Those left to cherish her memory include: two daughters, Claudia Mallette (Samuel) and Vivian Inez Lewis; two sons, Alfred and Herman Brewington; one daughter-in-law, Doris Brewington; one niece, Gloria Rhodes; two nephews, Samuel Kirby and Roderick Kirby (Linda); thirty-two grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren; two godchildren, Emma Wells and James King (Earline); special friends, Lucille Faison,

Regnarda James and Sadie Willis; and a host of other family and friends. *John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Mrs. Margaret  
Jenette James**

Margaret Jenette James, daughter of John Stallings and Ada Harrison, was born on April 20, 1937, in Wallace North Carolina. She was preceded in death by both her parents, and her husband, Robert Edward James, Sr. The funeral service was 12 Noon, Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at St. James A.M.E. Zion Church. Burial was in Halls Cemetery.

She was educated in the Brunswick County School System. Margaret accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age and joined St. James A.M.E. Zion Church. She enjoyed good preaching, teaching and singing. As her health declined and she was no longer able to attend church services, she hosted and enjoyed regular prayer meetings in her home.

She was known as Jenette to many, but to her children, grandchildren and many of their friends, she was "Muh." Muh was an excellent cook, baker and seamstress. Her creativity was evident in the many pieces of furniture within her home that she designed and upholstered. Before her illness, she loved being outdoors, working in the yard and in her garden. She also enjoyed traveling, antique shopping and visiting garage sales on the weekends.

She also possessed the gift of hospitality. One of her natural gifts was making everyone that walked through the door of her home feel special. Everyone was always greeted with a warm welcome and delicious food.

Left to cherish her memories are children: Joyce (Russell) Nixon, Robert (Carolyn) James, Jr., Thaddeus James, Donald (Tequila) James, Kenny James, Peggy (Leroy) Peoples, and Janice (Harry) Hall; siblings: Albert (Ella) Harrison, Marva (Gadson) Fortune, Janice (Larry) Murphy, and Anita Stallings; aunt, Ruth Harrison; sisters-in-law: Margaret Smith and Elena Fuqua; special friends: Ida Mae James and Sarah Daniels; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).*

**Robert Lee, III**

Robert Lee, III died at his home. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 30th at House of God Church, East Wilmington. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Robert Lee, III, age 69, son of the late Robert Lee, II and Ethel Mae Batts was born June 28, 1955 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was the oldest of three sons. Robert was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System and graduated from New Hanover High School. He worked for Newell Davis Company and later Bethlehem Steel. After an on the job injury, Robert had to stop working.

Robert was a people-person

and had the ability to make everlasting friendships. He enjoyed singing and playing his guitar. Robert was raised up in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, pillar and ground of the Truth Without Controversy, Inc. Keith Dominion. He gave his life to God in 2007 and was a devoted and faithful member. He received several awards in Sunday School for reciting the memory verse. He was devoted to doing devotions with Deacon McCollum and singing spirituals with Brother Jonathan. His favorite songs were, "Your Grace and Mercy" and "Stay Under the Blood".

Robert married his high school sweetheart on August 16, 2008. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He always had a kind word to say and treasured the simple things in life. He loved spending time with his family, cooking and eating fried chicken. We will miss his smile, his laugh and his charismatic way he used to throw around the phrase "Don't start crying now!"

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Felita D. Lee; daughters, Sonya Davis and Nyoka Kea; son, Chris George; grandchildren, Jada Davis, Qu'ron Kea, Rondell Thomas and Antonio Thomas; brothers, Rev. James Lee (Linda) and Jonathan Lee (Yolonda); brothers-in-law, Billy Rae Jones (Mallie), James Junior Jones and Nathaniel Jones; sisters-in-law, Grace Williams, Barbara Keith (Kelvin) and Lavern Johnson (Doug); special aunt, Shirley Robinson; special friends, James Edward and Kelvin, his neighbor. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Helen Scott**

Helen Scott died in Toledo, OH. Funeral services were held on Tuesday February 3rd at Mt. Nebo MB Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Helen Kirby Brewington Scott was born May 19, 1921, to the late John William and Linnie Joyner Kirby, and transitioned to her heavenly home on January 28, 2015. She was preceded in death by her children, John, Bettye and Donald; brother, Samuel and sister, Marie. Helen joined Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church at an early age under the pastorate of Reverend G.W. Billips. She faithfully served at Mount Nebo for well over 50 years and worked diligently in all of the organizations she joined. Helen's love of music led her to join the Gospel and Jewel Choirs; and her willingness to serve whenever and wherever needed inspired her to join the Missionary Society, Floral Club and the O.C. Burney Club. Even after relocating to Ohio due to failing health, Helen never failed to send her tithes and offerings to Mount Nebo. Cooking was one of Helen's passions. She served as the head of Mount Nebo's Kitchen Committee for many years and loved to bake cakes and biscuits for her family. She also enjoyed listening to gospel music to rest and relax.

Those left to cherish her memory include: two daughters, Claudia Mallette (Samuel) and Vivian Inez Lewis; two sons, Alfred and Herman Brewington; one daughter-in-

law, Doris Brewington; one niece, Gloria Rhodes; two nephews, Samuel Kirby and Roderick Kirby (Linda); thirty-two grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren; two god-children, Emma Wells and James King, special friends, Lucille Faison, Regnarda James and Sadie Willis; and a host of other loving family and kind friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Frankie Dewayne Stukes**

Frankie Dewayne Stukes died Saturday. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 7th at First Baptist Missionary Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Frankie was born September 24, 1976 to JoAnn Stukes and the late Frankie "Leon" Davis. He was called home to join his late grandmother, Ester Mae Sellars Stukes and Angie Stukes. Frank Nitty or Frank as he was fondly known to his family and friends, he never met a stranger; to know him was truly love because of the infectious smile and laughter for he cared for everyone. Frank loved to dance and showed his talent as the youngest member of Houston Moore's New City Rockers when they entertained the crowd on May day. He also had a compassion for dogs; "My Boi" as he called him. He was educated in the New Hanover County Schools and played basketball at John T. Hoggard High School. He was a dedicated father. The role that he played for his family projected his character to live up to the words, Family First. We will miss him but we bow our heads in humble submission to almighty God who doeth all things well.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, JoAnn Stukes; wife, Shatilya "Tee" Bell; one daughter, Unique Symira Thomas (Shatilya) of the home; one son, Misiah Dwayne Stukes (Tynise) of the city; sisters, Inga Stukes and Joy Davis both of the city; brothers, Shae Hart of Virginia Beach, VA and Joey Stukes of the city; nieces, Andrea, Brianna and Ke'Aunna; nephews, Donald and Qua'Shaun; great-nephew, Kaden all of the city; great-aunts, Janie Maynor of Harrells, NC, Lillian Lewis, Mamie Polk, Carolyn Gregg (Cephus) all of the city; special great aunt, C. VeAnn Sellars of Charleston, SC; great-uncles, Eddie Sellars (Rose) and Rev. Thomas Jackson (Bonnie) of the city; other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Timothy Leon Nixon**

Timothy Leon Nixon died Monday. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 9th at St. Andrew AMEZ Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest.

Timothy was born January 16, 1985 to John McDonald and the late Bonita Nixon in Wilmington, NC. Also known as "Tim" Timothy attended the New Hanover County Schools. Once finishing school, he started in the work force working jobs at Sonics, Two Men and a

Truck, Rucker Johns and Henry's Restaurants, all in Wilmington, NC. Timothy was an amazing son; father; brother; nephew, cousin and friend. He always had a way of making you laugh. No day went by that Timothy did not talk about his children and he will truly be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory: father, John McDonald; grandmother, Mary McDonald; daughters, Samirrah Nixon and Makayla Nixon; son, Samarrion Nixon; sister, Tiffiany Nixon; nephews, Malik Nixon and Tyelik Nixon; niece, Ta'Nyelah Sloan; aunts, Rev. Carolyn N. Lewis (James), Rev. Lavonda Melvin (John), Phyllis Wright (Jeffery), Arlene Herd (Marion), Darlene Nixon, Bonnie Nixon, Evet McDonald, all of Wilmington, NC and Glenda Ann Walton of Goldsboro, NC; fourteen cousins; two best friends, Will Little and Brandon Hall; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Ernest Hill**

Ernest Hill died Thursday at Silver Stream Health & Rehab. Funeral service were held on Monday, February 9th at St. James AMEZ Church. Burial followed in Johns Chapel Cemetery.

Ernest Hill was born October 1, 1926. He was educated in the schools of New Hanover County and graduated from Williston Industrial High School in 1944. At an early age he gave his life to Christ and joined St. James AME Church, serving faithfully. He sang with the Senior Choir over sixty years, later joining the Mass and Male Choir. He served on the Trustee Board for many years and was Class Leader of Class #10. Ernest was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was loved and cherished by many friends and extended family members.

To cherish his wonderful and loving memories are: his children, Valeria (Eddie), Arnold (Thelma) and Michael; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four adopted sisters, Lucille Walker, Edith Foy, Annie Ruth Simpson and Estelle Whitted and a host of relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Doris Hines**

Doris Hines died at NHRMC. Visitation was held on Tuesday, February 10th. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 11th at the ILA Hall. Burial in Pine Forest Cemetery. Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**George Darnell Prentice**

George Darnell Prentice died Sunday, February 8th at home. Visitation was held Wednesday, February 11th. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the ILA Hall. Burial in Pine Forest Cemetery. John H. Shaw's Son. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Rachel Johnson**

Rachel Johnson died in New York. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in the Salem Cemetery, Delco. *John H. Shaw's Son. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**In Loving Memory Of**

**Vencella Durham Wallace  
"Mouise"**  
Sunrise: October 19, 1966  
Sunset: February 14, 2014

I thought of you today,  
but that is nothing new.

I thought about you  
yesterday and days before  
that too. I think of you in  
silence; I often speak your  
name. All I have are  
memories and your picture  
in a frame. Your memory  
is a keepsake from which  
I'll never part.

God has you in His arms;  
I have you in my heart.

Remembering you always,  
Your mother,  
Barbara Durham; your  
daughter, Jazmine Wallace;  
your brother, Terry Durham

**In Loving Memory Of**

**Mrs. Daisy N. James  
Alford**  
Sunrise: August 2, 1936  
Sunset: February 9, 2014

You never said goodbye  
You never said I'm leaving  
You never said goodbye  
You were gone before

I knew it  
And only God knew why.  
A million times I needed  
you

A million times I cried  
If love alone could have  
saved you

You never would have died.

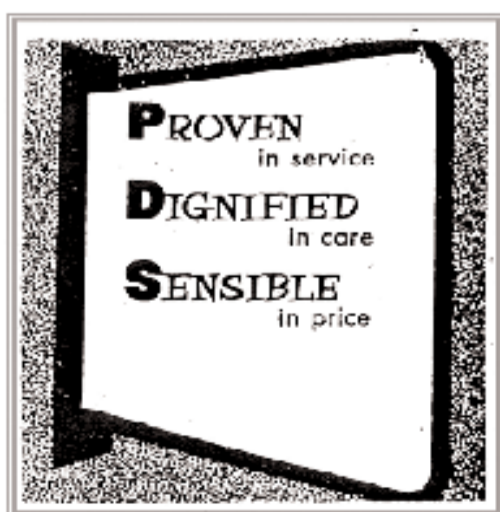
In life I love dearly  
in death I love you still  
In my heart you hold a  
place that no one  
will ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose  
you

But you didn't go alone  
For part of me went with  
you

The day God took you home.

Love forever,  
Your husband,  
Leroy Alford Jr. and  
daughter Sherri

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**New Hanover County**

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

**Religious Briefs**

**Community Prayer House** will hold their Pastor's Appreciation Services Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. with guest speaker pastor Haywood Mckoy of Acts Ministries. Friday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. with guest speaker Apostle Carolyn Bessent of New Life House of Judah. On Saturday, February 14th at 2:00 p.m. with guest speaker Apostle Byron McKoy of Life Changing Ministries and Sunday, February 15th at 11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be Bishop Charles Dingle of Burning Bush True Standard Holy Church.

**Mt. Nebo Baptist Church**, 801 S. 10th St., L.F. Boone Willing Worker will hold their 33rd Valentine Banquet on February 14th at 5:00 p.m.

**New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church**, 504 S. 6th St., will hold their Gospel Choir Anniversary on Sunday, February 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be served after the service.

**Pilgrim House of Worship**, 3421 Wrightsville Ave. (next to Hangers Cleaners) will hold a fellowship service on Sunday, February 15th at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Clarence Shavers of Bethesda Christian Life Church. On February 22nd at 4:00 p.m. the guest speaker will be Bishop Charles W. Dingle of United Holy Church of Greenville, NC.

**Praise & Deliverance AME Church** will hold their Black History Program on February 22nd at 3:30 p.m. The YPD Department of Praise and Deliverance AME Church and Delores Josey aka Sista Mabel J. Does It Right will be participating on the program. You may contact Dalphine Mckoy at 910-297-6298 or the church at 910-763 5062 for any other information.

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

**Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church**, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd., is looking for Gospel Talent for their Sunday Best talent contest. The categories are: Singers, Praise Dancers and Instrumentalist. Auditions began Saturday February 7, 2015 and will continue through April 4, 2015. The auditions will be held at Shiloh "on the sound" First, Second and Third prizes will be awarded to the winners at the main event. For details contact: Richard Johnson at 910-279-3637, Brenda General at 910-200-0787 or call the church and leave a message 910-799-9534.

**St. Mark's Episcopal**, 600 Grace St., Sunday School, will hold "Ole Time Gospel Hour" on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Featured Choir: Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC. Also on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. they will hold their Black History Breakfast. All you can eat pancakes. Donation \$5.00. Contact Marjorie Armstrong (910) 675-9260 for tickets or Church Office 910-763-3858.

**St. Phillip A. M. E. Zion Church**, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. will hold their Black History Month celebrations beginning February 15th at 11:00 a.m. The Anointed Dynamic Elder Cheryl Sparks of Ephesus, S.D.A. will be the morning special guest speaker. Come and learn of our local heritage. An Agape Luncheon will be held on February 21st at 12:00 noon. There will be several speakers delivering a message on "Love." On February 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Diane Emerson will be the special guest speaker of St. Luke AME Zion. A soul food dinner will be served by culinary teams. After dinner at 3:30 p.m. The guest speakers for the evening will be Sister Angela Collins of Price Cathedral AMEZ, Sister Roseita Liada of St. James AMEZ, Sister Michele Brooks of St. John Miss. Baptist Church #3, Bro. Freddie Beatty of Cane Tuck Miss. Baptist Church Currie, NC, Rev. Betty F. Newkirk of New Zion AME Church, Elder Wanda Junious of Valour Ministries of Grace, Apostle Bryon McKoy of Life Changing Ministries, Elder Cheryl Sparks of Ephesus S.D.A., Min. Cynthia Wells of True Foundation Ministries, Elder Sharon White of New Covenant COGIC and Dr. Nixon. Our Mistress of Ceremony will be Rev. Corrine Rolls Brown, Pastor of St. Mark AME Zion Church Lake Waccamaw, NC.

**Brunswick County**

**Myrtle Grove AME Church**, 216 Old Fayetteville Rd., Leland will celebrate Black History Month on Sunday, February 15th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Walter Fennell Mapson of Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church, Leland.

**Pender County**

**Mount Moriah African Methodist Episcopal Church**, 13950 NC Hwy 210, Steward Board will celebrate their anniversary at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15th. The special guests will be Reverend Cory Weaver, choir and congregation of Saint Matthew Baptist Church of Rocky Point, NC. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m.

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**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**They keys to not complaining**

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

By the grace of God, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship met in another meeting. Praise God. Thank you, Lord, for new mercies. The choir was under the direction of Brother George Hill. The opening song was "Lift Every Voice and Sing." This was an uplifting song for the beginning of our Black History Month. Prayer was by President Eloise Purdie. The choir sang "Down Through the Years." How appropriate! Thank you, choir. We all can testify to this song, for the Lord has been

good to you and me. Shirley Drye introduced our guest speaker for the day. Our speaker for the day was Reverend Clifford Barnett, Pastor; Warner Temple AME Zion Church. His subject was "The Keys to Not Complaining." This was a very powerful message. The five keys to not complaining are as follows: (1) Practice gratitude. Give thanks. (2) Praise others, find one thing to say or do something for someone else. (3) Focus on success. (4) Let go. Forget about the past. Pray. (5) Give God thanks for everything and worry about nothing. Thank you, Reverend

Clifford Barnett, for that wonderful and uplifting message. We all were truly blessed. Now we had another special guest. Mrs. Marshall Ali, of Warner Temple AME Zion Church, blessed us with a song entitled "Up To The Mountain." This song was written by Pattie Griffin. She wrote it after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech, "I've Been to the Mountain". Thanks for that beautiful song. You did a wonderful job. We were blessed with another song by Mrs. Marshall Ali. This song was "To God Be the Glory." Yes, we all can attest to this. Again, thank you. Sister Shirley Drye thanked our Ms. Mildred

Ellerby, to read the minutes. Thank you for a great job. We do appreciate you. We had two visitors present. Thank you for coming out. Ms. Valarie Smith gave a warm welcome to them. Comments and remarks were given. Then the roll was called. Gladys Taylor had the most members present. Thanks to all the "callers" for their report. Announcements were made. The circle was formed. To God be the glory. The closing prayer was prayed by Reverend Aaron Moore. Meeting was adjourned. Thanks to all for coming out. There were fifty-one present.

**SENIOR MOMENTS**

**"Empty Nesters"**

My fellow seniors,

If you are living in what is known as an empty nest, you might want to give some young couples a hand up by sharing your home with them for a year or so. The money they would save could make a down payment of their own. This might not sound like a piece of cake, but wait a minute. We lived in public housing



Ruth Johnson

when our kids were small. They often got into fights with other children. Some of the parents were giving their kids lessons in self defense. So I felt like we should do the same, but in the long run, it's better to make friends with the parents than to teach your children to fight. My husband and I were both working when we moved into the projects. But we were glad to go there because it gave us a chance to save for a home of our own, and, on the day we moved out, we sang "hallelujah." Now the children had their own yard, and no one could come in uninvited. Having a

private home gave them a sense of security and a chance to develop at their own pace. More of our young people would be able to move into private homes if senior citizens were willing to share. Our children have moved out long ago. So if we were willing to share our homes with young couples for a year or so, the money they would save could be a down payment on a home of their own. They would move from poor to middle class in just a short while. Of course, the senior citizens would give up some privacy in order to give the young couple a hand up. Not

everyone is able to do that, but, on the other hand, we ourselves might someday need to share our homes with someone for our own safety. Everyone likes their privacy, but, when you are standing in line at the nursing home, it would be good to see the very couple that you gave a hand up coming your way. They would probably say, "Come home with us." Our children have moved out, and now we have an empty nest. For a moment like that, there is only one word to say. That is "hallelujah". Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a, First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**"Still, A Silent Cry"**

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

Usually, when someone cries, the obvious evidence is a tear, swollen and puffy eyes, sad countenance, etc. A silent cry is different. It cannot be heard with the natural ear, nor seen by the natural eye. Evidence can be seen by spiritual discernment and observing the fruit of a person's life. Drug use, in some cases is a "silent cry". A person who doesn't care is dangerous to himself and to others. Hurting people often times, hurt others. Some feel that nobody cares for me, and I don't care for nobody else. Sometimes when they use or sell drugs, a closer look will expose another form of a "silent cry". Un-wed pregnancy sometimes, is a cry for help. So many young women are pleading for attention, and



Sylvia Hooper

willing to do whatever it takes to get it! Some feel that, "I need somebody to love me, even if it's only for a night. Better to have loved and lost, than to not have loved at all. In the end, many of them wind up yet alone, and with a young child to raise. Still, a silent cry! Alcoholism, is a silent cry for help. Some people drink to be sociable, then others drink for courage, to face life with its ups and downs. Some drink to win and keep friends, because they don't want to be left alone. Still, a silent cry! We have a job to do and that is to tell the hurting that Jesus cares for them. He is waiting on them to invite them into their hearts so he can heal their wounded spirits and mend their broken hearts. If only they knew, that the healer has come and not only want to heal but also to save. If you know someone who is hurting, why not Tell Somebody? John 3:16, which says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not

perish, but have everlasting life." Romans 5:8, "But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Prayer: Lord, open my ears to hear the cries of the hurting all around me. Give me the courage and compassion to help somebody as I travel life's highway. In Jesus'Name, Amen. Tell Somebody!!! Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper; First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of

three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

**The Youth Department of St. James AME Church will hold a Pig Pickin' Saturday, February 21, 2015 11:30 a.m. 3425 Castle Hayne Road Castle Hayne, NC 28429. Phone #910-675-9755. Fresh BBQ Plates with Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Hushpuppies. Plates \$8.00 Drinks \$1.00. We will deliver if given enough notice....you can send order request and delivery request to supportourchildren@gmail.com. Rev. Artie Odom, Jr., Pastor**

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Pastor John Brown  
New Hope Freewill Baptist Church  
Celebration Officiant & Ministry Consecration  
Pastor Roosevelt Baxter, Jr.  
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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### CONDADO DE BRUNSWICK PROGRAMA DE REPARACIONES URGENTES 2014

#### ANUNCIO DE LICITACION REPARACION VIVIENDA

Condado de Brunswick está buscando contratistas generales para la rehabilitación de viviendas del Condado FY14 programa de reparaciones urgentes, financiado en parte por la North Carolina Housing Finance Agency y administrado por la planificación del Condado de Brunswick y desarrollo comunitario. Ambos con licencia y sin licencia de contratistas pueden presentar ofertas. Varias ofertas requieren contratistas a ser contratistas certificados de plomo-seguridad renovación, reparación y pintura. Los contratos se otorgará basado en un proceso de licitación.

Encuentro un contratista está programada para lunes, 16 de febrero de 2015 en 10:00 en la zona de solárium cafetería de la Brunswick County Public Assembly Building, 45 Courthouse Drive, edificio D, Bolivia, NC. El condado a distribuir los paquetes de propuesta de licitación para la rehabilitación de 5 cinco viviendas en esta reunión y se revisará el trabajo requerido para cada vivienda. No hay cargo para recibir paquetes de oferta. Un contratista o su representante es necesaria para asistir a la reunión de los contratistas como requisito previo a ofertar a menos que se especifique lo contrario por escrito por el programa administrador/rehabilitación Inspector. Las ofertas serán abiertas y leer puntualmente a las 10:00, lunes, 23 de febrero de 2015, la Brunswick County asamblea pública edificio d. Póngase en contacto con la oficina de desarrollo comunitario en 910-253-2213 o 910-253-2210 y planificación del Condado de Brunswick si hay alguna pregunta.

Condado de Brunswick es un empleador de igualdad de oportunidades/proveedor y alienta la participación de la mujer - propiedad empresas, pequeñas y minorías.

February 12, 2015

#### BRUNSWICK COUNTY 2014 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM HOUSING REPAIR BID ADVERTISEMENT

Brunswick County is seeking general contractors for the rehabilitation of homes under the County's FY14 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM, funded in part by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and administered by the Brunswick County Planning and Community Development. Both licensed and unlicensed contractors may submit bids. Several bids require contractors to be certified Lead-Safety Renovation, Repair and Painting contractors. Contracts will be awarded based on a competitive bidding process.

A contractors' meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Solarium Cafeteria area of the Brunswick County Public Assembly Building, 45 Courthouse Drive, Building D, Bolivia, NC. The County will distribute the bid proposal packets for the rehabilitation of five (5) dwelling units at this meeting and the work required for each dwelling will be reviewed. There is no charge for receiving bid packages. A contractor or their representative is required to attend the contractors' meeting as a prerequisite to bid unless otherwise specified in writing by the program Administrator/Rehab Inspector. Bids will be opened and read promptly at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 23, 2015, at the Brunswick County Public Assembly Building D. Please contact the Brunswick County Planning and Community Development Office at 910-253-2213 or 910-253-2210 if there are any questions.

Brunswick County is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Service Provider and encourages participation by small, minority and female-owned businesses.

February 12, 2015

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Bessie V. Tancrelle**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina 14-E-1048, gives notice to all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Alan M. Solana, Solana, Theriault & Goss, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, 1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC 28403 on or before the **17th day of April, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of January, 2015.

Christina Spivey, Executrix  
c/o Alan M. Solana, Attorney at Law  
Solana, Theriault & Goss, PLLC  
1650 Military Cutoff Rd., Suite 200  
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Andrew Jackson Simmons**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before **April 30, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of January, 2015

Patricia S. Smith, Executrix of the Estate Andrew Jackson Simmons  
524 Ponderosa Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Lisa T. McDow, Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 2541  
Wilmington, NC 28402

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Grover Douglas Jeffreys**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before **April 30, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of January, 2015

Grover Douglas Jeffreys, II, Executor  
3816 Avondale Drive  
Leland, NC 28451

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 4th day of February, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate of **FLORIDA RICE**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Administrator, Leonard G. Rice, at P.O. Box 903, Wilmington, NC 28402, on or before the **13th day of May, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 4th day of February, 2015.

LEONARD G. RICE,  
ADMINISTRATOR  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Saffo Law Firm, P.C.  
5900-B Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28403  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

#### INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

Brunswick County is seeking prequalification applications for the construction Northwest Water Treatment Plant Improvements - Phase 2. Sealed prequalification applications will be received until 4:30 p.m. on March 19, 2015, at the Utilities Operations Center in Supply, NC. For additional information please contact: HDR Engineering 910-575-8800.

February 5, 2015

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 14 E 767

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Edna Marie Hall** deceased of New Hanover County, this notice is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said decedent, Edna Marie Hall to present any such claims to the undersigned on or before **April 27, 2015** at 336 Lafayette Street, Wilmington, NC 28411 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 22nd day of January, 2015

Larry Lewis Hall, Executor  
336 Lafayette Street  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Ray C. Blackburn Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 895  
Hampstead, NC 28443

January 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **David E. Collier**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **May 4, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of January, 2015.

Henry L. Dupray  
Executor of the Estate  
of David E. Collier  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Neil O'Brien Smith**, late of 210 Green Meadows Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned Larry O'Brien Smith and Wanda Suggs Smith c/o R. Daniel Brady, 4141 ParkLake Avenue, Suite 130, Raleigh, NC 27612 on or before the **29th day of April, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of January, 2015

Larry O'Brien Smith, Co-Executor  
Wanda Suggs Smith, Co-Executor  
Estate of Neil O'Brien Smith,  
Deceased  
c/o R. Daniel Brady, Attorney  
4141 ParkLake Avenue, Suite 130  
Raleigh, NC 27612

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Agnes Marie Furey**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of May, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of December, 2014

Theresa M. McCullogh, Executrix  
719 Benchmark Court  
Wilmington, NC 28409

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jeremy Blair Myers**, late of 9616 River Road, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 29, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of January, 2015.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator  
Estate of Jeremy Blair Myers  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Palmer Watson**, late of 3500 Dutton Drive, Castle Hayne, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before **April 29, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of January, 2015.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator  
Estate of Jeremy Blair Myers  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Henry V. Reyes**, late of 3301 Premier Court, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 29, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of January, 2015.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator  
Estate of Jeremy Blair Myers  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Lewis F. Williams**, late of 308 Anderson Street, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 29, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of January, 2015.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator  
Estate of Jeremy Blair Myers  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In the Matter of the Estate of David E. Collier , Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **David E. Collier**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **May 4, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of January, 2015.

Henry L. Dupray  
Executor of the Estate  
of David E. Collier  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Neil O'Brien Smith**, late of 210 Green Meadows Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned Larry O'Brien Smith and Wanda Suggs Smith c/o R. Daniel Brady, 4141 ParkLake Avenue, Suite 130, Raleigh, NC 27612 on or before the **29th day of April, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of January, 2015

Larry O'Brien Smith, Co-Executor  
Wanda Suggs Smith, Co-Executor  
Estate of Neil O'Brien Smith,  
Deceased  
c/o R. Daniel Brady, Attorney  
4141 ParkLake Avenue, Suite 130  
Raleigh, NC 27612

January 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Leona Carter Wrenn**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of March, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of December, 2014

Susan A. Herring, Executrix  
3316 Galway Rd.  
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

December 18, 25, 2014, January 1, 8, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Mary E. Bellamy**, deceased, late of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **15th day of May, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address below.

This the 3rd day of February, 2015

Hattie Lee Bellamy, Executrix  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420  
Fax No.: 910-762-4176

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Thomas Houghton McGannon**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of May, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of February, 2015

Janet C. N. McGannon, Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Houghton McGannon  
8220 Bald Eagle Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Lubin F. Bullard, Jr.**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of May, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of December, 2014

Norman D. Bullard, Executor  
PO Box 10243  
Wilmington, NC 28404

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lucian Ripley, Jr.**, late of 7117 Masonboro Sound Road, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before the **May 12, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of February, 2015.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Margaret Toney Pugh Darden  
Craig and Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

#### Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contracts DA00224 in Currituck Co., DA00230 in Gates Co. and DA00231 in Hyde, Tyrrell & Washington Co.'s bidding on 2/25/15. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 2/16/15 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at [https://connect.ncdot.gov/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let\\_type+1](https://connect.ncdot.gov/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type+1). For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

February 12, 2015

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LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 14 SP 982**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of C.W. Enterprises, Inc., to Paul McCombie, Trustee, dated May 3, 2006, and recorded in Book 5017, Page 2645, New Hanover County Registry Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5722 at Page 2057 of the New Hanover County Registry

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by C. W. Enterprises, Inc., dated May 3, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 5017 at Page 2645 ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 13th day of February, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. at the place where public auctions are held at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of 1644 North Kerr Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and in Exhibit 1 attached hereto, which descriptions are incorporated by reference herein. This sale may be held up to one (1) hour after the time set forth in this Notice.

**EXHIBIT 1**  
All of Lot No. 10 of the Property of Raiford G. Trask in Cape Fear Township, New Hanover County, North Carolina, as the same is shown on a map prepared by V.W. Herlevich, Registered Surveyor, dated July 30, 1953, which is recorded in Map Book 5 at Page 84 of the New Hanover County Registry.

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

The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

In the event that the real property to be sold is residential real property with less than 15 units, subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is C.W. Enterprises, Inc.

Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty-Five Cents (\$.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This the 15th day of January, 2015.

Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee  
1427 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 208  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
(910) 399-3447

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

February 5, 12, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 14 JT 283**

**IN RE: CAROLINA GRACE MYERS, minor child KARLA INGRAHAM CLAY, AND CORBIN MCKENZIE CLAY, Petitioners, vs. SABRINA TODD, Respondent.**  
**TO: SABRINA TODD, address unknown, mother of the above-named child born to her on June 17, 2010 in New Hanover County, North Carolina.**

TAKE NOTICE that a petition seeking the termination of your parental rights and obligations to the above-referenced minor child has been filed against you.

You are required to file a written answer to the petition within forty (40) days after February 12, 2015, which is the first date of publication. Upon your failure to file an answer within the time prescribed, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for an Order terminating your parental rights with respect to the said minor child. You are entitled to attend any hearing held in this matter, and notice that if you are indigent and are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel, that provisional counsel has been appointed, and that the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service. This is a new case. Attorney Lyana Hunter, Public Defender, has been appointed to represent you in this matter. You may contact Ms. Hunter at 910-343-5400. Any attorney previously appointed for you will not automatically represent you in this proceeding.

This is the 4th day of February, 2015.

David M. Godwin  
Attorney for Petitioners  
206 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 762-0410  
NC State Bar Nbr.: 15867

February 5, 12, 19, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 14 JT 282**

**IN RE: SAVANNAH LEE MYERS, minor child KARLA INGRAHAM CLAY, AND CORBIN MCKENZIE CLAY, Petitioners, vs. SABRINA TODD, Respondent.**  
**TO: SABRINA TODD, address unknown, mother of the above-named child born to her on July 20, 2013 in New Hanover County, North Carolina.**

TAKE NOTICE that a petition seeking the termination of your parental rights and obligations to the above-referenced minor child has been filed against you.

You are required to file a written answer to the petition within forty (40) days after February 12, 2015, which is the first date of publication. Upon your failure to file an answer within the time prescribed, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for an Order terminating your parental rights with respect to the said minor child. You are entitled to attend any hearing held in this matter, and notice that if you are indigent and are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel, that provisional counsel has been appointed, and that the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service. This is a new case. Attorney Lyana Hunter, Public Defender, has been appointed to represent you in this matter. You may contact Ms. Hunter at 910-343-5400. Any attorney previously appointed for you will not automatically represent you in this proceeding.

This is the 4th day of February, 2015.

David M. Godwin  
Attorney for Petitioners  
206 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 762-0410  
NC State Bar Nbr.: 15867

February 5, 12, 19, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

**ADVERTISEMENT Notice to Bidders**

Informal Sealed bids, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until **2:00 p.m., February 25, 2015**, in the conference room of the Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Boulevard, Suite 12, Wilmington, North Carolina, and then opened and publicly read for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work connected with: **Airfield Lighting Vault Modifications**, as indicated on the plans and specifications dated February 2015.

Bidders must hold a valid North Carolina Electrical Contractor's license, appropriate for the type and value of the work being performed, and must be prequalified by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Office of Contractual Services as a "Prequalified Bidder" ("Prime Contractor") at the time of the bid under the work code 008060.

The project shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment and performing all work required to satisfactorily complete the rehabilitation of the Airfield Lighting Vault including replacement of regulators and installation of a new digital airfield lighting control system in the vault and Air Traffic Control Tower. A new control panel with touch-screen monitor will be installed in the ATCT to interface to the new digital control system. The project will also replace the Vault Power Circuitry, Control Circuitry, and associated components for the new regulators; the ATCT airfield lighting/signage control equipment and associated components; and install new fiber optic cables between the vault & ATCT patch panels. The HVAC system in the vault will also be replaced with a new system.

Bid Forms, Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are on file at the Wilmington International Airport Manager's Office; and Talbert & Bright, Inc., 4810 Shelley Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina; and may be obtained from Talbert & Bright, Inc., 4810 Shelley Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405, Telephone (910) 763-5350, Fax (910) 762-6281, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, upon non-refundable payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). All plans will be sent UPS Ground. For faster service, please fax a copy of your request, including a copy of your check with the Contractor's name and contact person, mailing and shipping address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and project name for which you are requesting documents.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** Each bidder for this project shall be registered as a pre-qualified bidder with the NCDOT at the time of the bid opening. The proposed Contract for this project is subject to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Bid Conditions contained in Appendix "C" and to the Federal Requirements contained in Appendix "D" of the Contract Documents.

Prospective bidders should read the instructions for preparing bids in Section 20 of the project specifications carefully before submitting their bids.

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