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"I am Sandra Bland"

BY

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COMMUNITY

Public input sought
on restoring
Cape Fear River
natural resources

NAVASSA, N.C. - State and federal agencies are seeking public participation to identify opportunities to restore natural resources damaged due to decades of contamination from a former wood treatment operation near Wilmington.

The agencies released a restoration scoping document this week that details the environmental injuries from the wood treatment operation in Navassa, a small town in southeastern North Carolina. The scoping document describes concepts for restoring the resources, criteria for identifying suitable restoration projects, and an explanation of the restoration planning process.

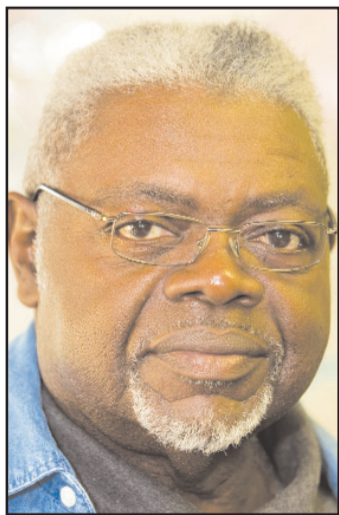
The agencies will host a public meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Navassa Community Center, 338 Main St., Navassa, N.C., to describe their efforts and solicit restoration ideas from the public.

The agencies who developed the restoration scoping document are acting as "trustees" for the impacted natural resources. They include representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the N.C.

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COUNTY UPDATE



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Be
Careful

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It's time we look at our justice system. When it comes to justice for Blacks and other minorities in Brunswick County, I find it hard to believe that the system is equal. A White man pleads guilty to molestation, or crime against nature with young men, and he is given probation, but a young

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NC Appeals Court denies compensation to W10 family members

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The outrage continues to grow after the NC Court of Appeals this week, in an unanimous opinion by a three-judge panel, ruled that the family members of Connie Tindall, Ann Sheppard, William "Joe" Wright and Jerry Jacobs - four deceased members of the Wilmington Ten, will not be awarded compensation for their false imprisonment and years of suffering.

Their families say one of the reasons why all four prematurely died is because of the stress they had to endure both in prison, and after they were released years later.

"This unjust ruling by the NC Court of Appeals slaps equal justice in the face of history and this is another

recurring low moment in North Carolina's long pretense to treat Black people fairly and justly," said an angry Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, leader of the Wilmington Ten.

The judicial panel consisted of NC Appellate Judge Donna Stroud - a Republican; Judge J. Douglas McCullough - also a Republican; and Judge Lucy Imman - a Democrat who also wrote the lead opinion.

The NC State Attorney General's Office argued for the state.

Why did the appellate court panel reject compensation to the four families? According to the ruling, "Although the State and this Court



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MEMBERS OF THE WILMINGTON 10 IN 1976 IN AT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN RALEIGH, NC

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NORTH CAROLINA BORN



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A state historic marker in Rocky Mount denotes the site where Booker T. Washington High School once stood, and where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. first delivered his famous refrain, "I Have a Dream" nine months before the 1963 March on Washington.

King delivered "I Have A Dream" first in Rocky Mount in 1962

BY CASH MICHAELS
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It was 52 years ago in 1963, when civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was delivering a stirring speech during the historic March on Washington about jobs, equality and freedom, when his close friend, gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, called out to him from those gathered

to say something about his "dream."

King put the rest of his prepared text aside, looked up at the hundreds of thousands who had come to the National Mall in Washington, DC from across the nation, and the tens of millions watching on television around the world, and from the steps of the Lincoln

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Homeless families that received vouchers were nearly 60 percent less likely to become homeless again.

U.S. Senate appropriations bill cuts housing vouchers for poor families

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - For many Americans living in poverty, housing vouchers mean the difference between having a home of your own or living in a homeless shelter. As many as 85,000 low-income families could lose access to those vouchers under policies crafted in a new funding bill approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, according to a recent report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

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Thousands march nearly 900 miles in journey for justice

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SELMA, Alabama--The movement that began in a bungalow is traveling nearly 900 miles to the home of Dr. King's "Dream."

A coalition of organizations, led by the NAACP, embarked Saturday on an 860-mile, 40-day, 40-night march from Selma, Alabama to Washington, D.C. This initiative recalls the original Civil Rights Movement.

America's Journey for Justice began August 1 with a prayer at the historic Boynton House, a modest home in Selma that witnessed much of the fight for integration, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1965 march across the notorious Edmund Pettus Bridge. Fifty years

later, activists will caravan some 860 miles through Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and conclude September 16 in Washington.

"Why march?" NAACP president Cornell William Brooks asked. "We march because our lives matter, our votes matter, our jobs matter, our schools matter."

The organizers of America's Journey for Justice stress four issues: the vitality of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, criminal-justice reform, job growth and higher wages, and better public education.

"This march is not merely

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NCHHS SEC. ALDONA WOS RESIGNS FOR MCCRORY ADMINISTRATION

[RALEIGH] The controversial head of the state's Health and Human Services agency, Dr. Aldona Wos, announced that after two-and-a-half turbulent years, she is stepping down from her post. Wos' tenure has been marked by questionable hiring practices of close friends, shoddy management of Medicaid, and wasteful spending by one of her top managers. Wos' relationship with even fellow Republican lawmakers was frosty at best, but still, Gov. McCrory defended her tenure, saying



that reforming the state's largest agency was a difficult task. Wos is the second highest profile McCrory cabinet officer to resign in as many weeks. NC Dept. of Transportation Sec. Tony Tata immediately resigned last week to further pursue his writing career, and possibly run for public office.

EVIDENCE BUILDS IN TRIAL OF CHARLOTTE POLICE OFFICER

[CHARLOTTE] Prosecutors are methodically building their case against white former Charlotte police officer Randall Kerrick - charged with the Sept. 2013 shooting death of black motorist Jonathan Ferrell - during the opening days of Kerrick's trial. The former officer's black defense attorney Michael Greene told jurors

that Ferrell attacked Kerrick by running into him, forcing the officer to draw his weapon and fire to defend himself. But prosecutors say Ferrell was injured and scared after crashing his car nearby in the middle of the night, and possibly couldn't see the officer in the flash of his patrol car's headlights, thus running into to him as he cried for help. Ferrell was shot 12 times and died on the spot. He was unarmed. Kerrick faces eleven years in prison if convicted of using excessive force.

FEDERAL JUDGE NOW HAS VOTING RIGHTS DECISION TO MAKE

[WINSTON-SALEM] Last Friday saw closing arguments in the federal lawsuit by the US Justice Dept., NCNAACP and others

against Gov. Pat McCrory and the Republican-led NC Legislature for the 2013 passage of what many say are the most restrictive voting laws in the nation. Plaintiffs argue that Republicans deliberately targeted blacks, Latinos and college students in an effort to suppress their votes. The defendants counter that the new laws are race-neutral and designed to limit voter fraud. The federal judge who hear the case is expected to render a decision in a few weeks.

SHAW STUDENTS PROTEST NEW PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

[RALEIGH] No sooner did new Shaw University President-elect Tashni Dubroy begin her tenure leading the historically black

university, than she ran head-first into controversy. Because of an overall shortage of scholarship funding, Dubroy removed some scholarships from the athletics department to use on the academic side and the Honors College for students with high grade point averages, as well as students in the band. Affected students were not pleased with the sudden changes, and held an afternoon protest on campus, demanding that the scholarships be returned to athletics. Dubroy says she will work to develop a fundraising campaign to pick up the slack.

FORMER SEANC DIRECTOR RELEASED ON BOND AFTER GRAND JURY INDICTS

[RALEIGH] The former

director of the State Employees Association of North Carolina was released on bond earlier this week after he turned himself in amid two grand jury indictments for obtaining property by false pretense. Dana Pope has admitted to allegedly improperly using SEANC money for his personal uses like paying for vacations and getting work on his home. Investigators say Pope, who served as SEANC director for 15 years, spent upwards of \$457,000 of the organization's money on himself. He was released from Wake County jail after posting a \$200,000 bond.

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and Natural Resources. The trustees are acting on behalf of the public to assess the contamination impacts, recover damages, develop a restoration plan and implement restoration as part of the Natural Resource Damage

Assessment and Restoration process.

The wood treatment facility was established in 1936 on a 250-acre site bound by the Brunswick River and Sturgeon Creek in Navassa. The facility was operated by multiple owners until its final proprietor, the Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation, ceased operations in 1974. Kerr-McGee dismantled the facility

in 1979. The Environmental Protection Agency added the site to its Superfund program's National Priorities List in 2010.

Creosote was used to treat the wood and this practice released polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which are toxic to exposed organisms. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons have been found in the surrounding environment,

including about 30 acres of Sturgeon Creek's marsh sediments. The levels of contaminants harmed organisms living in the marsh sediments and impacted the ecological services provided by the marsh to fish and birds.

In January, a settlement was reached that provides the trustees with approximately \$23 million to restore the natural resources harmed by the

contamination at the site. This was part of one of the largest environmental settlements executed by the federal and state governments in U.S. history, resolving claims arising from the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act.

The restoration scoping document, and information about the comment process,

can be found at: darrp.noaa.gov/hazardous-waste/kerr-mcgee-chemical-corp/scoping-document.

Comments will be accepted through September 4, 2015.

For questions or comments regarding the scoping document, contact Howard Schnabolk, NOAA Habitat Restoration Specialist, at 843-740-1328 or kerrmcgee.restoration@noaa.gov.

JUSTICE MARCH

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about putting boots on the ground," Brooks told Urban News Service, "It's about putting laws on the books. . . This has been a history-laden year, with the anniversaries of the Voting Rights Act, 'Bloody Sunday' and so forth. But it's a good opportunity to make history, too."

Jamiah Adams of the NAACP said the organizers expect thousands of people to join the marchers at every stop, with a "core group" of more than 100 making the trek from Selma to D.C.

"I'm looking forward to marching," said Damon Younger, 32. The Atlantan plans to join the group when

it reaches Georgia's capital on August 10. After four days of "teach-ins" on legislation, health, education, and criminal justice, Younger expects to march north.

"I'm inspired," Younger said. "Obviously, I wasn't born when they marched for our rights in the '60s. To have a chance to do that now, with all that is going on in the United States, I have to take the time off from work to go. And I go with pride and hope for change."

"It's OK that we're angry and fed up," Brooks told UNS. "It's OK that we respond with emotion. But this is more than an emotional trip. This is a reform movement. And we believe putting the emotion with education makes a difference."

"We've seen more civil rights challenges in the last year than in decades," Brooks added. "That's why we believe we have to inundate the halls of Congress. Across the country, people have been asking, 'Why is this happening?' The problem is that the people asking the questions are not in the room with the people who can do something to change it. We intend to change that."

As the marchers head north, satellite events across America will echo their voices. These activities will share the social media hash tag #JusticeSummer. The march is expected to pick up supporters along the way and reach Washington, D.C., on or around September 16. The campaign concludes with a

rally at the Lincoln Memorial, site of Dr. King's legendary "I Have a Dream" speech.

Today's Journey For Justice is rooted in the history of the struggle for racial equality. The film Selma brought into focus the brutality of 1965's "Bloody Sunday." Civil rights marchers who attempted to cross the Alabama River into Montgomery over the Edmund Pettus Bridge were pummeled by racist local cops.

In June, the Alabama Senate voted to rename the bridge from Edmund Pettus, a Confederate general, to the Journey to Freedom Bridge. Alabama's House of Representatives has yet to address this measure.

Before setting off, the marchers gathered at the Boynton home in Selma.

Brooks called it "the literal birthplace of the Civil Rights Act."

The home of Sam and Amelia Boynton - a nondescript, yellow bungalow - was the civil-rights movement's unlikely epicenter. Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference strategized the Selma-to-Montgomery marches at the Boyntons' home, and some of the '65 Voting Rights Act was signed there.

Fifty years after that momentous occasion, the Boyntons' abode has become dilapidated. Aside from a plaque that sits outside the house, nothing signifies the importance of the events and people associated with this abandoned structure.

The Gateway Educational Foundation acquired the home and plans to transform it into a museum. August 18 will be Amelia Boynton's 104th birthday. So there is understandable concern whether Sam Boynton's widow ever will see her old home rebuilt.

"It's somewhat ironic that you come to Selma to commemorate the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, but not protect the place where it was given birth," Brooks said. "That certainly is a point of importance and interest to all of us who care about history."

To follow the march, text 6227 visit www.naacp.org or to help restore this historic place go to www.boynton-houseselma.com/donate.

VOUCHERS

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The cuts would come through an expansion of the Moving to Work (MTW) deregulation program that, "allows participating state and local housing agencies to obtain broad waivers of federal statutes and rules governing the public housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs, shift funds from those programs to other purposes, and receive funding under special block grant formulas," the report said.

The Senate Appropriations Committee, led by Senator Thad Cochran (R-Miss.), the chairman, and Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), the vice chairwoman, also approved policies that would

seek to prevent the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from reforming current MTW programs, while mandating that the department expand MTW to more than one-third of all voucher and public housing units.

That's despite research that showed that vouchers "sharply reduce homelessness, crowding, and housing instability, problems that have been linked to long-term, harmful effects on children's health and development," the report said.

The CBPP report cited a recent study that found homeless families that received vouchers were nearly 60 percent less likely, "to become homeless again, 55 percent less likely to report incidents of domestic violence, and 42 percent less likely to have their

children placed in foster care or temporarily housed with other family members."

In 2014 alone, agencies that implemented MTW diverted nearly \$600 million allocated for housing vouchers to cover administrative costs, public housing repairs and affordable housing construction, the report said. Some of the voucher funding was even held in reserves.

"About 63,000 families who could have been assisted with available funds were left without vouchers as a result," according to the report. "These activities often have benefits, but they do little or nothing to offset the loss of vouchers by extending assistance to additional families."

The report warned that deeper cuts could be on the horizon if more funds designat-

ed to housing vouchers are shifted to block grants and more agencies apply MTW policies to current and new housing programs.

The Senate appropriations bill proposes greater latitude in how MTW policies are implemented, even as findings suggest that the effective housing voucher program is under-utilized.

"Fewer than one in four low-income families eligible for vouchers receive any federal rental assistance, and there are long (often multi-year) waiting lists for assistance in most of the country," the report said. "HUD estimates that in 2013, some 7.7 million renter households that had incomes below half of the median income in their area and did not receive any rental assistance either lived in substandard housing or paid more than half their income for housing."

Instead of promoting independence and economic mobility, other MTW policies such as work requirements and time limits on housing assistance, could drive working-poor families deeper into poverty.

The CBPP report recommended limiting the transfer of voucher funds to other programs, including a 90 percent stipulation on funds used for rental assistance and requiring MTW agencies to provide greater diversity in housing choices. The report also recommended "controlled evaluations" for work requirements and time limits in order to assess the effectiveness of the policies.

"Research shows that using vouchers in low-poverty neighborhoods can have a major positive impact on young children's adult earnings and rates of college attendance, along with other positive effects," the report said.

In a joint statement in late July, U.S. Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee, and Senator Mikulski, said that it's time to negotiate a bipartisan budget deal that eases the burden of sequestration.

"The spartan sequester-level caps on discretionary spending have resulted in Appropriations bills that hol-

low out America," the statement said. "These bills fail to keep promises to our veterans and seniors, and shortchange critical investments in safe roads and bridges, education, scientific discovery and innovation, clean air and water, and our national security. The sequester makes America weaker."

The statement continued: "As the Ranking Democrats on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, we call on Republican leadership in both bodies to end the political gamesmanship, and engage with Democrats to negotiate a new budget deal modeled after the bipartisan agreement of 2013, that removes the threat of a government shutdown and allows for responsible investments in America's future."



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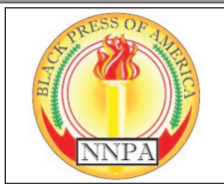
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Our Voice I am Sandra Bland

Had I ever met Sandra Bland, I am sure I would have liked her. She is described as an advocate for justice who had embraced her purpose to fight racism. She is described as a sister who knew her rights. She was well-educated, assertive, and a resource for her people. She was dragged out of her car for failing to signal a traffic lane change because Texas Highway Patrol Trooper Brian Encinia chose to abuse his power and violate her rights. Because he could.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Three days later, Sandra Bland was dead. The police call her death a suicide. Her family is disputing the autopsy. Brian Encinia is responsible for what happened, since there was no reason to arrest Sandra Bland and put her in jail.

Sandra Bland was an "uppity" Black woman from suburban Chicago who I not kowtow to Trooper Encinia. Perhaps he preferred a woman who said "yes, sir," who humbly accepted her ticket. Certainly, while it was not against the law to take a smoke, he preferred that Sandra put her cigarette out. Why? Because he needed to order a woman around who asserted her rights. Because she knew what her rights were.

Sandra Bland, the Prairie View A&M University graduate, was stopped in Waller County, Texas for failing to signal at a lane change. She was ordered to put out her cigarette, and she refused. She was told to get out of her car, and she had the nerve to assert her rights and to ask why.

Trooper Encinia was clearly exceedingly and outrageously out of order. His voice escalated to unnecessary shouting when he yelled, "I will light you up. Get out. Now. Get out of the car." He grabbed her, threw her on the ground, and shoved his knee in her back so sharply that evidence of bruising was visible in her autopsy three days later. He arrested her with the false charge of assault because she did not acquiesce to his brutality.

Sandra Bland's YouTube posts show her as a strong, assertive Black woman who is keenly aware of racial disparities, and committed to social and economic justice. Former police officer Harry Houck, commenting on this case on CNN, described her as "arrogant" because she would not extinguish her cigarette. Houck did not know Sandra Bland, so how did he surmise that she was arrogant? Isn't that how some Whites describe Black people when we fail to grovel in the face of their power?

What did Trooper Encinia see when arresting Sandra Bland? Did he, like Houck, see a woman who was not intimidated, a woman who, though not rude, was not "humble"? Did she scowl when she was stopped? Probably. Was she unfriendly or ungracious? Possibly. Was she deferential? Not at all. But there is no law that says that someone who gets a ticket is supposed to be grateful. Most folks who get a ticket are annoyed, and have a bit of an attitude. She did not bow and scrape, or say, "Yes massa," so now she is dead, and Encinia is, at minimum, partly responsible for her death.

African American women are often stereotyped as angry Sapphires with chips on their shoulders and a penchant for confrontation. A Black woman doesn't have to raise her voice or swivel her neck to be considered angry. All she has to do is to express herself, or fail to smile. Perhaps the officer would have preferred a deferential and obedient Sandra Bland. It didn't happen. So he retaliated.

I know Sandra Bland, because she is every woman. She does not conform to the majority culture's stereotype of what a woman should be. We, Black women, rarely conform. As the late Dorothy Irene Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, once said, "Black women don't do what we want to do, we do what we have to do."

Forty-six percent of African American families are female-headed. We do the work. Black unemployment is higher than White unemployment, and Black wages are lower. We do the work. We work harder for less pay than other women. In the words of Fannie Lou Hamer, we are "sick and tired of being sick and tired." Sandra Bland accepted her calling to fight for justice. Her posts show a woman who would not yield to racism. She is not dead because she failed to signal when she changed lanes. She is dead because she knew and asserted her rights.

Every woman who is an activist is Sandra Bland, the Christian, the organizer, the advocate for justice. She is dead because she dared talk back to a brutal officer. Sandra Bland is every assertive Black woman. I am Sandra Bland.

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Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

BLACKONOMICS

Blacks also failed Sandra Bland

Sandra Bland is dead. While many are concentrating on "how" she died, we must also face the reality of "why" she died. All of the circumstances surrounding her death notwithstanding, Sandra is still dead. I cannot help but think that along the three-day period from her arrest to her final moments in that lonely and frightening jail cell, there were opportunities to rescue her from such a horrible experience and tragic end.

This is not a rehash of all the conversations, utterances, conjecture, and theories put forth after Sandra died. Rather, this is a simple critique of what we all saw on video and heard from Sandra herself when she called someone to let them know her status, having received a \$5,000 bond. To say the least, she was totally frustrated by the entire situation.

Why Sandra Bland died is also obviously connected to who played a role in her death, whether directly or indirectly. Where were the intervention points by which Sandra's three-days of horror could have been stopped? Was there any way, leading up to

her demise, for her to have survived?

She should have never been arrested in the first place, but after she was, what could have been done? My initial inquiry would be directed toward the person who shot the cellphone video, the one to whom the cop said, "You need to leave." The bystander replied, "Is this public property?" That person obviously had enough backbone to refuse to leave and even question the officer's order; but did he make any attempt to see what happened to Sandra after she was taken away while thanking him for recording the incident?

In such a small town, where I am sure the news of Sandra's arrest got around pretty fast. I wonder if anyone at her new employer, Prairie View A&M University, knew about the incident on the day it took place. If someone did know, did they follow up to check on Sandra and make an effort to help her?

Surely, there are a couple of Black lawyers in Prairie View as well. I am not a lawyer, but I know there is something called "habeas corpus," which directs a person, usually a prison warden or jailer, to produce the prisoner and justify the prisoner's detention. If the prisoner argues successfully that the incarceration is in violation of a constitutional right, the court may order the prison-

er's release. Am I misinformed about that legality?

Finally, there was the \$5,000 bond, which required a 10 percent payment - a measly \$500 - for Sandra to be released. Does anyone believe that \$500 was such an enormous amount of money that Black folks in Prairie View could not raise it to pay her bond? Even the full \$5,000.00 could have been put up by a group of people until Sandra's family was able to send or bring it to the court. Now we have to live with the fact that a major reason this young lady died is the lack of \$500! Surely, her life was worth far more than that.

To have allowed her to stay in a cell for three days with no one checking on her from the outside, no one pursuing legal avenues to see and speak to her, no one willing to put up the miniscule bond for her release is embarrassing, irresponsible, and unconscionable.

We let Sandra down by failing to rescue her. Every photo I found of her contained a beautifully brilliant smile. The only ones in which she is not smiling were taken after she was arrested. We helped take her smile away.

Since mid-July, according to an article written by April V. Taylor on Kulture Kritic, five Black women have died in police custody. They should not be treated as mere conversational fodder for talk/news shows. We have a

responsibility to be more proactive when these issues arise and not wait for our brothers and sisters to lose their lives before we act appropriately.

We may not like it and we may not agree with it, but Black folks are part of the "why" Sandra Bland met her demise. There are practical things that could and should have been done, not only by Black folks but by anyone interested in the fate of that young woman. We must admit that, learn from it, and act before other tragedies occur.

Now that Sandra Bland is dead, many are wringing their hands and saying, yet again, how outrageous this is, how they are fed up, how this must stop, and how things must change. A lot of good that's doing for Sandra Bland now. We are always late when it comes to dealing with these kinds of issues. In this case, we were three days late and one sister's life short.

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BEYOND THE RHETORIC

American veterans deserve better treatment

Let me start with a quote from my mentor, the late Arthur A. Fletcher: "If your life becomes so miserable that you want to commit suicide, just check into a VA hospital. It won't take long."

Art told me that 15 years ago and today the status of Veterans Administration hospitals has gotten even worse. No matter how many news articles detailing the bevy of scandals; Congressional hearings and Inspector General Reports, it just keeps getting worse.

Veterans are the jewel of our population. They put their lives on the line with far too many giving up their lives in defense of our great nation. There has been no great civilization that did not hold its soldiers in high esteem. The direction we are headed in will make our civilization less than great. We must address this urgent and dire situation.

World War II was the biggest threat ever faced by our nation. Japan attacked our Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, which started a war with their imperial government while Germany immediately declared war against us at the same time.

Thus, started what would be called America's greatest generation - our citizens joined the military in historic and robust fashion.

We implemented a military machine never before realized by any nation. In the end, 407,000 American soldiers gave their lives to save our nation. Meanwhile, Japan lost 2.6 million military personnel and Germany spent 5.3 million military lives in its losing effort. From that point on, the United States has led the world in democracy, freedom and quality of life.

Congress rewarded our military with the G.I. Bill of Rights. This program educated our veterans in mass and provided 100 percent mortgages and medical help that was gravely needed. The foundation of the new American middle class is the product of this genuine program. But somehow the program has gone awry. The Veterans Administration is like a sick puppy trying to serve the needs of our veterans. As the Vietnam War started to end, attention and due pressure was placed on the VA, but it seems to have been of little avail.

A veteran has earned the status that affords him/her assistance. Military training establishes work ethic, devotion to nation and fellow man, completion of assigned tasks, responsibility, physical fitness and

reliability. Any employer will tell you that a physically fit veteran is the best hire a company can have. They help save our nation and deserve the best.

However, today the Veterans Administration is filled with bureaucrats so spoiled from their unions they do not give our veterans the assistance they need. They don't provide adequate care while the majority of the management of the VA receives annual bonuses. For what? The issuance of neglect and abuse of our veterans. The unions are so powerful that it is almost impossible to fire one of these bureaucrats for malfeasance and neglect. In terms of the hospitals, an alarming rate of veterans lose their lives while waiting and waiting for assistance that never comes. Over one-third of the patient backlog of VA hospitals have already died and no one bothers taking them off the list.

One thing we need is organized legal assistance for our veterans. My cousin was a pioneer in this area. He performed his duty as a Marine. When he finished his term he knew he needed medical help. This was an early sign (in the 1960s) of what would later be called PTSD. He demanded 100 percent medical disability plus damages. Everyone laughed but him. He got his niece, who is a very good attorney, to provide him legal

advice. He filed an exhaustive lawsuit representing himself that went on for years and years. In the end, James Crawford was successful. He got his 100 percent disability, plus a settlement. He then started a consultancy helping other Vets who had similar problems as a result of their service. Yes, Vets need a legal defense fund to address the neglect they are receiving.

Many of our vets are homeless, sleeping in parks or in homeless shelters. Too many of them need mental assistance but we just ignore them as they wither away. These heroes deserve so much better. I tear up whenever I see "Wounded Warrior" ads on television. They have to appeal to the public for assistance. Where is our government? It is too ungrateful. Let's start a legal defense fund for our vets.

In regards to VA hospitals, they are just too big to correct. We should put them up for sale and privatize them to hospital corporations that know what they are doing. Let's begin this transition now! Goodbye to the no good bureaucrats and hello to the professionals who know how to make a hospital run like a profitable corporation.

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Galloway, a Union spy

At the recommendation of George Stearns, Massachusetts war leaders recruited Abraham Galloway to serve as a spy inside the Confederacy. His recruitment into the Union spy service marked one of the first signs and, for a long time, one of the few signs that, at least a small number of Union military leaders recognized the potential of



David Dowdy

the South's slaves to help undermine the Confederacy. The logic behind Galloway's recruitment was undisputable. Who better knew how to blend into confederate society, after all, than a Black man who had been born and raised in the South? Who better to infiltrate the Confederacy then an ex slave who had proven his running prowess by escaping to the North? Who could be more trusted than a Black man who was fighting for his people's freedom? Would he not be less likely to betray the North for money or out of undisclosed political sympathies? Finally, where better to find demon-

strated courage and a familiarity with the arts of subterfuge than in African Americans who had been active in the radical abolition movement from Canada West to the West Indies? Cloaked in secrecy, a spy's life may not have been a path to glory, but Galloway soon discovered that he could use his position in military intelligence to gain unique insight into the situation of African Americans in the Confederate States. He worked alongside slaves over a broad swath of the enemy's territory. He saw firsthand the aspirations for freedom of his brothers and sisters still in bondage and

witnessed their efforts to bring down the Confederacy from within. From his work as a spy, he also came to know the best and worst of the Union Army's conduct toward African Americans in the parts of the South that Lincoln's troops first took from the Confederacy. Those experiences shaped his political outlook, compelled him eventually to break with the Union army, and led him ultimately to forsake the shadows for a more public life. *David Dowdy is the former vice president of the New Hanover County NAACP and the president of Friends of Abraham Galloway.*

CURRY'S COMMENTS

Voter suppression overshadows voting rights act celebration

Thursday, Aug. 6, marks the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the 1965 Voting Rights Act into law. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the organization co-founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will hold a Call to Action Rally at 9 a.m. on Thursday at the Martin Luther King Memorial on the National Mall.



George Curry

The NAACP hopes to cap its Selma, Ala. to Washington, D.C. relay march, called America's Journey for Justice, in the nation's capital on Sept. 16. Other celebratory activities are planned for different times. Considered among the most far-reaching legislation in history, the 1965 Voting Rights Act removed many of the impediments to voting created by cities, counties and states that prevented many African Americans from exercising their right to vote under the 15th Amendment to the Constitution.

Dallas County, Ala., which includes the city of Selma, was typical.

As the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, observed, in 1965, more than half of Dallas County was Black. However, of the county's 15,000 voting-age African Americans, only 156 were registered to vote. By contrast, two-thirds of voting-age Whites were registered.

It took the savage beating of 600 protesters, including future U.S. Congressman John Lewis, by White law enforcement officials on April 7, 1965, known as "Bloody Sunday," to stir the nation's conscience against ballot box indignities. That provided the momentum for passage of the bill.

"Only in the wake of the Voting Rights Act did black voter registration in the South begin to approach that of whites," the Joint Center said in a report titled, "50 Years of The Voting Rights Act: The State of Race in Politics." It continued, "Five years after the passage of the Act, the racial gap in voter registration in the former Confederate states had closed to single digits. By the start of the 1970s, the black/white registration gap across the Southern states was little more than 8 percentage points."

In four of the 12 presidential elections since 1964, Black voters have turned out at higher rates than their White counterparts, according to the Joint Center. And the number of Black elected officials have increased from less than 1,000 in 1965 to more than 10,000 in 2015, including President Barack Obama.

While properly appreciating the accomplishments of the Voting Rights Act, we should not lose sight of the challenges that lie ahead.

"Since the 2010 election, 21 states have new laws making it harder to vote - ranging from photo ID requirements to early voting cutbacks to registration restrictions - and 15 states will have them in place for the first time in a presidential election in 2016. Those 15 states are: Alabama, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin," according to the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law.

And things are likely to get worse before the election. The Brennan Center also noted, "As the early stages of the 2016 presidential race begin, state legislatures are already considering hundreds of laws that could determine voters' access to the ballot. Since the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, and as of May 13, 2015, at least 113 bills that would restrict access to registration and voting have been introduced or carried over in 33 states."

Many of these bills were introduced in the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*. On June 25, 2013, the court invalidated Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, the provision determining which jurisdictions are required to pre-clear any voting changes with a federal judge or the Justice Department because of a history of racial discrimination.

To repair the court's damage, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) and James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) took the lead in introducing a bill that would, among other things, require states and municipalities with a history of repeated voting violations to pre-clear any election law changes with the Justice Department or a federal judge in Washington, D.C., just as had been the case before the Supreme Court's recent action.

Of course, Blacks must also continue to fight against regressive changes at the state level.

Any euphoria created by the tremendous gains made since passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act should be tempered by a stark reality cited in the report by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

It noted, "Based on the most recent data, African Americans are 12.5% of the citizen voting age population, but they make up a smaller share of the U.S. House (10%), state legislatures (8.5%), city councils (5.7%), and the U.S. Senate (2%)."

A report by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights concluded, "While the VRA has been enormously successful in eliminating some of the most egregious forms of discrimination, the reality is that discrimination in voting remains real and immediate."

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RAINBOW COALITION

Amend Constitution to add a right to vote

On August 6, the Voting Rights Act, keystone of the civil rights movement, will mark its 50th anniversary. This was an act, passed in the wake of the "Bloody Sunday" demonstrations in Selma, designed to correct, as President Lyndon Johnson stated at the time, "a clear and simple



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

wrong." "Millions of Americans are denied the right to vote because of their color," he said. "This law will ensure them the right to vote."

But now, 50 years later, it is not time to celebrate that achievement; it is time to demonstrate against the concerted campaign to undermine it. In 2006, after extensive hearings, the Senate reauthorized the temporary parts of Voting Rights Act unanimously. It passed the House with only 33 votes against it. President George W. Bush reaffirmed his commitment to enforce it. But the campaign to reverse or under-

mine the voting rights of people of color never ends. After the Civil War, the 15th Amendment, ratified in 1870, guaranteed former slaves the right to vote and gave Congress the power to enforce that right on the states. Blacks voted in large numbers. Black candidates were elected to state legislatures and even to Congress. The white response was brutal. The Ku Klux Klan terrorized blacks trying to vote. Southern Democrats took back statehouses and city councils and passed a range of measures to lock blacks out of voting: poll taxes, literacy tests, double primaries and at-large districts.

In 1965, the Voting Rights Act changed this. Black voter registration surged across the South. Under Section 4, the states that had a history of voter discrimination were put under special Section 5 scrutiny, with the Justice Department requiring pre-clearance of any laws affecting voting.

Yet, as Jim Rutenberg summarizes in "Overcome: A Dream Undone" in the New York Times Magazine, the campaign to undermine the act began before the ink was dry on its signing.

Republicans launched their Southern Strategy, making themselves the party of white sanctuary. Then, to win elections, they set out to find ways to weaken the Voting Rights Act and constrict the right to vote.

The five person right-wing majority on the Supreme Court led the way. In *Shelby County, Ala v. Holder*, Chief Justice John Roberts gutted the pre-clearance provisions of the Voting Rights Act, arguing — despite detailed congressional findings to the contrary — that discrimination in voting was no longer a problem.

That opened the floodgates. Republican-dominated state legislatures across the country immediately passed laws to constrict the right to vote. They demanded official ID that African-Americans lacked disproportionately, cut days for early voting, reduced voting on Sundays, ended same-day registration, invalidated students IDs for voting and more. They gerrymandered districts, revived at-large elections and other means to reduce the voting power of people of color. It is simply obscene that Republicans have devoted themselves to creating obsta-

cles to voting to help them win elections.

The right to vote protects all other rights in a democracy. Yet the Constitution does not explicitly guarantee an individual right to vote to all Americans. The 15th, 19th and 26th Amendments only outlaw discrimination in voting on the basis of race, sex and age. All other aspects of voting are generally left to the states and localities. While the 1965 Voting Rights Act was rightfully hailed as the most important law of the 20th century, the fundamental right to vote for all Americans is still an unfinished task.

Selma moved us forward, but Shelby has pushed us back. We've gone from protecting the right to vote to suppressing it. It took a grassroots voting rights movement to gain a Voting Rights Act. It will again take a grassroots voting rights movement to add a right to vote amendment to the U.S. Constitution on the road to a more complete democracy.

Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can keep up with his work at www.rainbowpush.org.

Danger sign in bail for alleged Cincinnati police shooter

Predictably it took almost no time for ex-University of Cincinnati Cop Ray Tensing who is charged with the murder of unarmed motorist



Earl Ofari Hutchinson

S a m u e l DuBose to make his \$1 million bail. His father allegedly put up his house and cash as collateral for the 10 percent or \$100,000 that was required for Tensing's release. Even if his father hadn't coughed up the collateral to bail his son out, Tensing would have quickly been freed. The instant he was charged with murder the offers to send money for his bail poured in from far and wide. In fact, by even setting bail in the first place his release was virtually insured.

This is the first danger sign that convicting Tensing of Dubose's murder is far from a slam dunk. The advantages of bail for a defendant, especially a former police officer, are enormous. Tensing will not appear in court in waist chains or jail garb. He will be freshly scrubbed, clean shaven, boyish looking, and dressed in a neatly pressed shirt, suit and tie. He will meet with his attorney, or, as with most cop defendants, a battery of attorneys in the relaxed, comfort of their

offices to meticulously plan his defense strategy. He will have ample opportunity to personally review all tapes, documents, and any other materials pertinent to his defense. He will be able in consort with his attorneys to tailor, massage, and rehearse his version of the events that led up to and included the slaying of DuBose.

At the end of each court session, he will walk out of court arm in arm with his family and friends, and return home. The sight of a defendant such as Tensing walking free from court each day can make a powerful impression on a judge, and especially jurors. The subtle message is that he is a regular Joe, a family man, just like us. Is this someone really capable of committing the dastardly act that he is charged with? The easily doable bail for Tensing is hardly an aberration. It's more often than not standard procedure for police officers charged in the fatal shootings of unarmed civilians, especially, African-American or Hispanic civilians. A near textbook example of that was the release on no bail last February of NYPD officer Peter Liang charged with felony manslaughter in the shooting of Akai Gurley, an unarmed African-American, in November, 2014 in a Brooklyn housing project. Prosecutors raised no objection to his no bail release.

This precedent was well

established when the four LAPD officers charged with beating black motorist Rodney King in 1991 quickly met the relatively low bail set for their release. The standard retort from prosecutors and judges as to why they routinely grant low or no bail for cops charged with manslaughter, murder, or excessive force against unarmed civilians is that cops are solid members of the community and pose no flight risk. But this same criteria for determining what if any bail to set can just as easily apply to countless non-police officers charged with felony offenses whose bail is set high, or not at all. Many sit for months awaiting a trial or more likely are pressed into a plea bargain. At the very least, the low or no bail for police officers in excessive force cases reinforces the strong public perception that judges and prosecutors reflexively give the kid glove treatment to police officers who are hauled into the docket in sharp contrast to a poor, African-American or Hispanic defendant.

When Tensing appears in court as a very free man with his scripted defense, he will likely be watched and listened to by the type of jurors that his defense attorney will use every legal device in the playbook to impel. They are jurors who would be likely to believe his version of the horrific events that led to him allegedly gunning down

DuBose. Namely that he feared for his life. Tensing and his attorneys quickly and eagerly latched onto this as his defense.

The presumption is that these jurors are much more likely to believe the testimony of police and police defense witnesses than black witnesses, defendants, or even the victims. It's a presumption that has been borne out in police misconduct trials time and again. George Zimmerman even got the benefit of that presumption when he walked in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

Tensing's walk from court one day after his arraignment on bail set the stage for yet another knock down legal battle that will again pit a cop who will claim that he was put upon by an allegedly violent black man. Tensing's attorneys will word double to sell jurors on that demonized image of Dubose. As such, this supposedly left Tensing no choice but to use deadly force. Granting him bail will certainly do much to help with that sell.

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

New Hanover County Sheriff Office along with The Wilmington Police Department and other sponsors will hold Back to School Family Fun Day on Thursday, August 6th at Rachel Freeman School, 2601 Princess Place from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Free food, games and giveaways.



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

Community Briefs

The Saint Augustine's University(College) Alumni meeting will be held on Saturday, August 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Covil Farm Road Clubhouse at 7300 Covil Farm Road in Wilmington. All graduates, persons who attended and friends of St. Augustine's University are invited to attend. Call Angie at 910-620-7978 for more information.

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

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

History can be a story

History is a chronological record of events, as of the life or development of people, country or institutions.



Verniece Stanley History was made in America long before Christopher Columbus came to America and "discovered" it. Indians, as they were called then, (now known as Native Americans) were living in this country before Columbus ever reached its shores in 1492.

History is taught in schools today using up today's technology. Today our children

stand watching a very large Confederate flag attached to a truck on Highway 17, going toward Supply, N. C. Some are too young to understand the true meaning of the Confederate flag. It has a history of hate and oppression and is offensive to Blacks for that reason. Why would you continue to display the flag? Small children, Whites or Blacks, should not be growing up in a culture of hate, having honor a symbol that represents the defense of slavery, inequality, and oppression!

History still repeats strange happenings over and over again. Black Americans are making great contributions to TV programs that exhibit our best in society. We pay taxes like millions of other Americans. I have

never seen money segregated. It all looks alike and all is used for the same purposes. Still, there are many who do not want a Black person to sit beside them at a ball game.

Our tax dollars help support many social entertainments we do not know about. We are aware of the many changes taking places around us. There are many police men on the road and we pay the high cost of gas to keep them on the road.

I also notice the increase in homeless children in this country and some other countries as well. We cannot take education away from our future generation. I was glad to know that offshore drilling for oil was not made approved. We should be using the money to provide homes

for the homeless and provide a quality education for our children.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

No Stress Fest held in Winston-Salem, NC



Street Execs Producer Chill Go Hard hanging out with Rapper Memphis Moe at The Inaugural North Carolina No Stress Fest.

BY CEDRIC R. HARRISON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's Note: The writer of this article, Cedric R. Harrison is a native of Wilmington, NC. A graduate of New Hanover High School, he is a Brand Strategist at The Resource Guild in Atlanta, GA.

The Inaugural North Carolina No Stress Fest a music festival for all genres and all cultures. This all-new festival experience fused live interaction with an elevated atmosphere and it all took place at Ziggy's Music Park (Winston-Salem, NC), from 2:00pm - 11:00pm. Attendees witnessed performances from 2 Chainz, Travis Porter, Styles & Complete, Bankroll Fresh, Cap 1, Short Dawg, DJ E Sudd, Freaky Zeeky(Dipset), DJ Hek Yeh, DJ Dirty, Mo Beatz, Street Money Boochie, Greazy, NY2DaA, Smiley Face, Memphis Moe,



2 CHAINZ PERFORMING LIVE AT THE INAUGURAL NORTH CAROLINA NO STRESS FEST

Ricky Ruckus, Gilles, Malachiae, Scorp, Pooh Bear, Rico Barrino & Tigo B and more.

Guests were able to enjoy the outside filled with carnival games, food, & merchandise vendors and a wide variety of performances on the Livemixtapes.com stage for indie artist from 2:00pm-6:00pm. A live DJ from 102 Jamz helped provide the musical experience before and in between performances while attendees enjoyed out-

side activities. After 6:00pm the crowd was moved to the inside of the venue, for the second half of the No Stress Fest, taking place on the main stage presented by Street Execs. The mainstage was hosted by MTV's Wild'n Out's Chicco Bean, Darren Brand, and Osama Bin Drankin from the Freestyle Funny Comedy Show.

Special Thanks: LiveMixtapes.com, Backwoodz, Ziggy's Music Park and 102 Jamz.

Looney recognized

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Craven County Board of Education and Tucker Creek Middle School spotlighted Stacey Walker Looney, a mathematics teacher who implements technology-based lessons and tools in her teaching while not losing the rigor and high standards which create successful students.

Mrs. Looney keeps an open mind to new ideas that are presented and maintains a very professional attitude during all circumstances. She constantly keeps her students first, even when that means she stays late to create remediation lessons, new challenging assignments, or review student work to provide feedback. It is not rare to find Mrs. Looney using her own time during lunch to grade assignments and provide feedback for students. Mrs. Looney also implements high-quality PBLs in her classroom, even bringing in community mem-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO STACEY WALKER LOONEY

bers to create a very authentic learning environment.

Mrs. Looney resides in Newport, NC with her husband David and two sons, Isaiah and Jeremiah. A former resident of Bladenboro, NC: she is a graduate of Bladenboro High School and North Carolina Central University. Stacey is also the daughter of Willie Wardell Walker, Sr. and Emma Johnson Walker of Bladenboro.

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SALE #1: Saturday, August 22nd at 10:00 am on site
Previews: August 7th and August 8th - 10 am to 2:00 pm or by appt.
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Previews: August 7th and August 8th - 10 am to 2:00 pm or by appt.
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Waterfront Home: 2,339 +/- sf, 4 BR, 3 ba, Located in a Gated Community, Canal Frontage with a Dock
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First My Community Matters Rally held



DA'SHAUN HARRISON AND BRANDON HICKMAN "BIGG B"



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NC CAROLINA BLACK LEADERSHIP CAUCUS

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Da' Shaun Harrison along with Coast 97.3 presented the first My Community Matters Rally on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

Da'Shaun graduated from Hoggard High School in 2014. Now a man of Morehouse College, a Historically Black College & University in Atlanta, GA, Da'Shaun is a member of the NAACP, and other organizations on cam-



NHC NAACP PRESIDENT DEBORAH MAXWELL

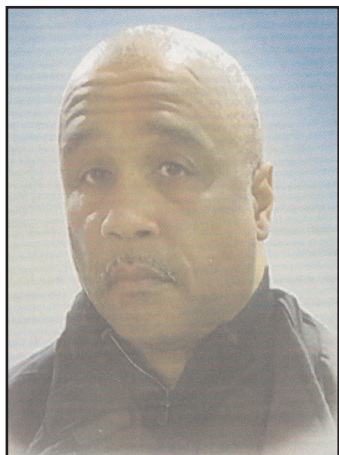
pus working to make the world a better place.

Attendees heard speeches from influential leaders of the community, poetry and other spoken word performances from various artist, and music was provided by Host

DJ Bigg B of Coast 97.3 and Core DJs.

The guests had the opportunity to sign up to become a member of NAACP, register to vote, and let their voice be heard as they discussed current issues in the community.

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William Lenwood Hayes, Jr.

I fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:7-8

William Lenwood Hayes, Jr., age 55 departed this life on July 16, 2015 at his home in Columbus, Ohio. He was born on September 25, 1959 in Manhattan, New York. William graduated from New Hanover High School in Wilmington, NC and furthered his education at Montreat Anderson College, Asheville, NC. William joined the United States Air Force in 1979 specializing in accounting. He then moved to New York where he was a System Analyst for the New York City Housing Authority for five years. William moved to Columbus, Ohio in 1985 and continued his career in accounting and computer programming with various corporations.

William was a blessing and a lesson that was well taught. He was a man who was able to encourage and mentor youth. His love for sports led him to lead his own little league football team called the Columbus Steelboys. He guided many into future endeavors by helping them gain scholarships to college even when his health was failing. He displayed the drive to show up and keep going in life and not to give up. William's greatest blessings in life, which now succeed him, are his beautiful and handsome children. They will now continue on a legacy to never give up and push forward to follow their own future dreams.

He was preceded in death by his father, William L. Hayes, Sr., and his mother, Evelyn A. Hayes. He is survived by daughters Lynne (James) Jones of Wilmington, NC; Tia Hayes, Tiffany Hayes and Tamarah Hayes all of Columbus, OH; Jade and Jewell Perry of Dayton, OH; son William L. Hayes III (Trey) of Columbus, OH; three brother Greg (Sharon) Clapp of Nashville, TN, Arthur Hayes of Wilmington, NC and Kevin Hayes of Lithonia, GA; two sisters Michelle Hayes of Wilmington, NC and Shawna Williams of Greensboro, NC; eight grandchildren Xavier (Zay) Cannaday, Cassidy Hayes, Marquis (Deuce) Lucas, McKenzy Lucas, James (Christian) Jones, Janai

Jones, Janiya Choate, Journee Turner, six special nieces Shaquia Williams, Samantha James, Tanasha Davis, Monique Martin, Venikia Mosley, La'Shawna Hayes; six nephews Michael Hayes, Arthur Hayes, Jr., Xavier James, all of Wilmington, NC, Craig Clapp of Raleigh, NC, Cynthia and Maurice Clapp of Rocky Mount, NC; aunts Shirley Marcia Flanders of NY, NY and Alice Vernell Williams of Wilmington, NC; God mother Margret Mitchell; and many special friends.

Carlton Walker Whitley

Carlton Walker Whitley died Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 28th at Freedom's Way Ministries, Inc. Burial followed in the Jenkins McLaurin Cemetery. The obituary printed for this service incorrectly stated as being done by Waddell.

Carlton Walker Whitley, son of the late Charlene Whitley was born on February 17, 1990 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. He was the youngest of six. At the age of five, Carlton was adopted by Miss Charlene Whitley and he went to Sanford, NC to begin his life. Carlton received his education at Benjamin T. Bullock Elementary, West Lee Middle and Lee Senior High School. Carlton had various awards for winning 1st and 2nd place in track and swimming. He was a very hard working young man. He made sure he was able to provide for himself and his family. Before Carlton's death, he was an employee of McDonald's; where he was loved by all his co-workers. In 2012, when Miss Whitley went on the eternal rest, Carlton was reunited with his birth mother, father, sisters and brother. Carlton was a loving soul. To know him was to love him. Carlton loved music and making music was one of his special talents. He would spend hours singing and rapping. He was a caring father, son, brother and friend. Carlton would go above and beyond for the ones he cherished.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one daughter, Chastity Marie Whitley; fiancé, Octavia Bryant; birth parents, Barbara Wooten (Lee), and Carlton McCormick; step-father, Charles Williams; sisters, Melisse James (La'twon), Patricia Prather (Michael), Ebony Silman (Kawaun), and Carletta Silman; brother, Corey Prather; special cousin, Cheryl Cook (Michael); childhood friends, Ralph, Rell, Woody, Camaro, Fox, Mall, Man Chris and Jay; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

Mattie Lou Williams

Mattie Lou Williams died Sunday, July 26, 2015 at Brunswick Cove Living Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 1st at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in the Hooper Family

Cemetery. **Mattie Lou Murphy Williams**, daughter of the late Mae Presley and Wood Murphy was born on December 2, 1924, in Opelika, Alabama. Mattie transitioned to her heavenly home on Sunday, July 26, 2015. Her late husband, Mr. Leo H. Williams; her daughter, Mary Ann Williams Hooper and her son-in-law, Fred Hooper, Jr., all preceded her in death. Mattie leaves to cherish her memories: six grandchildren, Frederick Hooper of Wilmington, NC Wanda F. Hooper of Fayetteville, NC Larry D. Hooper, Cynthia L. Hooper, Tony A. Hooper and Terry E. Hooper, all of Wilmington, NC; nineteen great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sue Ella Murphy and Lorina Murphy; three brothers, Jim, Pete and Fred Murphy; a host of other relatives and friends including her special friend, Mary Jackson of Wilmington, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

Regina Ray Brown

Regina Ray Brown died Saturday, July 25th at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Memorial services were held on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Regina, known as "Gina", was born on August 14, 1965 to the late Patricia Brown and Leroy Caldwell. She graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in 1977. Regina was the longtime partner of Oscar Williams and from their union came four children.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Whitney Brown and Ashanti Brown, both of Wilmington, NC; two sons, Shamon Brown and De'Juan Brown both of Wilmington, NC; step-children, Demeatric Williams, Oscar Williams, Jr., Tyson Johnson and Shawana Johnson all of the city; 22 grandchildren; father, Leroy Caldwell (Gloria); sisters, Michelle Graham of the city and Peaches Brown of Philadelphia; brothers, Rodney Williams of the city and Laquan Brown of Philadelphia, PA; grandmother, Estelle Maclean of the city; uncles, David Brown, Kenny Ray Brown and Robert Brown (Ann) all of the city; aunts, Ida Greene (Lewis), Adrita Brown, Jacqueline Hayes, all of the city; best friends, Harry Barn Hill, Sandra Johnson, Margaret Fields, Ernest Fields and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

Annie Hines Nixon

Annie Hines Nixon died Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at her residence. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 1st at Mt. Nebo MB Church. Burial followed in the Pollock Cemetery.

Annie Hines Nixon (Annie Byrd), daughter of the late Rufus Hines and Annie Sidbury Hines, was born January 7, 1925 in Scotts Hill, North Carolina. She was

called to her Heavenly Home on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, in her home. Annie Byrd graduated from Williston Industrial School in the class of 1943. She was employed as a maid, worked for Southern Box, Corbett, and then for the New Hanover County Schools where she retired. An entrepreneur, she was also an Avon representative. Annie Byrd was a member of First Baptist Scotts Hill; she also attended Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, and became a member of the church in August 1987. At Mount Nebo she sang with the Senior Choir, Jewell Choir and served as an usher. She was a member of the L.F. Boone Willing Workers and The G.W. Billups club. Annie Byrd was united in holy matrimony to Charlie Nixon Sr. who preceded her in death.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers: Viola Riddick, Gladys Howard, Inez Hines, Rufus L., Lawrence and Israel Hines; as well as two daughters in law: Mable Louise Nixon and Christiane Nixon; and a special friend to the family Wanda Carmichael. She leaves to cherish her fondest memories her children Ralph Nixon, Wilmington NC; Charlie Nixon Jr., Wilmington NC; Donald Nixon, Wilmington NC; Belinda Burney (Larry), Wilmington NC; Julius Nixon (Davida), Wilmington NC; her grandchildren Antonio Lamont Point, Bridgeport CT; Chanetta Renee Carmichael, Atlanta GA; Charlie Nixon, III, Wilmington NC; Michael Nixon, Wilmington NC; Donika Ruiz (Ramiro), Miami FL; Rolanda Burney, Greensboro NC; Dimmie Burney-Brown (Jonathan), Charlotte NC; Benita Burney, Charlotte NC; and Larry Burney (Monica), Durham

NC; eleven great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

Ernest Carnell Johnson

Ernest Carnell Johnson died Wednesday, July 29th at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 1st at Hooper's Chapel MB Church, Leland. Burial followed in Williams Cemetery.

Ernest was born July 1, 1947 to Cora Johnson-Robinson and Ernest Malloy who preceded him in death. He was also preceded by his siblings, Maxine Jacobs and Danny Miller. He received his education in the New Hanover County school system. Ernest was employed with Holsum bakery for over 25 years. As a youth he joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist

Church where he participated in Sunday school, BTU, and the Boy Scout Troop. Later years he joined Hooper's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and was a faithful member until his health declined. He loved his church family and was well known for sharing candy with the members and that earned him the nickname "The Candy Man". Carnell married the love of his life, Annie Ruth, who loved and cared for him faithfully. His passing has left a void within her heart and many others. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish fond memories are: his wife, Annie Ruth Southerland Johnson of the home; a devoted son, James "Leon" Southerland of Wilmington, NC; two loving

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Sunset: June 2, 2013



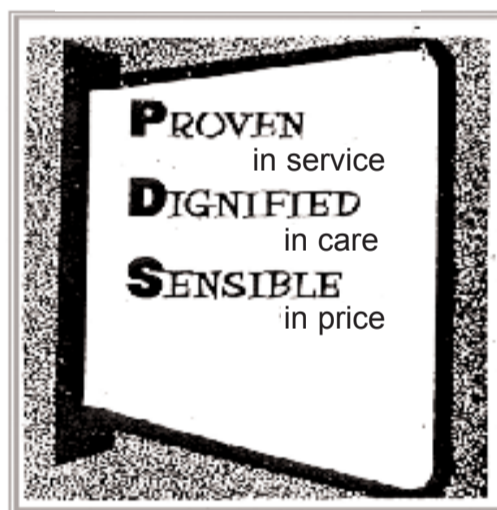
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