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BY **BERNEST HEWETT**  
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I usually write about concerns and problems that have caused trouble or are going to cause trouble in the future for Blacks, other minorities, the poor and the elderly, but today I find myself, a Missionary Baptist, talking about AME churches. They have put their faith in God to lead them to begin the battle of freedom and justice. I was invited to be a part of a program that will take place on February 28, 2015, in White

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**WASHINGTON**

**President Obama reportedly hostile toward nation's Black colleges**

(Blacknews.com) President Obama and Vice President Biden recently met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) to discuss key issues such as economic security and education. They also addressed the future of the nation's more than 100 HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities).

But some in attendance say Obama had very negative things to say about HBCUs.

He reportedly criticized the student loan policies at HBCUs and insisted that low graduation rates, not federal funding cuts or his free

community college plan, were the greatest threats to HBCUs. His free community college plan proposes to offer free tuition for enrolled students who maintain a 2.5 GPA and are making progress toward completing their program, but many critics say this will hurt the HBCU community.

According to Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA): "[President Obama] said there were some HBCUs that were

not good at graduating students and if they did not improve they'd have to go by the wayside. In other words



he didn't show much empathy for struggling HBCUs. It was like 'show me the numbers' and if the numbers aren't where they need to be, that's it. It was a somewhat callous view of the unique niche HBCUs

fill." Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY) also commented, "I was concerned about what the President said because it

feeds into a narrative about the value of these institutions and whether they are equip to educate our students and what the cost is for doing so. Many of these institutions have not had a maintenance of effort on the part of states or the federal government and over time that wears on their ability to maintain standards or even advance beyond a certain level. It was very clear that he doesn't have the same level of appreciation for what these institutions have done and could do in the

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At 71, the freedom fighter battles on.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEATURE**

**Angela Davis: Still an activist**

BY **STACY M. BROWN**  
OF THE WASHINGTON INFORMER

Say the name Angela Davis and, depending upon with whom you speak, a range of opinions, emotions and thoughts automatically ensue.

But, to hear the famed political activist speak, it's easy to understand why she has become one of the most prominently known fighters against oppression in America and around the globe.

"A lot of civil and human rights activists of the '60s and '70s are no longer with the movement but that's not the case with Angela Davis. She's still on the front lines," said David Leonard, chair of the Washington State University's Department of Critical Culture,

Gender, and Race Studies, where Davis recently spoke to a sold-out audience.

Davis, who turned 71 on Monday, Jan. 26, holds the title of professor emerita in the Humanities Division at the University of California Santa Cruz. However, 45 years ago, she held the dubious distinction of being on the FBI's notorious "Most Wanted" list.

It turned out the charges didn't hold and Davis, now a noted scholar, continued her work as the face of the 1970s black power movement.

In her mid-20s when she gained the national spotlight, Davis in 1969, lost her job as an assistant philos-

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**LINDA COLEMAN**

**Coleman announces bid for Lt. Governor**

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Linda Coleman announced Wednesday that she will once again make a bid for NC Lieutenant Governor during the 2016 elections.

"I'm running for Lieutenant Governor because we need a new approach in Raleigh. North Carolinians know that I am battle tested and ready to go to bat for the middle class and to create jobs for our future," Coleman said.

"I cannot sit by silently while we watch years of North Carolina's progress upended by the Lieutenant Governor and the Republican General Assembly. My opponent has

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**CHICAGO**

**RAINBOW COALITION: LET'S FUND, NOT CLOSE HBCUs**

Statement by: **Rev. Dr. Janette C. Wilson & Attorney Janice Mathis Esq.**

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Since 2008, HBCUs have lost more than \$300 million in tuition revenue due to changes in federal loan and grant programs. South Carolina State is symptomatic of the impact that many HBCUs face as a result of federal and state cuts to higher education budgets. The direct cuts to higher education are made more devastating by the effects of the recession, which resulted in record

home foreclosures and job loss by a large number of African American families.

The fact that the Recession grew out of a mortgage crisis made recovery for black families even more daunting. Blacks hold a disproportionate amount of family wealth in home equity. When home prices collapsed, the good suffered right along with the greedy. The one asset on which many were counting to finance their children's education - the family home - suddenly was under water through no fault of

their own. The plight of historically black colleges and universities (HBCU's) is due in part to the recession. The Great Recession has hit HBCU's across the nation hard. Black families lost hundreds of millions of dollars in family income and wealth during the recession, rendering them less able to contribute to the cost of college, either as parents or alumni. The recovery was as unsatisfying as an eggless omelet - rising stock prices, but no jobs. The job losses and foreclosures in the black communities were dou-

ble the national average in some states, and more than double in others.

South Carolina State University, like many other HBCUs, survives on enrollment, tuition, federal and state supports. There is currently a move by the South Carolina State Legislature to recommend closing South Carolina State for financial reasons. It is intolerable that after

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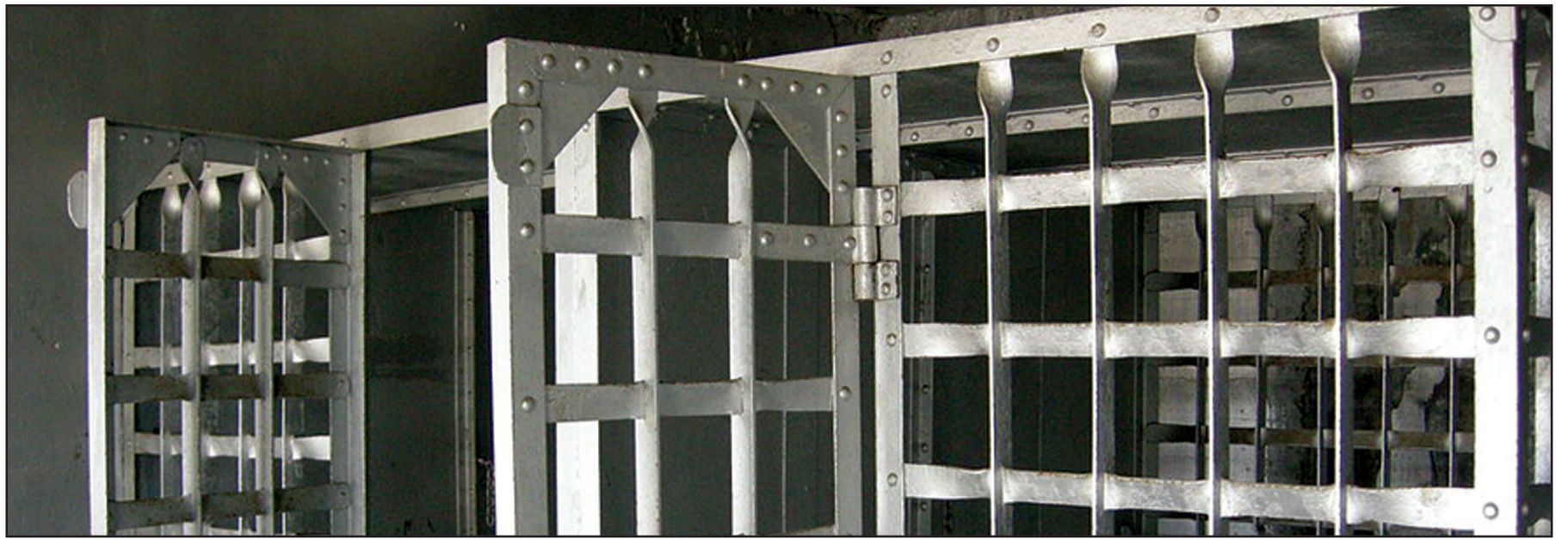
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There will be leaders from  
various AME churches, the  
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national news. Come out  
and be with us. Black lives  
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Bernest L. Hewett is  
President of the Brunswick  
County Branch of NAACP.



African Americans account for 25 percent of the 12 million jail admissions every year.

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## Jail population overlooked in reform efforts

BY FREDDIE ALLEN  
SENIOR WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - In a system that is often overlooked by the public and misused by law enforcement, Blacks account for more than one-third (36 percent) of the jail population, according to a new report from the Vera Institute of Justice, a nonpartisan research and policy group.

The report titled, "Incarceration's Front Door: The Misuse of Jails in America," details the practices and policies that funnel a disproportionate number of Black men and women in and out and back into jails.

In the introduction to the report, Nicholas Turner, the president and director of the Vera Institute wrote that jails are necessary for some people, but too often ordinary people are "held for minor violations minor violations such as driving with a suspended license, public intoxication, or shoplifting because they cannot afford bail as low as \$500."

The report said that roughly 75 percent of sentenced offenders and those awaiting trial in jail were there on nonviolent traffic, property, drug, or public order offenses. And while they sit, life goes on without them. Bills pile up, rent goes unpaid and hourly wage workers watch paychecks shrink or they just get fired.

Turner added: "Single parents may lose custody of their children, sole wage-earners in families, their jobs - while all of us, the taxpayers, pay for them to stay in jail."

In everyday dialogue, people often use "jails" and "prisons" interchangeably, but these tools of the criminal justice system serve distinct purposes.

"Unlike state prisons, which almost exclusively hold people serving state sentences, jail populations are heterogeneous, making them particularly challenging to manage," the report said.

Pretrial detainees, locally and state sentenced inmates,

apprehended pretrial or sentenced inmates from other jurisdictions and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees all bunk in local jails, while local jurisdictions collect fees. Sentences can range from a few hours to months for more serious offenses or overcrowding at other facilities.

But just like mass incarceration in prisons was sparked by the War on Drugs, the growth in the jail population also soared because of drug arrests.

"From 1981 until 2006, when they peaked, total drug arrests more than tripled, from 560,000 to 1.9 million, and the drug arrest rate (per 100,000) grew 160 percent," according to the Vera report. "The share of people in jail accused or convicted of a drug crime increased sharply in the 1980s."

Even though, state and federal prisons house more inmates, jails record about 19 times more admissions. African Americans account for 25 percent of the 12 million jail admissions every year.

"Black males, in particular, are arrested at a younger age and at higher rates than their white counterparts, often giving them a longer 'rap' sheet regardless of the charges or the eventual dispositions of the cases," the report explained. "Schools in minority neighborhoods are more likely to have law enforcement officers on site and to embrace 'zero tolerance' policies."

The report continued: "With arrest records on file at earlier ages, subsequent contacts with police result in more severe case outcomes as these young men come of age."

When people suffering from mental health disorders find themselves homeless, unemployed, or on drugs they are arrested for minor crimes at higher rates than other offenders and spend time in jail where their conditions deteriorate.

"Serious mental illness, which includes bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and

major depression, affects an estimated 14.5 percent of men and 31 percent of women in jails - rates that are four to six times higher than in the general population," the report said. "According to the [Bureau of Justice Statistics], 60 percent of jail inmates reported having had symptoms of a mental health disorder in the prior twelve months."

On the inside, jailed inmates with few options pay private phone companies exorbitant fees to stay in touch with loved ones on the outside. Some jails also charge for laundry services, room and board, and medical care.

"Add to this child support payments, credit card debt, rent, and other living expenses that can accumulate dur-

ing incarceration - often with late charges or compounded interested tacked on - the financial picture for many leaving jail is very bleak," said the report. High bail amounts often contribute to that bleak financial picture and "combined with overloaded courts, a situation arises in which defendants can spend more time in jail pretrial than the longest sentence they could receive if convicted."

The report recommended introducing debt payment plans, making basic re-entry tools available for everyone leaving jail, and problem-solving courts that address socioeconomic issues surrounding incarceration including substance abuse, mental illness and homelessness.

While some jurisdictions have made modest gains in steering individuals away from jails and curbing the length of sentences, the report said that systemic reform would take significant cooperation among all local law enforcement officials.

"The misuse of jails is neither inevitable nor irreversible," the report said. "To both scale back and improve how jails are used in a sustainable way, localities must engage all justice system actors in collaborative study and action. Only in this way can jurisdictions hope to make the systemic changes needed to stem the tide of people entering jails and to shorten the stay for those admitted."

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VICTIM OF WPD DOG BITE SETTLES FOR \$82,500

[WILMINGTON] Officials with the City of Wilmington will settle with Johnnie Williams, a man bitten by a police dog following a chase.



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The City will pay \$25,000 of the settlement and the city's insurance agency will pick up the rest. The settlement will total \$82,500.

On Halloween Night 2013, Williams allegedly drove through a DWI checkpoint almost running over an officer and leading police on a chase through the northern part of the county. When officers were finally able to stop his car, video of the incident shows it appears Williams had his hands up, but Ofc. Stafford Brister sent his K9 into the car anyway. Williams was treated for dog bites.

Katy Parker, Williams' attorney, released this statement: "This case is, and always was, about accountability. Citizens,

such as my client, are held accountable for their actions. When representatives of our government break the rules, they need to be held accountable as well. That is what this settlement is about.

NC CITIZENS WANT TO PUT FREEZE ON OFFSHORE DRILLING

[WILMINGTON] With its 300 miles of coastline, North Carolina has a lot at stake when it comes to the health of the Atlantic. It's why government, environment and business leaders are joining together to voice their concerns over the Obama administration's recent announcement that it would open up the state's entire coastline to offshore drilling.

Capt. Charles Robbins, owner of Cape Fear River Adventures, is concerned about how drilling could change the health of the coast and wildlife. "And if there was a spill, which you know there will be, and all oil wells leak," he said. "It's just all risk for something that we consider not needed, and it's just a lot of different layers of potential dam-

age that cannot be cleaned up." According to a recent report by the conservation advocacy group Oceana, fishing, tourism and recreation support almost 51,000 jobs and generate more than \$2 billion annually. The same report estimates that offshore drilling would create 25,000 jobs, about half of the estimated number that would be created if the state developed its offshore wind potential.

According to the oil and gas industry, drilling is necessary to maintain the country's energy independence.

As someone who has worked on the water for more than 20 years, Robbins is specifically concerned about the geography of North Carolina's coastline since the Gulf Stream would spread any oil spill more quickly, compared with other coastlines in the world.

"Here it would just be catastrophic, and it wouldn't stop here," he said. "It would spread all through the north and it would spread rapidly. It's almost a 6-mile-per-hour current on the Gulf Stream."

The lease sale of the coast-

line is expected to happen between 2017 and 2022, but Interior Secretary Sally Jewell has said in published reports that it's possible the feds wouldn't go ahead with the sale of leases. That's why Robbins and others are working hard to make their concerns heard.

The Oceana report is online at oceana.org.

DURHAM GRAND JURY INDICTS ALLEGED KILLER OF THREE STUDENTS

[DURHAM] A Durham grand jury has indicted Craig Hicks, the Chapel Hill who allegedly shot three Muslim students to death execution-style over what he says was a dispute over parking spaces in the same housing complex. Hicks was indicted on three counts of murder and one count of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling in the deaths of Deah Barakat, 23; his wife, Yusor Abu-Salha, 21; and her sister Razan Abu-Salha, 19. Thousands of students from both NCSU and UNC came together in prayer vigils, as the murders were con-

demned in Middle Eastern nations. The FBI is investigating whether the victims' religion played a role in their murders.

NC FORECLOSURES DROPPED IN 2014

[GREENSBORO] Foreclosures in North Carolina during 2014 dropped to their lowest levels since 2001, say realty experts. According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, there were 32,775 foreclosure filings in 2014, compared to 2010, when there were 66,277 at the peak of the housing crisis. There are also several older foreclosure cases still in the system that were delayed because of government-sponsored programs designed to help people from losing their homes.

NATIONAL NAACP HEAD JOINS HK ON J PROTEST

[RALEIGH] Among the thousands of marchers during the Ninth Annual HK on J March and People's Assembly last weekend was Cornell Brooks, the new national NAACP president. Brooks told

the gathering in front of the State Capitol that the civil rights organization would continue to fight all efforts at voter suppression. March leader NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber, assured demonstrators that the Moral Monday movement would continue to put pressure on the Republican-led NC General Assembly on the issues of economic justice, education and health care for the poor.

STATE REVENUES TO FALL SHORT BY \$271 MILLION

[RALEIGH] There will be \$271 million less revenue for state lawmakers to work with in the 2014-15 \$21 billion state budget, according to state analysts. The Fiscal Research Division reports that revenues only grew by 2.9 percent, rather than the projected percent. The rate of personal income tax revenues has fallen 3.8 percent short of projections. Part of the blame is being placed on "slower than expected wage growth."

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eagerly cheered on an ideological agenda that has hurt middle class families,

rendered public education unrecognizable, and gutted women's access to health care. I look forward to reconnecting with our 2 million supporters from 2012 and reaching new vot-

ers to build the campaign that leads to victory in 2016," Coleman continued.

As the former Director of the Office of State Personnel, former N.C. House Representative,

Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners and classroom teacher, Linda has always fought for middle class families and that's what she'll do as Lieutenant Governor.

In 2012, Coleman waged one of the most competitive statewide races as the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor, capturing over 2.1 million votes and outperforming

both the Democratic nominee for president and governor that year. Just over 6,800 votes separated Coleman from her opponent in the official vote count.

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future given the right support systems."

So what really is the prob-

lem?

According to HBCU Digest.com: "Since 2008, HBCUs have lost more than \$300 million in tuition revenue due to changes in federal loan and grant programs, and

reduced funding from federal contracts and grants. The remarks follow recent criticism from White House Advisory Board Chairman and Hampton University President William Harvey

during its regular meeting in Washington D.C., in which he chastised the Obama Administration for a lack of connection with the board on pressing issues impacting higher education policy."

Others say the issues continue to lie with the economic status of Blacks. Despite major improvements to the economy and the nation's employment rate under the Obama Administration,

unemployment and poverty among African Americans remains high.

"Black America continues to be in a state of emergency," the CBC said in a press release

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ophy professor at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) because the state Board of Regents cited her membership in the Communist Party. "The dismissal sparked large-scale student protests in support of Davis's right to teach and academic freedom. Then, roughly a year later, she became a nationally hunted fugitive after the FBI linked her to the shooting deaths of

four people in a Marin County courthouse," said Linda Weiford, a writer for the Washington State University Press.

Captured and tried, an all-white jury eventually acquitted Davis of all charges.

"I wasn't seeking fame. I wasn't seeking notoriety. I just wanted to be a teacher and activist," said Davis in a recent interview with UCLA News.

Even in her personal biography, Davis focused on activism as perhaps her sole motivation in life. Over the

years she has been active as a student, teacher, writer, scholar, activist and organizer. She's also a living witness to the historical struggles of the contemporary era.

Captured and tried, an all-white jury eventually acquitted Davis of all charges. "She is someone whose name jumps out at you, whether you are black, white, Asian, or whatever," said Kenyon Moore, a junior at Howard University in Northwest. "I think her story is worth telling and I think she's definitely worth listening to," Moore said.

Like many educators, Davis said she's especially con-

cerned with the general tendency to devote more resources and attention to the prison system than to educational institutions.

Having helped to popularize the notion of what she called a "prison industrial complex," Davis now urges her audiences to think seriously about the future possibility of a world without prisons and to help forge a 21st century abolitionist movement. She's lectured in all of the fifty United States, as well as in Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and the former

Soviet Union. Davis also has written articles and essays for numerous journals and she's authored nine books, including, "The Meaning of Freedom and other Difficult Dialogues."

Following the shootings of Trayvon Martin in Florida, Michael Brown in Missouri and other incidents of alleged injustices against young blacks and police brutality, Davis said America had reached a time of transformation.

"There is such potential for change. All over this country

from Ferguson to New York City to Washington and indeed, in other parts of the world, people are absolutely refusing to assent to racist state violence," Davis said.

"Rather, we are saying that black bodies do matter. And our work must be to continue taking to the streets and standing together against the routine actions of police and the district attorneys who collude with them; and continue saying, 'No Justice, No Peace, No Racist Police,' until there is real change on the agenda for us."

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years of a starvation diet, the South Carolina General Assembly plans to euthanize South Carolina State University. South Carolina legislators would do well to remember that the one positive legacy of Strom Thurmond was his abiding support for South Carolina

State.

We request that the Legislature consider as a first resort the appointment of a Comptroller or Financial Manager as opposed to closing SCSU. We urge the members of the South Carolina State Legislature to:

- Wait until a full audit of funds received and funds lost per year as a result of cuts is completed
- Lobby for more federal

aid

- Energize the South Carolina State Alumni
- Restore cuts to Pell Grants and Parent Plus loans

It is important for our South Carolina lawmakers to cure the disease of inadequate funding, rather than kill the patient.

The Rainbow PUSH Coalition is a progressive organization protecting, defending and expanding civil rights to improve eco-

nomie and educational opportunity. The organization is headquartered at 930 E. 50th St. in Chicago. For more information about the Rainbow PUSH Coalition,

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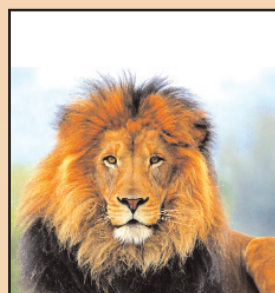
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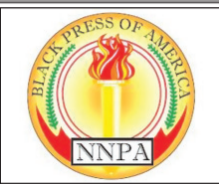
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### CURRY'S COMMENTS

## More evidence of Obama's hostility toward HBCUs

As if we needed any more evidence, President Obama's recent meeting with members of the Congressional Black Caucus revealed a deep-seated hostility toward the plight of struggling Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).



George Curry

According to Lauren Victoria Burke's Black Caucus blog, CrewOf42.com, "President Obama was critical of Historically Black Colleges and Universities during a meeting with members of the Congressional Black Caucus this week according to several in attendance. The February 10 meeting was the first group gathering with the Black Caucus and the President since June 2013."

It continued, "Several who attended the meeting indicated that President Obama felt that the focus of HBCU's needs to be on the schools changing their ways of doing business rather [than] on changes in federal policy. Those who attended said he was specifically critical of graduation rates and loan policies. The President also spoke to CBC members on his free community college plan which some HBCU advocates believe will hurt HBCUs."

Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Ga.), a graduate of Clark Atlanta University, told Burke, "He [Obama] said there were some HBCUs that were not good at graduating students and if they did not improve they'd have to go by the wayside. In other words he didn't show much empathy for struggling HBCUs. It was like show me the numbers and if the numbers aren't where they need to be, that's it. It was a somewhat callous view of the unique niche HBCUs fill."

Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY) said, "I was concerned about what the President said because it feeds into a narrative about the value of these institutions and whether they are [equipped] to educate our students and what the cost is for doing so."

"Many of these institutions have not had a maintenance of effort on the part of states or the federal government and over time that wears on their ability to maintain standards or even advance beyond a certain level. It was very clear that he doesn't have the same level of appreciation for what these institutions have done and could do in the future given the right support systems."

The blog quoted Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.), a graduate of South Carolina State University: "it's for-profit schools where the graduation rate problem is - not HBCUs, the Parent PLUS loan stuff has to do with new rules on credit worthiness and I just think that in the discussion he mangled it."

Rep. Bennie Thompson, a product of two HBCUs - Tougaloo College and Jackson State University - was quoted: "What we ought to be talking about is: If there are weaknesses at certain HBCUs what do we do to strengthen those institutions?"

Meanwhile, Hampton University President William R. Harvey, who has been chair of the White House Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities since 2010, was highly critical of Obama's approach to HBCUs.

In a speech at a meeting at NASA headquarters in Washington D.C. on Feb. 4, Harvey said, "I have to say that one of my biggest concerns or regrets is that we are not being used as the advisory board we are supposed to be. All this expertise - more than 150 years at the helm of HBCUs, decades as the heads of major philanthropic organizations, expertise in business, in fundraising and in public relations, connections on Wall Street, in the Ivy League and everywhere else. Yet, we are not consulted when it comes to policy changes and decisions impacting - in a major way - the institutions on whose behalf we are to advocate."

"It happened with Pell. It happened with Parent Plus. And, now it is happening with the new community college initiative."

Harvey was also critical of Obama's proposed college rating system and his plan to fund the first two years of education at community colleges.

"Many of my colleagues have called me to say that the 'free tuition for public community college' initiative could also be a death knell for many of our institutions..." Harvey said.

Judging by Harvey's comments, many of the debates could have been avoided if the White House had sought the advice of HBCU experts it had recruited as advisers.

An even stronger indictment was Harvey's summary of what has happened to HBCUs under the nation's first Black president.

He stated, "While we don't know a lot, because a lot is not shared, we do know that federal support for HBCUs is showing an alarming downward trend. Over the last several years, all of the major Title IV programs had modifications and adjustments which make it much harder for HBCUs to get funding. We all know of the Parent PLUS debacle. These loans to our students are down. Pell grants to students at HBCUs are down. Direct loans to our students are down. Graduate subsidies have been eliminated. In addition to student support, overall support to Black colleges is down."

That's not a compliment for a president who says he wants to increase educational opportunities for all Americans.

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## Matters of Opinion

### From Malcolm X to El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz

"You may be shocked by these words coming from me. But on this pilgrimage, what I have seen, and experienced, has forced me to rearrange much of my thought-patterns previously held, and to toss aside some of my previous conclusions." - Malcolm X, Letter from Mecca, April 1964



Marc Morial

This was not too difficult for me. Despite my firm convictions, I have always been a man who tries to face facts, and to accept the reality of life as new experience and new knowledge unfolds it." - Malcolm X, Letter from Mecca, April 1964

There is perhaps no American civil rights leader who generated as many divergent opinions as Malcolm X. As we near the 50th anniversary of his assassination on February 21, 1965, our nation will inevitably scrutinize his life, his work and his lasting impact on our country and our continuous struggle to address racial inequality and its heinous consequences.

Depending on one's perspective or politics, Malcolm X was a hatemonger filled with a blind, race-based rage. Another view paints him as an inspiring figure, pulling him-

self up from a life of crime to become a leading human rights figure. I would put forth the view that Malcolm X was much more than any one-dimensional interpretation of his life or its seminal moments and that he was a man who literally and figuratively journeyed far in his short 39 years - reinventing himself countless times along the way.

Born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925 to a Grenadian mother and African American father - also a well-known activist - Malcolm became accustomed to the cruelties of racism at an early age, losing his father in a suspected attack by white supremacists. His early life was a blur of broken homes, petty crime and incarceration. Introduced to the teachings of the Nation of Islam during his time in jail, Malcolm X traded prison for a pursuit of racial justice and equality for Blacks in America.

While his initial approach may not have always been championed by or aligned with other civil rights leaders of the time, Malcolm X's later life transition and his embrace of multiculturalism is an important story to be acknowledged and retold. But often, supporters and critics alike attempt to isolate the "by any means necessary" civil rights leader to one part of his journey. For example, and ironically, many gun advocates invoke Malcolm X's own words as they seek to

reinforce their arguments and support for their professed right to almost unfettered access to firearms.

In his famous "The Ballot or the Bullet" speech, Malcolm X said, "I must say this concerning the great controversy over rifles and shotguns. The only thing that I've ever said is that in areas where the government has proven itself either unwilling or unable to defend the lives and the property of Negroes, it's time for Negroes to defend themselves. Article number two of the constitutional amendments provides you and me the right to own a rifle or a shotgun."

However, Malcolm X's call to bear arms was no call to forego background checks. It was no call to sell guns anonymously on the Internet. It was no call to supply ordinary citizens with military-style weaponry. It was, and remains, a clear-cut indictment of race-based, systemic inequality and violence. He added, "If the white man doesn't want the black man buying rifles and shotguns, then let the government do its job." The ballot was always the immediate option.

Ten days after that speech, Malcolm X left the United States on April 13, 1964 for a life-altering trip through the Middle East and Africa, including a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia, the holiest city in Islam. It was during his experience of the pilgrimage

that his next transformation would occur. In letters from his trip, he described scenes of unimagined interracial harmony among "tens of thousands of pilgrims, from all over the world. They were of all colors, from blue-eyed blondes to black-skinned Africans." As he began to see that unity and brotherhood were not impossible realities between "the white and the non-white," his fight for equality never changed. It only became more inclusive.

In a letter to then Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) President James Farmer, Malcolm, now El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, wrote, "I am still traveling, trying to broaden my mind, for I've seen too much of the damage narrow-mindedness can make of things, and when I return home to America, I will devote what energies I have to repairing the damage."

Unfortunately, Malcolm X's newfound approach to the pursuit of racial equality was cut short less than a year later under a fatal hail of bullets in Harlem's Audubon Ballroom. But rather than end his journey to mend our wounded nation, we can each walk a few steps in his remaining miles to ensure equality and justice for all.

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## Black history salute to Prince Hall Masons

During Black History Month 2015 I believe it is important to highlight some of those long lasting institutions and entities that have continued to serve the empowerment interests of Black America for over the past 200 years. Too often some of us forget too quickly about the historical



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groups and social bridges that have helped to bring Black America across troubled and perilous waters during the last two centuries.

One group that I know we should resolutely salute during every Black History Month is the organization known today as the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons. They have grown exponentially from their first lodge in Boston, Massachusetts in 1787 to numerous other masonic lodges today strategically established and recognized throughout the United States.

Without a lot of external fanfare and public boasting about the accomplishments of Prince Hall Masons, the facts are that this organization of skilled and talented "Brothers" has been consistently contributing to the long protracted progress of Black America. The living legacy of Prince Hall is still

today focused on the mission of providing leadership of high moral character, charitable assistance to those in need, and steadfast support of freedom, justice, equality and empowerment for Black Americans and all people.

Who was Prince Hall? He was one of the earliest Black abolitionists against the slavery of African people in America in the mid-1700s. He was a Free Black leader in Boston who was proud of his African ancestry and committed to improve the quality of life of African people during the early founding years of the United States. Prince Hall was a Black American freedom fighter who, like Cyprus Attucks, fought bravely in the Revolutionary War.

Prince Hall was one of the first Black Americans to be made a mason in America on March 6, 1775 in Boston. Interestingly, he and 14 other Black men initially established and named their first lodge: African Lodge #1 on July 3, 1776, one day before the United States Declaration of Independence was adopted and issued on July 4, 1776.

Once again this was a bold historic move by Hall and his masonic brothers with the clear unambiguous intention to stand up and work for African liberation and empowerment as a sacred fraternity. Hall was named master of African Lodge #1. Years later in honor of Prince Hall after his passing, the name of the lodge was changed to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Free and Accepted Masons.

Why is this important and relevant 239 years later today in 2015? It is important because Black history did not start on a slave plantation in the south of the U.S. Prior to the birth of the United States, African people in America were engaged and involved in promoting unity to advance the cause of freedom and liberty. The evidence and truth about the historic and contemporary contributions of Prince Hall Masons to advance our interests needs to be better known and understood today by 44.3 million Black Americans.

The history of African people is as old as the history of humanity. Given the fact that racism and racial discrimination are still prevalent throughout the U.S. today means that we have to remain vigilant and committed to keep pushing forward to improve the quality of life for our families and communities. Similar to the fundamental necessity of maintaining the Black church, press, businesses and HBCUs, the issue concerning our awareness of the good work of historic groups like the Prince Hall Masons is equally important.

My great grandfather, grandfather and father were all Prince Hall Masons. I know firsthand about the many different orphanages, schools, medical clinics, hospitals, rest homes, many other charitable institutions that they have built across the nation and maintained for all

these years serving to uplift Black America. We must teach our young people today about the proud traditions and legacies of our fore parents. No matter what circumstances that we have had to face, we have always found the ways and the means to look after one another with respect, care, giving and love. That challenge and obligation continues today.

Black History Month, yes, is a time for reflection and memory of the past. But we must learn from the past and build upon what previous generations have built as a foundation. Let's celebrate Black history by renewing our determination and spirit to uplift all of our families and communities. Let's strengthen our institutions and businesses, in particular our HBCUs are in critical need of financial support. Let's learn from the sustainable tradition of the Honorable Prince Hall: unify, build, outreach to care for others, demand justice and freedom, and enjoy the blessings of life to ensure a better future for those who will come after we have transitioned.

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## A different standard for Black girls

Nearly 40 years ago, a metaphor or fable, if you will, about "upstream-downstream" was created by healthcare practitioners to better explain and argue for the value of preventive health care measures. The fable describes a group of community members standing near a river who witness someone drowning. Some of the community members jump into the water and pull the person to the shore. As soon as they do so, they try to resuscitate her.

Then, another drowning person floats down the river; and as the community recruits more lifesavers, still more drowning people float past them. Eventually, someone thinks to go upstream to find out what was causing so many people to be pulled into the river. More recently this fable has been used as a metaphor for those lost in the midst of a failing educational system in an effort to get Americans to look upstream to see the sources of the problem; and to query why so many of the failing students are people of color.

If we think of those upstream determinants as structural barriers, what happens when girls of color are pushed out of educational systems that are supposed to support them? How can a path be cleared for them that serves as a bridge to economic stability, and optimal life outcomes? In a new report, *Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Over-policed and Underprotected* the African American Policy Forum examines these concerns in New York City and Boston. The report breaks down data by race and gender, and its findings are disturbing. In New York, for instance, in the 2011-2012 school year, Black girls were disciplined 10 times more often than White girls. In fact, in some settings Black girls were found to face a greater racialized risk of unjust punishment than Black boys.

Girls of color are often more harshly punished for non-violent offenses that educators have coded as "disruptive" and "disrespectful." They are sometimes punished for behavior that would be viewed as innocuous for boys. For instance, one girl interviewed for the report explained: "Some of the girls did have this sense of frustration, that there is a different standard for girls' behavior versus boys. So boys seem to just get more looking

the other way, or more tolerance of even the exact same behavior."

Girls of color are also experiencing multiple forms of violence before they even walk through the school doors. They are ingesting trauma for breakfast. Its embedded in the pressures of serving as quasi-mothers for younger family members, enduring physical, sexual, mental, and emotional abuse at home, and leaving their homes with no safe route to school in neighborhoods that have literally been disinvested in by city and corporate officials.

Once they reach their schools, they often find the buildings and classrooms to be unsafe. Many schools that serve low-income youth and students of color have permanent metal detectors. These schools are coded as "dropout factories," known for graduating less than 60 percent of the 9th graders who attend them. In *Black Girls Matter*, the authors found that girls of color reported facing discriminatory and abusive comments from school security officers, and intrusive body searches as they entered the school and in the hallways. Rather than fostering a safe space these conditions at times made some girls avoid school altogether. Simply put, school push-out for girls of

color can result in a kind of slow-death, and the absence of a genuine opportunity to succeed. Rather than serving to prevent failure down the road it is more likely to produce failure.

So, as we travel back upstream to see what is going on in our public schools, let's do so armed with more data - both qualitative and quantitative - so that we can gain a better understanding of the roots of the problems that girls of color face. Let's call for public policies and innovative programs tailored to their needs; and let's acknowledge that when girls are pushed out of school lasting effects spill over into every aspect of their lives. Let's lend a hand before the girls are forced to fend for themselves in treacherous waters.

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## CHILDWATCH

### Girls in justice

I am grateful for a powerful new book, *Girls In Justice* by artist Richard Ross, a follow up to his moving earlier *Juvenile In Justice*, which combines Ross's photographs of girls in the juvenile justice system with interviews he gathered from more than 250 detention facilities across the United States. If a picture is worth a thousand words, the deeply disturbing photographs speak volumes. Ross uses the power of photography to make visible the hidden and harsh world of girls in detention. These heart wrenching images coupled with the girls' ages and life stories should move us to confront the cruel and unjust juvenile justice system in our nation.

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These girls are ours: our neighbors, our children's classmates, our daughters and granddaughters, sisters, cousins, and nieces - and, for some young children, our mothers. *Girls In Justice* begs the questions: Why are so many girls, especially girls of color, confined in our nation's detention facilities? And what are we as a society going to do about it?

We must all work tirelessly to give hope and a fair chance to these girls and all children by promoting policies, programs, and supports that help them and their families, especially those most at risk. We must combat systemic problems that contribute to family and community dysfunction and wreak havoc on developing children including girls; we must dig beneath the surface and examine the root cause of girls' "offenses" and why injustice saps the hopes of so many young lives on our watch.

In 2013, one in five girls in the United States was poor, and girls of color were disproportionately poor. From birth to young adulthood, children - especially poor children and children of color - encounter multiple and cumulative risk factors that often result in their being funneled into the prison pipeline through the juvenile and criminal justice systems and locked up behind bars. Such massive incarceration is sentencing millions of children to social and economic death. The pipeline to prison is lodged at the intersection of poverty and race and is intolerable in a professed society of opportunity.

While twice as many boys as girls are arrested, girls are the fastest growing segment of the juvenile justice system. As girls rock the cradle they rock the future, and we must pay attention to both girls and boys to ensure the development of healthy families.

Girls of color and poor girls face special challenges before they enter the juvenile justice system, during their confinement, and when they return to their communities after release. At the front end, racial disparities and the lack of appropriate treatment and support that run through every major child-serving system negatively impact their life chances by pushing more children into juvenile detention and adult prison. These include limited health and mental health care; lack of quality early childhood support experiences (including home visiting, Early Head Start and Head Start, child care, preschool, and kindergarten); children languishing in foster care waiting for permanent families and shunted through multiple placements; and failing schools with harsh zero tolerance discipline policies, mostly for nonviolent offenses, that suspend, expel, and discourage children who then too often drop out and do not graduate.

Girls in the system often encounter a unique set of challenges. Almost three quarters of them have been sexually or physically abused. Most are arrested for nonviolent offenses such as truancy, running away, or alcohol and substance use which can often be linked to severe abuse or neglect. These nonviolent offenses, or status offenses, would not be considered offenses for an adult. Poverty has an impact: although the trauma of sexual violence and abuse affects many girls, poor girls often lack adequate supports to keep them from juvenile detention.

Victimized girls often face more trauma and stigmatization by being held in juvenile detention facilities instead of diverted to appropriate community-based alternatives. Whether confinement is temporary or longer term, programs and personnel are often not equipped to deal with their unique needs and sometimes exacerbate the trauma. Reports are rampant of confined girls being emotionally, physically, and sexually abused, isolated, separated from their babies, unable to visit their family members regularly, and humiliated through common practices like pat downs.

It is way past time for every adult to take responsibility for reducing the number of girls and boys behind bars through prevention and diversion programs and community supports both before and after detention. And it is way past time for adults of every race and income group to break our silence about the pervasive breakdown of moral, family, community and national values, to place our children first in our lives, to rebuild family and community, to model the behavior we want our children to learn, and to never give up on any child.

We do not have a "child and youth problem" in America. Rather, we have a profound adult problem. It is time for adults to address it and to give all of our children true justice: hope, opportunity, and love.

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Sirmans explained, "She comes off as a little old lady, but she is anything but. She is powerful, passionate and dedicated to fairness, and equally important, she is gracious, humble, and kind." Hooker is also an independent spirit who still cooks for herself and only stopped driving a few years ago when her car gave out.

Many of her memories reflect our rich Black history. She met Booker T. Washington when she was in elementary school. She remembers Walter White of the NAACP coming to Tulsa after the massacre and mingling with Whites to gather information (Walter White could pass for White, and had to be rushed out of town when Whites caught on to his ruse). She recalls that the local Red Cross would only offer cots and sheets to sur-

vivors of the massacre if recipients would clean their homes. White advised Black Tulsans to rebuff the insulting offer so that the Black church and the national Red Cross could offer help.

Some of the horrors of Tulsa in 1921 are documented in "Before They Die," a film that features Hooker and many of the survivors. Kimberly Ellis, known as "Dr. Goddess," also wrote about Tulsa in her Perdue University dissertation a few years ago. As harrowing as Hooker's memories are, there are few who remain committed to lifting up the Tulsa story and fighting for justice and reparations. It is quite one thing to celebrate and honor Hooker, but it is another to accept her legacy by continuing the fight for justice. Gail Wright Sirmans is one who has accepted the challenge. Are there any others?

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## BLACKONOMICS

### NAACP's voting suppression problem

While recalling those commercials, featuring Andre Agassi (pro tennis player) saying, "Image is everything" and Billy Crystal's "Saturday Night Live" character, Fernando, who always said, "You look marvelous! It is better to look good than to feel good," I also thought of the NAACP

Image Awards and the fact that the NAACP's image is taking a huge hit, especially among some of its members.

During the past month, I have spoken to many people who are very disenchanted with the NAACP, not for the same reasons we hear all the time from young folks and others who feel the organization has served its usefulness, but for a much worse reason: Corruption. Members who have worked tirelessly within their local branches for years are now speaking out about how the venerable organization is destroying its image by allowing, participating in, and turning a blind eye to member voter suppression, fixing local elections, and lack of accountability of funds. I don't think that's the image desired by most NAACP members.

To borrow the most over-

used word in the Obama administration's lexicon, let me be "clear." I am not on a mission to destroy the NAACP. The only administrator I have ever had contact with is Gill Ford, who presides like a dictator over the local branches. In fact, I admire Brother Detrick Muhammad and the work he does on economic development; I appreciate Hilary Shelton for his involvement in a variety of pressing issues, especially his outspoken participation at Ron Daniels' panel discussion in D.C. last year.

I do have concerns about the organization's direction and never ending solicitation of donations from members, in light of the \$46 million Ben Jealous said he left in the NAACP coffers when he resigned. Moreover, as I reflect on the countless number of volunteer hours I worked for the NAACP, I believe I have the right - and the obligation - to voice my criticism and call for change within. I use this external forum because they refuse to respond internally.

The image of the NAACP is tarnished, mainly because it offers tepid responses to crisis-level issues; in addition, it has left a "trail of tears" across this country at local branches, via the corrupt and downright dictatorial practices of Gill Ford, a person the national office protects, if not collaborates with. The NAACP image portrays strength and resolve, courage and confidence, integrity and

respect for its membership; but some of its national personnel are the complete opposite of that portrayal.

Getting a response from folks at the national office, by email, letter, phone call, or carrier pigeon is tantamount to trying to break into the CIA. Having written, called, and sent emails on many occasions, I can personally attest to that fact. And don't dare to call it out; that road usually leads to nowhere.

Therefore, the conclusion I have drawn is that image means more to the NAACP than its local members, who are just pawns that are used and disposed of at the whim of Gill Ford. Many have been expelled from the NAACP when they disclose wrongdoing, point out corruption, and reveal financial inconsistencies or just outright violations of the law. If members persist in their righteous attempts at internal justice, retaliation is sure and swift. The mistreatment of local members is shameful and disrespectful.

It is ironic and perplexing that an organization that hands out "Image Awards" does not qualify for one of its own awards. The NAACP had to put forth a great image, locally and nationally, for its National Convention to be held in Philadelphia this year, where local branch members have been and still are embroiled in a legal battle for disclosure of hundreds of thousands of dol-

ars (Gill Ford did "his thing" there too). The economic impact on the city will be in the millions and the NAACP will reap handsome economic benefits as well-all based on a manufactured image. That must change, and it can only change from within.

Over the years I have written several articles that juxtapose issues like symbolism and substance, consciousness and capital, doing good and feeling good, power and principle, and leaders and pleaders, just to name a few. I have come to know that we settle for empty words, pretentiousness, and shallow images as it relates to our internal accountability. As Carter G. Woodson wrote in his timeless work, *The Miseducation of the Negro*, Black people have a tendency to follow mis-leaders rather than authentic leaders. Right now, the NAACP is mis-leading our people, and is using its image to shroud the wrongdoing within its ranks. I trust they will clean it up before it's too late or, even worse, before they get caught with their hands in the proverbial cookie jar.

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## At 100, Olivia Hooker is a living history lesson

Olivia Juliet Hooker celebrated her 100th birthday on February 12. In 1944, she was among the first five African American women allowed to serve in the Coast Guard as a SPAR (the acronym derived from the translations of the Coast Guard's motto, "Semper Paratus, Always Ready"). SPARS was the nick-

name of the United States Coast Guard's Women Reserve.

Hooker was also one of the first Black women to receive a Ph.D. at the University of Rochester. A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, active in United Methodist Women, Hooker has mentored dozens of students in her work as a psychology teacher and therapist. Her professional accomplishments are impressive, and she is living history as the oldest living survivor of the Tulsa massacre and the evic-

ceration of Black Wall Street that occurred on May 31, 1921.

Hooker is still sharing her memories of the Greenwood District in Tulsa, an area called Little Africa or Black Wall Street because the African American community there was so strong and prosperous. She said, "We did not have to go downtown" because the community offered everything anyone needed, except a bank. Her father, Samuel Hooker, owned a department store and was a pillar in a community that included pharmacists, doctors, and teachers. One of the many lawyers in Greenwood was John Hope Franklin, Sr., the father of our esteemed historian, John Hope Franklin, Jr.

Too many call the Tulsa massacre a "riot," which ignores the fact that White people, purely out of economic envy, destroyed a thriving Black community. Their excuse - a young Black man, Dick Rowland, touched Sarah Page, who was operating the elevator he rode on. Some say he stumbled as the elevator stopped abruptly, but by the time the story circulated in

the White Tulsa community, it was said that Dick Rowland had raped Sarah Page.

That was the excuse White Tulsa needed to initiate what was called the Tulsa Race Riot and described as "one of the most devastating massacres in the history of US race relations."

Hooker recalls that Whites in Tulsa had been stockpiling weapons to attack the Black community even before the much-exaggerated incident. Newspaper accounts of the Tulsa massacre have disappeared, but Hooker recalls that one paper had the headline, "Negro To Be Lynched Tonight." The lynching never happened because African American World War I veterans went to the jail to guard Rowland, bringing their weapons to ensure that the young man would not be hurt. The fact that Black men were willing to defend one of their own, along with the rumor of a rape, incited White Tulsans to destroy more than a thousand Black-owned homes and businesses and to cause the deaths of between 300 and 1,000 people.

Hooker was six years old at the time of the massacre. She

vividly remembers hearing some of the shots fired at her home before she and her family had to flee. She recalled that when she looked out of a window at her home to see guns pointed, her mother told her that the machine guns on the hill sported an American flag, which means "your country is shooting at you."

At 100, Hooker is still talking about Greenwood and Black Wall Street, still insisting that the handful of survivors and their descendants deserve justice, restitution and reparations. The Oklahoma Commission to Study the Tulsa Race Riot recommended the same thing after spending several years investigating the massacre. They submitted a report to the Oklahoma legislature in 2001, but their recommendations have been ignored.

In her travels, Hooker has been accompanied by attorney Gail Wright Sirmans, a neighbor and friend who works with Hooker because "she inspires me." Wright

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## Young people embrace financial literacy

Learn ins and outs of adult responsibilities

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(NNPA)- Camiya Penny walked around a "mall" at the Junior Achievement Finance Park with almost 80 of her classmates, looking for bargains. For an allotted amount of time, she and the other teens went shopping for vehicles, homes, loans, child care, mortgages and other household-related items.

Prior to her "shopping expedition," Penny sat around a table with fellow seventh- and eighth-graders from Friendship Blow Pierce Public Charter School in Southeast District, staring intently - frowning at times - at a Samsung Galaxy tablet trying to figure out how to make her modest salary stretch. The students, divided into several smaller groups, received instructions,

researched a family budget and then wrestled with how best to spend their money.

One instruction adult volunteers gave the group was to spend or save all of their income.

Penny, a 13-year-old eighth-grader, said after participating in a four-hour financial literacy simulation that the experience gave her a better appreciation for the sacrifices and challenges her parents make in caring for her and her siblings.

For this exercise, Penny played a butcher with no children, making \$30,000 a year before taxes and operating with a \$2,500-a-month budget. She, unlike several others, didn't have a spouse to share the financial load.

"I'm budgeting and saving, and I have to stick to the budget. I have to stay within my budget or end up with a small amount of money," she said

with a smile. "The first time I came, I didn't apply what I learned, but now I will because it has an impact on your life."

Ed Grenier III, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of Greater Washington, said that that's his organization's goal. In a society that has seen widespread economic and financial turmoil not seen in decades, Grenier explained, financial literacy has gained added currency.

"Junior Achievement was founded in 1919 to teach kids how business works," he said. "It evolved into financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness for middle and high school kids. We've broadened the focus. We give them the fundamental basis to be successful in a global economy."

"We recruit adult volunteers from companies or individuals. We teach our program through adult role models who

bring their own experiences. The kids learn personal budgeting, lessons on transportation, health care, recreation, dining out. Teaching and training is a big part of what we do."

About 53,000 teens in the Washington metropolitan region have gone through the Junior Achievement program, and 4 million young people in total have been served. The financial literacy program is available in 125 countries, where 10 million children enjoy the program. In the U.S., 120 chapters are devoted to teaching young people to become comfortable and proficient with budgeting and finance, debit and credit, compound interest, taxes and investment portfolios.

After the welcome and introductions by Junior Achievement staff in the auditorium, the big reveal turned out to be opening two large



COURTESY PHOTO

Students learn about managing their finances in an innovative program in the District.

wooden sliding doors to the mall populated with storefronts of some of the region and country's most recognized businesses. Some of them include Clark Construction,

CVS, Omega World Travel, Volkswagen, Goodwill, Dominion Light, Northern Virginia Community College and Monumental Sports Entertainment.

## Congestive heart failure striking African Americans at a younger age

BY SHANTELLA Y. SHERMAN  
OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER

(NNPA)- Congestive heart failure remains one of the most taxing, but preventable, heart conditions in the U.S. and is increasingly linked to heart disease caused by poor diet. Consequently, African Americans are disproportionately affected by heart failure and the disparity has been attributed in many cases to modifiable risk factors such as uncontrolled hypertension and inadequate health care. While previous medical trends target middle-aged Black populations in awareness efforts, increasingly diagnosis of heart failure is occurring earlier among African Americans. In fact, a 2009 study in the New England Journal of Medicine noted that congestive heart failure is hitting African Americans in their 30s and 40s at the same

rate as Caucasians in their 50s and 60s.

"These findings illustrate the importance of identifying solutions to the social, economic, environmental, and health care-related factors that contribute to persistent health disparities," said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "The study results also highlight the urgency of reversing the childhood obesity epidemic. Today's unhealthy children are tomorrow's unhealthy adults. We know that obese children are being diagnosed with conditions previously considered adult illnesses, such as Type 2 diabetes and hypertension, and they're at higher lifetime risk for a host of serious health problems, including heart disease, stroke, diabetes, asthma and some forms of cancer."

Contrary to popular belief, heart failure does not mean that the heart suddenly stops.

The heart functions as a blood pump that moves blood from the right side of the heart to the lungs to pick up oxygen. The oxygenated blood returns to the left side of the heart then pumps blood into the circulatory system of blood vessels that carry blood throughout the body. When the pumping action is compromised, so too is blood and oxygen flow to the rest of the body, causing congestive heart failure patients to experience swollen feet and legs, kidney malfunction, and pleurisy (fluid in the lungs). Among African Americans, hypertension remains the overwhelming sole predisposing factor to developing congestive heart failure.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention acknowledged in the 2012 report Preventable Hospitalizations for Congestive Heart Failure: Establishing a Baseline to

Monitor Trends and Disparities that an alarming linear increase in CHF hospitalization was occurring among young Black men between the ages of 18-44. Chief among young African Americans, diet - particularly those high in salt, fat, sugar, and processed foods - contributes overwhelmingly to developing chronic conditions including hypertension and chronic kidney disease that portend congestive heart failure.

Despite the fact that young adults are often unaware that they have hypertension or the consequential link of the condition to heart failure when left untreated, ignoring the signs could lead to a pandemic of premature, preventable deaths.

While stressing the need for awareness across age demographics, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation researchers suggest promot-



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ing proper diet - avoid fast food, processed foods, plenty of whole grains, fruits and veggies, and daily exercise - to ward off chronic conditions.

"There should be a wake-up call on the need for African

Americans and physicians to address risk factors that can lead to heart failure. Heart failure is disproportionately hitting African Americans in the prime of their lives," said Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, lead author of the study.

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## Civil Rights leaders upset over Non-Voting Rights Act hearing

BY JAMES WRIGHT  
OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER

Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, he sparked controversy on Jan. 14 saying that, "The Voting Rights Amendment Act" - which would restore the pre-clearance requirement by the Justice Department for states mainly in the South - "is not necessary." He has decided not to hold a hearing on the bill that would restore key elements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and this has outraged African-American and civil rights leaders.

Goodlatte said the watered down Voting Rights Act (VRA) that is presently in effect protects voters from discrimination but Rep. George Butterfield (D-N.C.), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, disagrees. "I am deeply troubled that Goodlatte doesn't think it is necessary to restore the Voting Rights Act," Butterfield said. "We began this Congress very hopeful to build upon the bipartisan work of Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.). If this is indeed the position of the entire Republican Conference, then they have clearly drawn a line in the sand - one in which they are on the wrong side of."

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, a Democrat. It has been renewed with amendments by Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush - all Republicans. However, the Supreme Court gutted Section 4B and 5 of the VRA that required states and local jurisdictions with a history of racial discrimination in voting to approve election law and practices with the Justice Department.

The court's conservative majority said the VRA was outdated and that Congress should update it to reflect the changes that have taken place.

Wade Henderson, president



President Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr. at the signing of the Voting Rights Act on Aug. 6, 1965.

and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, also disagrees with Goodlatte's decision. "Chairman Goodlatte has paid no attention to the rampant voting discrimination still happening throughout the country, most recently in the 2014 midterm elections," Henderson said. "The now-weakened [VRA] lacks the ability to protect voters from discrimination before they are denied the right to vote. The remedies that the chairman says still exist are costly and time consuming to pursue through the courts and decisions in these cases often come long after voters have been excluded from elections that they have every right to participate in."

Hilary Shelton, Washington NAACP bureau chief, said his group met with Goodlatte last year to discuss legislation to restore the VRA to its original form. "We made it clear that we supported hearings on the VRA and we have bipartisan support on this," Shelton said. Shelton said that representatives of the Virginia NAACP, including those who live in Roanoke, a major city in Goodlatte's district, met with him, too.

One of the arguments anti-VRA advocates make is the election and re-election of President Obama in 2008 and 2012, respectively. They say that minorities cannot be considered disenfranchised when the country, still majority White, elected an African-American to its top political position.

However, Kathleen Collier-Gonzalez, senior attorney and director of the voter protection for the Advancement Project, counters that view. "The meas-

ure of success is not the re-election of an African-American president," she said. "You still have very serious problems in terms of people who don't having 'acceptable' voting identification, and states reducing the early voting period and eliminating Sunday voting. As a matter of fact, I think there is a backlash because of our first African-American president."

Shelton said it was because of the VRA that Obama became president and it should be preserved as a tool to help people become more involved in politics.

Collier-Gonzalez said government identification as the only acceptable form for citizens to be able to vote is similar to the poll taxes that some Southern states in the pre-Civil Rights era levied against its citizens with the subtle purpose of disenfranchising Blacks. She notes that many young people, seniors, and low-income citizens don't have government identifications that are acceptable to voter registrars.

Butterfield is urging the House Republican leadership to override Goodlatte's decision. "I call on Speaker [John] Boehner, Majority Leader [Kevin] McCarthy and Majority Whip Steve Scalise to reverse this decision and make restoring the VRA a priority," the representative said. "The weakening of the VRA left millions of Americans vulnerable to discriminatory state laws. To do nothing sends a terrible message, not only to minorities, but to anyone who believes the right to vote is essential to our democracy and way of life."

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. 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.

Community Briefs

**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](mailto: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).

**Union Missionary Baptist Church**, 2711 Princess Place, 2805 on Saturday, February 21, 15 at 1:00pm, will hold a Money Saving Coupon Workshop presented by Delly Millnor of Delly's Deals. There will be fun giveaways and everyone leaves with a guidebook, pens, \$50+ coupons and tons of great information! Please call Union at 910-763-3006 to register and for more information.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Times are changing, and you can feel it

Change is a cause to be different; alter another; to give a completely different form or appearance; to transform. Things are changing around us daily. It may be the weather. There are no two days exactly alike. It may be very cold in the morning when people are going to work but warmer in the afternoon, and changes in the weather take place overnight when we are sleeping.

This is no time to separate friends, relatives, and neighbors. Kindness can build up a different feeling that was hid-

den deep inside for a long time. This is the time a change will take place in your life. You no longer want those unpleasant emotional feeling to be a part of your life when there is a better life to live and share your experiences with another person, a time when you will be successful and the atmosphere surrounding you and friends will be different. It will last a long time, and we can keep it in our hearts. These changing times will stay with us, and our hopes for the future await us and the next generation.

The NAACP was founded in 1909, and this is 2015. It is over one hundred years old and is still growing stronger. Great changes are taking place. With resegregation issues surfacing, the NAACP has

provided, and trained, more leaders for the Black community than any other secular national organization. Black American leaders, public, private, local, and national, have learned the spirit of public service and modern techniques of leadership through the NAACP.

Today there are over 600 NAACP Youth Councils, high school and college chapters. Time after time, we get more information on specific school chapters and they are closed. What will be the next available school for the children? Special interest groups in a community express their feelings about values issues. Again, we repeat our personal feeling that all children can be educated to their levels of achieving. They're not even

close to how we actually feel about education for all 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.*



Verniece Stanley

Students honored at Good Neighbor Breakfast



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Students and parents honored at the Good Neighbor Breakfast

SOUTHPORT, N.C. Shallotte Middle School was filled with good neighbors in January as students were recognized during the Good Neighbor Breakfast hosted by Communities In Schools of Brunswick County in partnership with Brunswick County Schools, and Shallotte Middle School Assistant Principal Dr. Hargrove.

Students were selected by their teachers for representing good citizenship and being model students. Ken Bellamy, Police Chief for Ocean Isle Beach, spoke to the students and their families in attendance about being good citizens and reaching for your goals despite adversity.

The Good Neighbor Breakfast is a collaborative

effort of Communities In Schools of Brunswick County and Brunswick County Schools. The event was sponsored by Walmart, Hardees, and BoJangles.

Students selected to receive the Good Neighbor Award included: Ashley Ventura, Rolando Colon, Kaliyah Matthews, Katie Argo, William Togneri, Chloe Bland,

Jakob Milliken, Maria Villillon, Ryan Wingerd-Felan, Maria Hernandez, Veronica Baultista, Shawn Afsar, and William Ballard.

For more information about CIS programming, please call Michelle Rau, Shallotte Middle School Success Coach at 910-253-5327 ext. 1531 or visit [www.cis-brunswick.org](http://www.cis-brunswick.org).

CASH IN THE APPLE "PARDONS" SCREENING THIS SATURDAY

As you'll recall last week, this newspaper broke the story upon news of the death of UNC Tar Heel basketball Coach Dean Smith that in 1977, Smith wrote then NC Gov. Jim Hunt a letter on UNC letterhead, asking him to pardon the Wilmington Ten, calling their false convictions an "injustice."



Cash Michaels

The reaction to the exclusive story was tremendous, with readers saying on Facebook that the new revelation further proved how committed Coach Smith was to equal rights and social justice. That convinced us to re-edit the film so that Coach Smith's letter is visually referenced.

We also added the name of Katherine Jervay Tate to the "In memory of..." list at the end of the film. Mrs. Tate was a daughter of Wilmington Journal founder/publisher Thomas C. Jervay Sr. She passed on January 27th, and we wanted her memory acknowledged in the film from this point forward.

So audiences will see that new version this Saturday at Watts Chapel Baptist at 11:00 a.m.

Also, right before we went to press, the Raleigh-Apex Chapter of the NAACP contacted us and asked if we could do a presentation on the Wilmington Ten at their Black History program for this Sunday, Feb. 22nd at 4 p.m. at Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh. We'll show the 26 minute condensed version of the film that we used two weeks ago at the NC Museum of History, and then answer questions for the remainder of the hour.

So we're looking forward to being with you both Saturday at Watts Chapel at 11 a.m., and Sunday at the Raleigh-Apex NAACP Black History program at 4 p.m.. It's always good to be in the community to share, and learn.

*Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011.*

New Hanover County Schools presents the 26th Annual Best Foot Forward

New Hanover County Schools (NHCS) proudly presents the 26th annual BEST FOOT FORWARD Performance on Friday, March 13, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., in New Hanover High School's Brogden Hall. New Hanover County's brightest and most talented students from sixteen schools will showcase the arts curriculum through dance, drama and music. Jon Evans of WECT-Channel 6 will serve as the host for the show.

Best Foot Forward features performances integrating special effects and uplifting music from pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle and high

schools. This year's participating schools include:

- Alderman Elementary
- Anderson Elementary
- Ashley High
- Blair Elementary
- Bradley Creek Elementary
- Coddington Elementary
- Hoggard High School
- Johnson Early Childhood Education Center
- Laney High
- New Hanover High
- Murray Middle
- Myrtle Grove Middle
- Noble Middle
- Pine Valley Elementary School
- Snipes Academy of Arts and Design

•Trask Middle School A visual arts exhibit, highlighting works from students in all grade levels, will be displayed in the lobby of Brogden Hall. Guests will be entertained by the New Hanover High School Jazz Cats beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Producers are Georgeann Haas, Arts Education Supervisor and Valita Quattlebaum, Chief Communications Officer. Artistic Director is Johannes Bron, and Technical Directors are Sheila Bron, Jacqueline Booth and Whitney Lanier.

Ticket Information General admission tickets

for the show are \$10 each and are available for purchase through all participating schools. Tickets can also be purchased online or at beginning February 20th or at the NHCS Administration Building, located at 6410 Carolina Beach Road, beginning Friday, February 27th. DVDs of the show can be pre-ordered through the school, online, on the night of the performance or through the Public Relations Department.

For more information about Best Foot Forward, call the NHCS Public Relations Department at (910) 254-4245 or email your questions to [heather.miller@nhcs.net](mailto:heather.miller@nhcs.net).

Virgo Preparatory Academy announces 15 students accepted to early colleges

Virgo Preparatory Academy is proud to announce that 15 eighth grade students have been accepted to either Isaac Bear Early College or Wilmington Early College high school. This group of eighth grade students were part of the first sixth grade class that started Virgo Preparatory Academy in 2012.

"I am proud of these students who have decided to go the early college route," said Dr. Eric Irizarry, Principal of Virgo Prep. "I have watched them grow over these past three years and they have shown that they are willing to work hard. I am proud to be a part of what is going on here at Virgo and look forward to graduating more students in the years to come."

Early College application process

To apply to one of the Early Colleges in New Hanover County Schools, students are asked to write an essay either describing a time they faced adversity or a time in which they took a risk and failed and what they learned from the experience. Applying students must also have a written teacher recommendation from at least one



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of their four core eighth grade teachers. Students attending Wilmington Early College have the option to graduate with an associate's degree and Isaac Bear Early College students graduate with two years of college completed.

About Virgo

**Preparatory Academy** Formerly D. C. Virgo Middle School, Virgo Preparatory Academy reopened its doors in August

2012 with only the sixth grade, and has added a grade level each year since. Virgo Prep offers many unique educational opportunities for middle school students. Partnerships with the Blue Ribbon Commission and PPD enhance the experience for students and their families through strong community and staff support.

The following students were accepted to Early College:

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- Destiny Davis
- Chemaiyah Eldridge
- Adaya Ford
- Tanner Gittrich
- Josue Hernandez
- Nasira Howard
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**Freddie Williams***Funeral Home service.*

Freddie Williams, 66, of Castle Hayne died Sunday, February 8, 2015. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 12, 2015 at First Baptist of Scotts Hill. Burial followed in the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net).

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving and devoted wife, Lola Murray Williams of the home; Two sons, Freddie Star Williams of the home and Fred Warwick Hansley, Jr. of Scotts Hill, NC; Two daughters, Krystal Star Williams of Alexandria, VA and Dawn Blyden (Kirschan) of Charlotte, NC; Four grandchildren, Marcus Blyden, Kirschan Blyden II, Celecia Blyden, and Charisse Blyden; One special sister, Evelyn Geraldine Foye (Freddie) of Wilmington, NC; Two sisters, Shirley Powell of Rocky Point, NC and Frances Rich (Willie) of Wilmington, NC; One brother, Ernest Williams (Cheryl) of Wilmington, NC; Two special nieces, Lysanda Yvette Sansbury and Latoya Foye-McKoy; One special nephew, Arnold Brown Jr. (LaRhonda); One special sister-in-law, Maeola Murray; Six sisters-in-law, Lucy Murray Brown, Mabel Murray, Lillie Murray, Henrietta Murray, Margaret Boney, and Sammie Lee Murray; One special brother-in-law, Arnold Brown Sr.; Three brothers-in-law, Rev. Dr. George Lee Murray, Williams Murray Sr, and Preston Boney; Four brothers by choice, Frank Hewitt (Jeanette), Curtis Bryant (Constance), Woodie Bromell (Geraldine), and Willmo Johnson (Earline); One brother-in-law by love, Elder Daniel Lee Green (Dalphine) Four sisters-in-law by love, Hazel Wrisbon (James), Priscilla Sanders, Laura McIntyre (Harris) and Margaret Clemmons (John); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Jerome "Comsay" McCloud**

Jerome "Comsay" McCloud, 62, of Wilmington died Saturday, February 7th. Funeral services were held Friday, February 13th at Faith Temple COGIC. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net). *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Carl H. Morris**

Carl H. Morris, 83, of Southport, died February 9th. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 14th at St. James AMEZ, Southport. Burial followed in John Smith Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net). *A Davis*

**John Burness James**

John Burness James, 66, of Leland, NC died Wednesday, February 11th. Funeral services were held Monday, February 16th at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, Leland. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://frenchidavisfuneralhome.net)

He leaves to cherish his memories; his loving and devoted wife/"guardian angel" and caretaker-Nikita; his children: Nadija Eliza James (of the home), special "daughter"/devoted caretaker-Tia Nicole Sloan of the home-our team worked!, Jasmine Laura Fennell (Greg) of Winston Salem, and LaKisha Johnson (Michael) of Columbus County; grandchildren-Davon and Jalyn Perkins, Lamont and Zion Edwards; Mother and Father-in-law/John ("Henry") and Eliza ("Muh") B. Sloan; Sisters-in-law-Dr. L'Tanya (Chris) Sloan Simmons; Mary (deceased) Joseph Jenkins, Anne (Carl) Parker, Betty (Roscoe) Johnson; Brothers-in-law/Eugene and James Webb, Ronald (Cheryl) Sparks, Henry Sloan, Willie (MaryAnn) Sloan and Rubin (Bonita) Sloan; Aunt-Lillian Pellom, special nephews-Terry (Garciela) Sloan, Jason and Julian Williams, Reggie Johnson; special cousins-Lena (Bernard) Williams and Margaret Johnson; special nieces-Kisha (Rhondell) Sawyer and Karen Johnson; special stand-in caretakers-Brenda and Calvin Cole and Shannon M. Way (neighbor); a large host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Willie James Moore**

Willie James Moore, 79, of Wilmington, formerly of Durham, died Monday, February 16th at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Ralph O'Harold Grady**

Ralph O'Harold Grady, 66, of Wilmington died Saturday, February 14th. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday February, 20th at Ephesus SDA Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Thursday at Davis FH. Online Condolences may be made at [www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net). *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Wesley R. Hukins**

Wesley R. Hukins, 72, of Winnabow, died Monday, February 16th. Funeral arrangements to be announced by Davis Funeral Home. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



The family of **Katherine Jervay Tate** acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness shown during the period of illness and the passing of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. We appreciate all calls, cards, flowers, visits, prayers, words of comfort and encouragement, and monetary contributions.

We wish to express appreciation to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and to those who attended the wake and attended, and participated in, the beautiful homegoing and repast.

We wish to express appreciation toward the John H. Shaw's Sons Funeral Directors for professional services and care shown the family during these hours of bereavement.

We humbly request that all monetary contributions be given to the Sunday School of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in memory of our loved one. Make all checks payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and mail to Ms. Karen Graham, Treasurer, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Grace Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

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**NBCI joins with Cedisus to offer churches and families emergency water supplies**  
*Partnership will improve disaster preparedness, well-being*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, 2015 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches and 15.7 million African Americans, announced plans to partner with Cedisus, LLC to help bring access to emergency water supplies to its congregants so members are more prepared for disaster events.

"Community preparedness in our churches is critical to the well-being and health security of African Americans" said Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President. "We are excited to partner with Cedisus, and are confident that both organizations will help to educate and prepare our membership base."

Black communities are disproportionately vulnerable to natural disasters, and significantly less likely to be prepared than their white counterparts. Blacks were the least likely to stockpile emergency supplies according to a recent

study led by the University of Colorado.

"Preparedness is key to avoiding more tragedy after a natural disaster occurs. Our goal in partnering with NBCI is to help communities lessen the blow when that tragedy strikes" said Jerry Clark, Principle at Cedisus. "As a minority business enterprise it gives us pride to help with preparedness and minority communities on how important water and hydrating are to everyday life."

The partnership plans to bring education and resources to NBCI's membership base in the coming months. It will be a critical part of NBCI's Health Emergency Declaration (HED) Program, which works to eliminate health disparities plaguing African Americans across the county.

**About NBCI**

NBCI is a coalition of 34,000 African American churches working to eradicate racial dis-

parities in healthcare, technology, education, and housing. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI partners with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in a variety of areas. Visit [www.naltblackchurch.com/health/cedisus.html](http://www.naltblackchurch.com/health/cedisus.html).

**About Cedisus**

Cedisus is a minority owned business enterprise out of the mid-west. The company prides itself on having high quality and reliable supply chain relationships throughout the U.S. and abroad. Principle Jerry Clark is a Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) via the Institute for Supply Management, a DDI Certified Facilitator from Development Dimensions International and former Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Evansville Housing Authority. Visit [www.Cedisus.com](http://www.Cedisus.com).

**Don't forget Malcolm X in 50th Anniversary celebrations**

The 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday, the Selma to Montgomery March, and the passage of the historic Voting

Rights Act of 1965 and Dr. M a r t i n Luther King's role in these events is correctly capturing the imagination of B l a c k A m e r i c a . However, there is another set of events that should also receive attention of our people. This year also marks the 50th memorial of the assassination of Malcolm X; it is also the year of his 90th birthday.

It seems odd that very little attention is being devoted to the anniversary dates of the life and legacy of such an extraordinary leader. It is as if Black America is gripped by a case of historical amnesia. But this is not the first time we've suffered from the disorder.

On Feb. 21, 1990, more than 3,000 people jammed into the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem for the 25th memorial of the assassination of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X. Another 1,000 or more gathered in the street to watch the program on a television monitor, hastily positioned in a church window. Inside, C-SPAN broadcast live ringing tributes to the life and legacy of our "Black Shining Prince."

The audience rose for a prolonged rousing ovation as Turner proclaimed, "Malcolm, we will never forget you!" Betty Shabazz, who had never attended a memorial on the anniversary of the assassination of her husband, was visibly moved by the tremendous outpouring of admiration, love and affection for one of the greatest leaders in the history of Africans in America.

The commemoration was hosted by Rev. Calvin O. Butts, senior pastor of Abyssinian, and I had the honor of serv-

ing as moderator of this memorable occasion. Fortunately, the process of uplifting Malcolm did not end there. On May 19 of that year hundreds of people from around the country gathered in Omaha, Neb., Malcolm's birthplace, for a national ceremony to celebrate his 65th birthday.

This magnificent season of celebrating Malcolm did not occur by accident; it was the outcome of a conscious strategy, a calculated plan devised by a group of leaders determined not to let the legacy of Malcolm be the victim of "historical amnesia."

As the 25th anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X approached in 1990, King was ascendant and celebrated, and justifiably so, as a seminal leader. But, Malcolm was not seen on par with Martin in the popular consciousness. His legacy languished on the margins of memory of a young generation of Africans in America, progressive youth/young people and much of Black America.

It was against this backdrop that a formation called the African American Progressive Action Network (AAPAN) resolved that 1990 should be declared "The Year of Malcolm X." AAPAN created a National Malcolm X C o m m e m o r a t i o n Commission with James Turner as co-chairman, to coordinate the campaign.

The goal was not to denigrate Martin Luther King but to seize upon the 25th anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm to wage a campaign to elevate his profile beyond the true believers to a new generation of young activists and to remind folks of the unique contribution of Malcolm X to the liberation of Black people around the world.

Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X are unquestionably the seminal leaders of the civil rights/human rights, Black Power, Nationalist/Pan-Africanist era that transformed the status of Africans in America. In

a choice between Martin and Malcolm, it is clear that the power elite preferred Martin. Hence, Martin has been sanitized and elevated while Malcolm has largely been ignored, except in those periods when his devotees have refused to allow his contribution to be relegated to irrelevance.

Celebrating Malcolm X was not about diminishing Martin but enhancing the understanding of the life and legacy of Malcolm among the masses of Black folks. The campaign was highly successful. For years, the symbol X signified young people's identification with Malcolm. Indeed, in 2005, on the occasion of the 40th memorial of Malcolm's assassination, another massive commemoration was held at Abyssinian Baptist Church.

The current lack of major national recognition of the 50th memorial suggests the need for yet another campaign to prevent Malcolm's memory from being relegated to relative obscurity. It is not that programs are not being planned. As is the case every year, there will be commemorations in New York and cities across the country. In fact, I'm told that young activists/leaders are conducting an "X Speaks" online. My concern is that the various commemorations are largely among the true believers and taken together they lack the public/visible scope and scale commensurate to the occasion of the 50th memorial of the assassination of Malcolm and the year of his 90th birthday. I simply believe that Malcolm deserves better.

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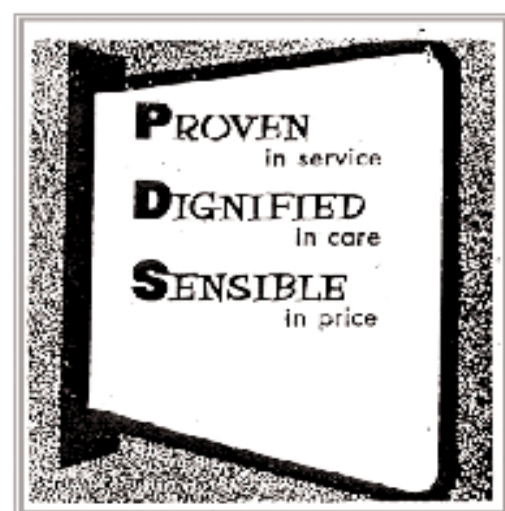
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**New Hanover County**

**Barry Smith and Company** will hold a Joy Nite Service on Saturday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. at St. John Church of Christ Disciples of Christ on Hwy. 17 in the Browntown Community. Mt. Calvary AME Gospel Choir of Navassa, Heavenly Voice, M and R Gospel Singers, Unity of Mt. Holy Baptist Church, Barry Smith and Company and Carroway Family Singers will be featured. For more information call 910-550-7475 or 910-361-3601.

**Religious Briefs**

**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.

**Global Prophetic Training Center**, 115 Wright St., will hold From Vision to Manifestation Empowerment Workshops for Growth on Saturday, February 21st from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. For more information call 855-409-7522 or email info@globalprophetic.org.

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.

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**, 701 S. 12th St., youth choir will celebrate their anniversary on Saturday, March

**Pilgrim House of Worship**, 3421 Wrightsville Ave., will hold a fellowship services on Sunday, February 22nd at 4:00 p.m. with guest speaker will be Bishop Charles W. Dingle of United Holy Church, Greenville, NC. and on Sunday, March 1st at 4:00 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Bruce Miller of The Lord's Church and congregation.

**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 their Black History Breakfast on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. All you can eat pancakes. Donation \$5.00. Contact Marjorie Armstrong (910) 675-9260 for tickets or Church Office 910-763-3858.

**St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church**, 1801 Castle St., will host the 7th Annual pew Rally at 3:00 p.m. on February 22, 2015. Gospel groups featured will be The Majestic Gospel Singers of Green Sea, SC, The Carraway Singers, The Jenwright Singers and other groups from in and around the Wilmington area.

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. Also on Saturday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m. the church will host Wilmington District Annual Buds Round Up and from 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. the trustee's and stewards will sponsor an Oyster Roast, climaxing their Annual Black History Program. For more information contact Sister Dentrail Boykin at 910-200-4953 or Sister Catherine Cooper at 910-540-4477.

**The 36th Gold Coast District Prayer Conference** will be held February 23rd- March 1st, 7:30 p.m. nightly at Greater Love Chapel Church, 1105 N. 8th St. For more information contact Missionary Gwendolyn Peterson at 910-515-3590.

**Brunswick County**

**Holy Covenant United Holy Church**, 237 Snowfield Rd., SE, will hold their first three night Winter Revival, "Greater Works Shall We Do" from Wednesday, February 25th- Friday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The guest revivalist Elder Larry McLean of St. Mary United Holy Church of Atkinson, NC. For more information call Pastor Larry Newkirk at 910-233-2360.

**Walk into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries** will be accepting clothing donations at 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC for the Free Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, April 25th from 7:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at Plaza Garibaldi Mexican Restaurant, 1673 North Howe St., Southport, NC. Please call Evangelist Utrillia Bryant at 910-294-0656 or Overseer Elgin Blake at 910-557-0438.

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**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**Learning about our Black/African culture**

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a great day! The Lord was replenishing the earth with rain, which will make beautiful flowers. Our meeting was called to order by President Eloise Purdie. She said that there were great blessings from the front. She asked Mr. George Hill to come forward with the choir. Mr. Hill said "It is another great day!" Our opening song was "Kum Ba Yah." Our prayer was done by Mrs. Shirley Drye. It was very warm and much needed. Our next song was "Old Time Religion."

Minister Doris McQuillan said, "This is the day that the Lord has made." She asked how good it is to be here. Mrs.

Drye introduced our speaker for today, Dr. Emanuel Harris, II. He has many achievements here in Wilmington, NC and other cities and states. He has done great things. He is a professor of Spanish. He said Black people spoke Spanish when they came to this land. Some of the seamen on the ship with Christopher Columbus were Black. If we go back further, we can talk about a lot of people with Spanish descent. He said we haven't been given the full story of our history. Africans came over as traders. He said our roots run deep. The Spanish came over with just men. Black folks are found all over the hemisphere. Black people were more popular in Peru. A lot of people branched off and made new communities.

Some were escaped slaves. Blacks were at the bottom but had a lot of influence. Music, food, inventors, clothes, crafts and many other things were of the African culture and were given to America. Sweat, spirit, and faith were brought over with them and still contribute a lot in America now.

We were asked to stand and do the Maringa. We had fun trying to move to the music. He said Black folks made lemonade out of lemons. He thanked the Fellowship for letting him do his presentation. He was given a great round of applause for a job well done.

Mrs. Pudie then came forth and said, "What a great lesson on history we learned today! We had three visitors, Mrs. Vernell Wilson, Ms.

Rachel Mitchell, and Eloise Wilson Clark. They were welcomed by Minister Doris McQuillan.

Mrs. Shelia Ross was again showing her love with us with lots of goodies. We all thank her and love her very much. The meeting was turned over to Vice President Gladys Taylor. The Treasure's Report was given by Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow. The "Callers" Report was given, and the winner was Ms. Gladys Taylor, with ten. They were all given a round of applause. Announcements and "Smiles" were brought by Fannie Allen and Cherry Pearson.

Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together." Prayer was done by Minister McQuillan. There were forty-five present.

**SENIOR MOMENTS**

**Widening the doors of the church**

My fellow seniors,

A few days ago, we spoke about widening the doors of the church. That is, inviting speakers who would deal with subjects other than those taken from the Bible. Many such persons are sitting in your church every Sunday. They are well educated, but they are not showing what they know.

I am reminded of a church I attended back in the sixties. I sat across the aisle from a

certain man for more than a year, and the only thing I heard him say was "How do you do?" When we left town, I was told we had gone to Hampton Institute as the new president.

It was hard to believe such a man had sat there all that time and never had anything to share with the church. I suppose there are such people in many churches, but they do not share because they are not invited to speak.

So I suggested widening the doors of the church, by inviting people of various professions to share their expertise with other members. That way we would all become well rounded. We might want to plan a speak-

ing contest for our youth. Several persons could speak on one theme, such as neighborhood improvement.

We also need to learn as much as we can about dementia. We need to know what we can do for friends or family members who might be coming down with it. We have a duty to maintain the dignity as well as the safety of the person in any way we can.

But first of all, we need to know what to expect. We need to know about the development and the decline of brain cells throughout the cycle of life, as well as other issues that we all have to face.

The church really is the center of the community, and we will always focus on what

it means to be a Christian, but a book written three thousand years ago cannot tell us all that we need to know.

It cannot tell us how to navigate the pitfalls of the twenty-first century. That is why we need to widen the doors of the church. We need to learn about some of the things that were unknown in ancient times.

So if your church should decide to devote one Sunday each month to neighborhood improvement, dementia, world peace, or whatever, tell us about it through The Wilmington Journal, and I'll see you there.

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

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**"Signs of His Coming"**

**"A**nd as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered, and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24 1-6

Deception : A Sign of His Coming

Deceive - To mislead or trick by falsehood

With so many catastrophic tragedies coming so frequently upon the world, many are beginning to wonder if the end of the world is near. Others who may or may not be disciples of Christ could be pondering in their minds, "Are these the signs of the end of the world and also of the coming of Christ?"

If one really wants to know what is going on, and what the future holds, then the one to go to, is the One who holds the future, the Lord himself. That is what the disciples did, both then, and now! When the disciples (followers of Christ) asked Jesus what would be the signs of His coming and of the end of the world, his first answer to them was, to take heed that no man deceive them. One of the first true signs of the coming of the Lord and the end of the word is the magnitude of deception. We see it in the world, and we see it also in the church! That is why Jesus said to his disci-

ples, "Take Heed".

The first record of deception occurred in Genesis 3:1-4. When satan said to the woman (Eve), do not believe what God said, that is when sin and

deception entered into the world. Doubt and unbelief are among the greatest areas of deception to come upon the Body of Christ. To doubt means to be uncertain about something. Doubt also means to distrust the source of information. Unbelief is not accepting something said as truth. Doubt and unbelief entered her heart and mind, and caused her to disobey the Word of God. When we see doubt and unbelief affecting many in the Body of Christ, then we know that these are also signs of His coming.

Jesus told the disciples to take heed that no man deceive you. He said in Galatians 6:7-9, And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We have all heard for so long that Jesus is soon to come. Frankly, some of our brothers and sisters believe that, and some don't. The evident sign of doubt and unbelief is disobedience to God's Word. That is why we see throughout the bible, the words of warning and encouragement, "Be not deceived!" "BE NOT DECEIVED; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to

his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7-8. Deception is a definite sign of His coming!

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Cor. 6:9-11

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." I Cor. 15:33 "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men." Proverbs 22:24 "Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. Proverbs 24:1 "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" II Corinthians 6:14

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 The bible was not written for the world, it is written to the church, the Body of Christ. The spirit of deception brought in doubt and unbelief. The spirit of unbelief

will spawn a spirit of disobedience. Unbelief is a sin with catastrophic consequences (Revelation 21:

As disciples of Christ, we must take heed and prayerfully watch that we do not be deceived by others, neither should we deceive our selves! "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Book of James. So when we see and hear of a lot of things happening in the world and in the church, think it not strange, it is just another Sign of the Times.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inso much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Jesus told his disciples then, and he is yet saying to them, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24:24 Deception: A Sign of His Coming, 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!"

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**IN THE MATTER OF: J.F.I. (DOB: 1/14/13) A.M.G. (DOB: 1/11/12)**

**D.M.M. (DOB: 8/7/08) TO: RESPONDENTS: ERIK MARTINEZ GONZALEZ, FATHER OF A.M.G. AND D.M.M. AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHERS OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE AND FEMALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA TO BRANDI MONCZKA**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 19, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Margaret Jennings has been appointed to represent Erik Martinez Gonzalez, and she can be contacted at 1501 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, vncN 28401 (910) 762-0850 or at mjennings@ec.rr.com.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 27, 2015, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 19th day of February, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
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February 19, 26, March 5, 2015

**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 3:00pm in the Lord Spencer Compton Conference Room (1st Floor), City Hall, 102 N. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC.

The TAC is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The TAC sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Penny Bray at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

February 19, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**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 Executrix 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  
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Telephone (910) 256-3364

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

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Anika Aikman**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of February, 2015

Kevin Aikman, Executor  
2516 Ashby Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28411

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 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 **April 29, 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

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**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 February, 2015

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

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 **19th 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 19th day of February, 2015

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

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Ira Edwin Lowe**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of February, 2015

Marie Diana Lowe, Executrix of the Estate of Ira Edwin Lowe  
9030 St. Stephen Place  
Wilmington, NC 28412  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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**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

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**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 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

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**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

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**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

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Billie Ann Burnett**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of February, 2015

Constance Drain Greene, Executrix  
416 North Seventh Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 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

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**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

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Besty McCall Todd**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of February, 2015

Stephanie Gwen Todd, Administratrix  
302 Gregory Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Faye Elizabeth Craig**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of February, 2015

Karen Lynn Chapman, Executrix  
302 Gregory Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28405

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**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 Executrix of the Estate of **Rosa A. Redfean AKA Rosa Anna Hamer**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of February, 2015

Sophia Givens, Executrix  
1204 S. 9th St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

In the City of Wilmington  
Minimum Housing Code

In the matter of the property located at: **1102 Grace Street, aka 212 North 11th Street**, Wilmington, North Carolina, known as Map **3127**, Block No. **19**, Lot No. **7807.000**.

**TO: OWNER ROI Trust, Braxton Davis Honeycutt, Henry Lee Weathers and wife Zara Holland Weathers, Jeffery W Porter, Trustee**

Take notice that a Compliant and Notice of Hearing before the Minimum Housing Hearing Officer and a Notice of Lis Pendens has been filed in these proceedings. The nature of the relief being sought is a determination of whether the dwelling at **1102 Grace Street, aka 212 North 11th Street** is in violation of the Minimum Housing Code (Chapter 16, Article V of the Wilmington City Code) and unfit for human habitation, and ordering an appropriate remedy.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 5th day of **March, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.** and to appear at the hearing before the Minimum Housing Hearing Officer of the City of Wilmington at 305 Chestnut Street on 5th day of **March, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.** and upon your failure to do so, the hearing will proceed and an appropriated remedy will be ordered.

This, the 11th day of February, 2015.

Joseph V. Garnett, III  
Housing Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer  
City of Wilmington  
305 Chestnut Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 341-3266

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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

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

Having qualified as Public Administrator of the Estate of William Edward McMillan, 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 **19th 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 19th day of February, 2015

Mark A. Rutledge, Jr., Public Administrator  
401 Chestnut Street Suite F  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

**Bid Request**

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested HUB, DBE, MBE & WBE FIRMS FOR NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for "US158 Sidewalks PH2" bid in Kill Devil Hills Dare County NC. Bid date is 2/27/15 11:00 a.m. There will be a pre-bid conference at 11:00 a.m. on Friday 2/20/15 at the Town of Kill Devil Hills Administration Building, 102 Town Hall Dr., Kill Devil Hills, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Dave. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

February 19, 2015

**Bid Request**

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contracts DA00221& DA00234 in Camden Co., DA00225 in Currituck Co., DA00237 in Dare Co., A00241 in Perquimans Co. and DA00245 in Chowan Co. bidding on 3/4/15. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 2/23/15 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 19, 2015

ADVICE

**ASK ALMA with ALMA GILMORE**



**Wife's spending out of control**

Dear Alma,  
I love my wife and we have a great marriage. She's beautiful, funny, spontaneous and easy to get along with. I can handle her good and her bad except for one thing. She spends like crazy! Her clothes fill up two closets in our home and extends to the basement, depending on the season. She has shoes she's never worn and clothes that still have the tags on them. At some point we need to save towards our retirement and other obligations. I'm tired of living paycheck to paycheck to vacation back to paycheck. I've talked to her about it and she promised she'd stop her outrageous spending, but lately I've found bags of clothes in the guest room closet and the trunk of her car. Obviously, she's still spending. I can also see the charges that continue to pop up on our credit card statement. I can't believe she's trying to hide what she's buying now. How can I insist that she stop spending short of threatening a divorce? I love my wife and I don't want a divorce, but we can't go on this way. Any suggestions?  
**Name withheld**

**For the Love of Money** ~ you know I'm pattin' my feet humming the O'Jays, right! It's helping me get my mind fixed and ready to answer your question, LOL. Some say it's the root of all evil, money that is, I'm not sure if I agree. I think people are the root of all evil and money is an accessory. What I also know foshow is, couples have a hard time collaborating when it comes to money.... and sex....sex and money. Honey, the more you get the more you want, that's what a preacher once told me. But I digress, LMBO.

An addiction to spending is a tough place to be. If she's hiding bags as you say, I see it safe to assume, she's lost control or she thinks you really don't mind her spending.

The two of you obviously need to start a household budget. You also need to discuss who will oversee it and how it will be determined. Will you put everything in one account, or will you opt for a mine-yours and ours bundle? There is no right or wrong way to do it. As long as you're in agreement on what's best for the two of you. Also agree to allow for spending money and you both have to stay within those allocated funds. That part requires a commitment, a bond of trust that can't be broken.

It won't be easy, you two need a serious sit down. Lay all your facts and concerns on the table. This is not a scolding regarding her spending, but a joint discussion about your future. Figure out and be honest where she lands between overspending and compulsion. If she's a shopaholic, please, seek professional help. If she's overspending because she thinks you guys have money to burn, it's time to come up with a financial strategy.

There's an amazingly thorough money management column, written by Rodney Brooks for USA Today. He also has a book on Amazon titled, Is a Million Dollars Enough? It would benefit you guys to check it out. Again, agree to write down your financial goals and commit to them. I love that you stressed the love you have for your wife. Take a lesson from Rodney and learn new ways and methods, together, on how to manage your money. Good luck!  
**Alma**

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

ENTERTAINMENT

**Reel-ality TV Talk By Marquesa LaDawn**



**Kenya still being Kenya**

The Housewives did not disappoint; it's all about facing your issues head on. Can we talk my friends?

Over in Atlanta, our slightly imbalanced (gotta love her) Kenya shared her shady plans for a show mirroring her arch-enemies - Nene, Porsche and Phaedra. She evidently duped a major producer into listen. What gives? Then, we heard the He Said/She Said Saga's of Phaedra and Apollo:

She Said: "Should I take my sons to see their father in prison? I don't want them around that crowd. I do not see myself meandering around prisons without being paid for it?"

My take: Really, what about your sons? Remember what your friend, the doctor, said: They will hold being away from their father against you someday. Phaedra, you married Apollo knowing he was an ex-con. Do not play that card now, not at the cost of you sons knowing their father.

He Said: "I want to see my children, just not sure what she will do when I'm behind bars."

My take: Come on Apollo, take some responsibility. Be more empathetic and treasure your time with your kids. 'Woe is me' time is over. You are father, so own it!

Speaking of "She said," the Queen Diva housewives, Nene Leakes, said, "It's an accomplishment to be a wife."

By inference, she is saying all single women are losers. Claudia had the best retort: By this logic, are we to believe that Nene thinks she is better than Condoleezza Rice, Oprah Winfrey and Jill Scott because she "accomplished" getting married to Gregg Leakes? That's just a silly statement made by a silly person. Any healthy relationship, including marriage, is an accomplishment. But "Mrs." for the sake of being "Mrs.," not so much.

I loved when people face issues head-on, as Claudia did when she called out Porsha for accepting really big gifts from her men instead of earning them. Porsha responded by shutting Claudia down at her industry party. You have to admire Claudia for going into the lion's den without hesitating. The result? A heated conversation, mutual hate, and entertaining TV.

On more thing from the Atlanta front...Kandi must understand that the viewers are not happy with the mother/daughter/husband dynamic in her family, especially after Todd's mom passed.

On the Beverly Hills front, the "Sister - Sister" diaries continue, Kim is still addicted and Kyle, her sister, is fed up and not taking on all the responsibility any more - I love it!

Kim's buddy these days, Brandi, is still in full force. She's being confronted by all the other housewives over, well, coming between sisters. Like the Brandi, we know, she attacks Yolanda, her most supportive housewife. And she attacks big by going after Yolanda's daughter.

Another bombshell of the quiet type, Lisa Vanderpump can actually be vulnerable. Maybe not when it comes to friends. When it comes to her children, however, she is a ball of emotions. It was refreshing to see her show her softer side. After all, anyone would be emotional over their adopted child looking for their biological parents.

One more thing before we leave Beverly Hills, the new RHOBH, Eileen and Lisa Rinna, are bringing it! No more hiding behind the acting gate. They are now showing the real person underneath. I'm loving it!

Can we drop by New Jersey by way of prison?

Yes, I'm talking about it, it's been 40 days and RHONJ head diva is settled in behind bars. Well, as settled as you can be in prison. I'm hearing her skin is breaking out because of cheap makeup and her hair is not adapting well to the hair color products she's using. The good news is that she's cooking her recipes in the prison kitchen leading to fab meals for the inmates. Well, before you judge, she is a Housewife and, yes, we care.

*Marquesa LaDawn is a professional business woman who escapes the pressures of living in New York City by retreating into the real world of reality TV. Visit her at [www.Realitytvgirl.com](http://www.Realitytvgirl.com).*

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