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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
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This weekend, we will be engaged in the Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebrations. On Saturday, there will be activities especially beneficial to parents with children in school or college. These will begin at 10:00 a. m. at the Southport Senior Center. There are things that parents with children should know that would make school and college easier and more understandable.

Sunday's program will begin at 3:00 p. m., with the march first. This program will be held at the International Longshoremen's Hall. The master of ceremony will be a South Brunswick High School junior, Mr. Omar Jones. The speaker will be a South Brunswick High School graduate and now works at

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Outgoing state Democratic Party chair urges forward vision

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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Next month, when the State Executive Committee of the State Democratic Party convenes, it will elect a new party chairman. Many observers say the direction of the party will change, and maybe even moderate a bit in response to the last two years of progressive leadership under current Chairman Randy Voller.

With the 2016 gubernatorial and presidential races on the horizon, in addition to another round of state legislative and congressional contests, the NC Democratic Party is playing catch-up to its Republican rival.

The GOP has the Governor's Office, in addition to state and congressional legislative majorities. Whoever next leads state Democrats from among the

four announced candidates for chair thus far, is faced with the monumental task of uniting a severely fractured party that is still at war with itself.

Indeed, at least one Democratic state lawmaker from the Outer Banks has left the party, while some rural Democratic legislators have announced forming a new centrist group called "Main Street Democrats," which will depart from the state party when warranted.

And last month, Grace Galloway, a progressive who served as the Eighth Congressional State Party Chair, announced in a scathing open letter that she was stepping down and leaving the party because "I thought about all of the time wasted sniping, fighting and having our real Democratic values compromised, and I realized that the Democratic Party that I originally

knew is no longer - what is left is a group of people who continue to pursue the wrong paths and thus lose elections."

For Voller's part, he feels he's done what he's needed to do to lead, though he admits that some troubling personal mishaps along the way, along with some intra-party battles, served as unfortunate distractions which fomented some disunity. The bad media, which blew up many situations, didn't help matters either, he says.

To add to the problems, fundraising became more of a challenge as the party contribution tax return check-off was stopped by the Republicans, causing at least a \$1 million deficit in state Democratic coffers.

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"BLACK LIVES MATTER IS A MOVEMENT ABOUT ISSUES AND PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE MARGINS TO THE CENTER...."

Black lives still matter to grassroots and black media

BY **JAZELLE HUNT**
NNPA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

The last several months have seen an outpouring of activism, with slogans coming in waves: "Justice for Mike Brown," "Hands Up, Don't Shoot," and "I Can't Breathe." But the phrase "Black Lives Matter" has emerged to bind each flashpoint into one cause.

The 2012 murder of Trayvon Martin and acquittal of George Zimmerman served as the first of these flashpoints, snowballing in August with the murder of Michael Brown.

"Ferguson is the birthplace of what's happen-

ing right now. In many ways, Ferguson is like ground zero of these protests," says DeRay McKesson, who has been protesting and organizing in Ferguson since August. He also co-produces a daily Ferguson newsletter with Johnetta Elzie.

"When I think of Black Lives Matter, that's the way people talk about the work as it spreads. It's easier to say, 'Black lives matter,' but I think the Ferguson Movement and Black Lives Matter are one in the same."

Although McKesson is currently focused on

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DR. KENT GUION

UNCW names Dr. Kent Guion as chief diversity officer

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

W. Kent Guion, M.D., has been named chief diversity officer at UNCW, the university announced today. He will begin his position at UNCW on April 13, 2015.

Currently vice president for diversity and inclusion at Georgia Regents University (GRU), Dr. Guion has 25 years of experience in higher education as a research assistant, faculty member, dean and administrator. His career includes leadership positions in allied health sciences as well as multicultural, campus and community affairs. He has led GRU to receive multiple national accolades for diversity and inclusion activities, including 2013 and 2014 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity awards and the

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Black unemployment rate headed for single digits

BY **FREDDIE ALLEN**
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - After three consecutive months of the economy adding more than 25,000 jobs, the Black unemployment rate could dip below 10 percent by mid-2015 if current trends continue, says Valerie Wilson, an economist and director of the Program on Race, Ethnicity, and the Economy (PREE) at Economic Policy Institute.

When Wilson analyzed the labor force participate rate, which includes people that currently hold jobs or are looking for work and the

employment-population ratio for all workers, she found that Blacks had the biggest increase in both measures from December 2013 to December 2014.

"If the same trends in the labor force participation rate and the decline in the unemployment rate that we saw in 2014 continue into 2015, the Black unemployment rate should get down to the single digits by the middle of this year," said Wilson.

The Black unemployment rate decreased from 11 percent in November to 10.4 percent in December, and the jobless rate for White workers ticked down 0.1 per-

cent to 4.8 percent in December, according to the latest jobs report by the Labor Department.

The unemployment rate for Black men over 20 years old ticked down from 11.2 percent to 11 percent in December while the unemployment rate for White men fell from 4.6 to 4.4 percent over that period.

The unemployment rate for Black women over 20 years-old slid from 9.5 percent in November to 8.2 percent in December and White women saw their unemployment rate inch down from 4.5 percent to 4.4 percent during the same period.

The Labor Department also revised the number of jobs added in

October (261,000) and November (353,000), accounting for an increase of 50,000 jobs.

American workers found jobs in professional and business services, construction, food services and drinking places, health care, and manufacturing in December.

Wilson said that December's jobs report signals that the prospect of economic recovery in the Black community is pretty strong.

She said, "The African American workforce is benefitting from the job growth that is taking place right now

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Pembroke State University, Dr. Chantal Rivera. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

The Roundtable Breakfast will take place on Monday, starting at 8:00 a. m., downtown at Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 209 East Nash Street, Southport, N. C. The speaker for this affair will be Dr. Gene Nichols, Dean of the Poverty Center of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The breakfast will end with the presentation of the Walter Welsh Award. The person who receives this award is a person who has worked in the community to improve human and race relations, endeavored to enlighten others about cultural differences, and contributed to the community by being actively involved in organizations, committees, and individual efforts that advocate and show appreciation for people of all ethnic backgrounds.

This year, we have one of the strongest and best candidates we could ever have, one who has given much to the cause of humanity, Dr. Edward Prudent. He came out and shared with us. The price of freedom is not cheap. The road to freedom was stained with blood, and Blacks and other minorities, along with poor people, are still paying the price! Don't let the dream die!!!

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

VOLLER

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It was right after the tortuous November mid-term elections, where Democrats failed to take back either house of the state Legislature, and incumbent US Sen. Kay Hagan lost re-election by a hair to state House speaker Thom Tillis, that Voller announced he would not be vying for a second term.

Even though the party chair had little to do with Hagan's campaign strategy - especially after she moved affiliation from the state headquarters to the Wake Democratic Party - Voller took responsibility for her loss, saying that as chair, it happened on his watch.

Voller says now that given all of the controversy and upheaval of the previous two years, he decided to "take personalities out of it by removing myself" so that the party could move forward.

"However I'm not removing myself from the fight or the things that I believe in or [Democrats] believe in as well," the chairman vowed. "I will keep the fight going."

Voller laments what he calls "a mistake" in the November mid-term elections that Democrats, not just in North Carolina, but across the nation, made during their campaigns, and that was "distancing themselves from their values." Several blue dog moderate Democrats, like Sen. Hagan, portrayed themselves as neither left nor right, and because they saw it important to attract as many right-leaning independent voters as possible, they even turned their backs on President Obama, using the fact that his poll numbers were low as an excuse.

The Democratic US Senate candidate in Kentucky went so far as to refuse to admit publicly that she has ever voted to elect Pres. Obama, even the voting rolls clearly show that she did. And Sen. Hagan, who was never over 50 percent in the polls, chose to blast the president for problems at the Veterans Administration when he came to the state, even though Obama had already installed a new secretary and had ordered top to bottom fixes of many of the problems causing delays in veteran treatment. In addition, black voters, who make up a good deal of base of the Democratic Party, were virtually ignored by the Hagan campaign.

In effect, Democratic candidates were running as "GOP-lite," asking the voters to choose between them and the real thing.

Voller says that didn't work because, in effect, voters weren't really given a choice. If they were right-leaning already, then why not vote for the real Republican. If they were progressive, voting for a moderate Democrat claiming to be a "better" Republican was hard to swallow.

Thus, Democratic turnout among the base was stifled.

"If you get more people to the polls, and they understand clearly what Democrats stand for, we win," Chairman Voller says.

What was more baffling was why Democrats didn't tout their accomplishments - namely an increasingly improving economy; over 50 straight months of economic growth; falling gas prices; a plummeting jobless rate and a moneymaking stock market; 10 million more Americans had health insurance.

For all of the Washington sniping and concerns about the Islamic State and an Ebola outbreak, there was real good news to tout, but Democratic candidates covered in telling it, allowing Republicans to dictate the agenda, and grab victory with a much-improved aggressive voter turnout machine.

"Democrats have an issue with having a backbone," the chairman says. "You can't be GOP-lite. You've got to be what you are. Too many people want to push us into a position where no one knows the difference."

"It makes better sense to stand up for what you believe, and grow your base," Voller maintains.

Compared to other states, the Democratic Party in North Carolina didn't do that badly in the midterms. Democrats took five of six judicial races, picked up three legislative seats (even though one Democratic House member has since left to become an unaffiliated who will caucus with the Republicans), won 54 percent of

all down-ballot local races across the state (including sweeping four conservative Republican Wake County commissioners out of power).

Still, Voller feels there could have been more success if the national Democratic Party had invested more resources into building the party locally, instead of just building campaigns. By helping to build county party organizations, the infrastructure would already be in place to maintain organizing and mobilization, as opposed to just campaigns which have to start and stop by their very definition.

Investing in that party infrastructure could have increased turnout and won North Carolina for President Obama in 2012 (he lost the state by 100,000 votes Mitt Romney after winning the state in 2008 by just 15,000), and certainly Kay Hagan (who lost re-election by less than 50,000 votes).

"To me, it's the level of commitment and investment. If we're telling people we're the party for the little guy, we're the party for small business, we're the party for Main Street, and when you have the chance to buy advertising with those businesses and you don't, then there's a disconnect, and you depress the level of enthusi-

asm." Chairman Voller also has no doubt that the voting restrictions passed by the Republican-led NC General Assembly eliminating same-day registration and shortening the early voting period had an impact on voter turnout in the Democratic base, and he hopes that the July federal trial changing those laws will be successful in removing them before the 2016 primaries and general election.

The one-term chairman says after he steps down, he will still be involved in progressive politics and the Democratic Party from Chatham County to move the state forward.

Chairman Voller considers his two-year tenure successful, given the electoral bloodbath other states suffered last November during the midterms. He sees the future strong for the state party, but only if it holds to Democratic principles and values.

"I think we did things in the state Democratic Party which have set it up to be successful in the future," said the one-time mayor of Pittsboro. "I wish things had been smoother so that I could continue on, and continue implementing these things. But I think that we set things up in such a way that whether I'm chairman or not,

we can continue to implement things to make the party effective, competitive, and win the battle of ideas, and thus win elections."



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ETHIC COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST GOV. MCCRORY

[RALEIGH] The governor dismisses it as a "left-wing" stunt, but Progress NC Action says there are serious questions that McCrory has not answered about payments he's received after taking office, and it wants answers. The progressive advocacy group filed an ethic complaint Monday with the state requesting an investigation into why certain financial information belonging to the governor was not listed on his annual ethics disclosure forms. According to the Associated Press, McCrory



did not list his position on the board of the parent company of Lending Tree.com. and thus, should have made full disclosure when he was paid over \$180,000. McCrory has said the omissions from his form were an oversight, and he's done nothing wrong.

STUART SCOTT BURIED, CANCER RESEARCH FUND SETUP

[RALEIGH] ESPN Sports-caster Stuart Scott, who died of cancer at age 49, was remembered as a caring, giving man who loved life, and fought hard against the disease that would ultimately claim his life. Last Friday, hundreds attended the wake for Scott at Providence Baptist Church, including champion golfer Tiger Woods.

On Saturday, hundreds more joined Scott's family in saying goodbye during funeral services, with burial at the Raleigh Memorial Park. The Jimmy V Foundation, the fundraising foundation that Scott supported in honor of the late NCSU Wolfpack Coach Jim Valvano, has now setup a Stuart Scott Memorial Fund for those who want to donate in memory of the late sportscaster. Go to www.JimmyV.org for more.

NEGRO LEAGUES LEGEND, CARL LONG, DIES AT 79

[KINSTON] In 1956 as a member of the Kinston Eagles, he set the Carolina League record for the most RBIs in a season with 111. He also played in the Negro Leagues with the

likes of Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays and Satchel Paige. Carl Long, one of the most respected public figures in Kinston, was a baseball legend. He died Monday at the age of 79. Long retired from baseball in 1958, making history as the first black deputy sheriff in Lenoir County, and then the first black detective on the force in 1960. In 1972, Long left law enforcement to become the first black commercial bus driver, finally retiring in 1995. In 2013, Long's autobiography titled, "A Game of Faith" was released.

UNC-CH NOW REQUIRES STUDENTS TO TAKE ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT COURSES
[CHAPEL HILL] UNC-Chapel Hill will now require all

students to take online training courses dealing with sexual harassment, with failure to do so resulting in students not being allowed to register for other courses. It's all part of the school's new compliance with federal regulations regarding sexual violence on campus. Students have 45 days to complete the training. Failure to do so delays they're being able to register for other courses. Faculty and staff are also required to take the training.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY LONG SESSION BEGINS

[RALEIGH] The state Legislature is back in session, opening Wednesday with new faces in leadership. Rep. Tim Moore, a Republican from Cleveland County, was official-

ly installed as the new House speaker, replacing Thom Tillis, who left after winning his election to the US Senate. Speaker Moore is expected to choose new committee chairs and sub-chairs to consider legislation. Over in the Senate, Republican Sen. Phil Berger remains in charge. With the 2016 gubernatorial election ahead, the key question is how will this General Assembly treat moderate Republican Gov. Pat McCrory. McCrory has clashed with conservative GOP lawmakers in the past, and he's even suing the legislature over separate of powers.

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ending police brutality and unaccountability, he believes in the importance of eventually dismantling all social and political oppression, particularly the types that target Black communities.

"If all lives mattered, we wouldn't have to be here talking about Black lives matter," he explained. "What we're seeing is people confronting injustice. You see a collective confrontation against injustice...it's a creating of a radical new space in Black politics."

Black Lives Matter has also become an organization. Three activists, Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi co-founded the project in the wake of the Zimmerman's acquittal in 2013. Initially, the partners set up BlackLivesMatter.tumblr.com and encouraged activists and organizations to share tactics and broadcast their efforts to uplift Black communities via the website.

"[The website] was an interactive project and a way to really promote the need for Black organizing in our communities," said Tometi, who also serves as the executive director of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration, based in Brooklyn, N.Y. "Even if you're not working on police brutality explicitly, there are many other

issues that are impacting our communities."

Today, there are approximately 15 chapters of Black Lives Matter across the nation and one in Canada that are focused on a range of concerns in Black communities, including housing, youth activism, and LGBTQ rights. Its other website, BlackLivesMatter.com, allows Black organizations to meet, network, and collaborate. The project has also adopted a list of demands, including the arrest of Darren Wilson, an end to supplying law enforcement with military weapons, and reinvestment in Black communities devastated by poverty.

"Our lives are being systematically attacked all across the board...it is not just at the hands of police," Tometi says. "Black Lives Matter is a movement about bringing some of those issues and people who are on the margins to the center, and not forgetting about the Black undocumented immigrants, the Black trans person or Black queer person, or disabled people. All Black lives matter. It's not just having a movement that's solely about Black heterosexual men, but about all of us."

For Chinyere Tutashinda, founding member of the Bay Area-based BlackOUT Collective, the movement is about love for Black people and a desire for justice.

"It [started] around dealing with deaths, dealing with the murders, because that's right there in your face - a life has been taken, there's a sense of urgency to that," she said. "But it is beyond that as well. It's also really about how are we ending the war on Black people, and ending the way Black people are oppressed in this country."

On November 28, members of the Collective chained themselves to a BART train as part of a series of actions to disrupt Black Friday consumerism. The Black Lives Matter movement had declared a national day of protest and economic boycott, with some groups successfully causing the closure of shopping malls, Wal-Mart's, and other retailers.

The news of these protests, and the Black Lives Matter movement in general, has primarily spread through social media and Black media instead of White-owned major mainstream outlets. Even when retailers saw an 11 percent drop in Black Friday sales, most mainstream media outlets did not include the movement's efforts in their analyses of the profit loss.

"The media follows where the fire is. They have followed the fire really well... but I think that they've only done that because we made sure people were out on the streets," Tutashinda explained. "The reason that Black media and Black journal-

ism came to be was because we understood as a people and as a community that our stories weren't being told. It's ok [for Black journalists] to know that their role is to help this [movement] move forward."

Black media has not only amplified the voices of those on the ground, but has also attempted to further conversations, most recently seen in *Essence's* February 2015 issue.

The magazine dedicated its 45th anniversary issue to the Black Lives Matter movement, featuring 15 essays from luminaries such as Angela Davis, Melissa Harris-Perry, and Al Sharpton. It is the first time in the publication's history that its cover did not feature an image, opting instead for bold words against an all-black cover.

"Black media has always brought attention to conversations that are happening throughout our community, and sometimes we've been the only source for some of the issues that are important. But what's happening right now is that Black social media has not only been driving the conversa-

tion, but also the movement," said *Essence* editor-in-chief Vanessa K. De Luca.

"A number of the people included in the package, they're all saying that this isn't just a movement emerging out of chaos. There really is a lot of organization and planning and thought around this whole movement," she continues. "What I think is so important, especially for Black media, is that we can surface that information."

In addition to the issue, the publication is launching a new Civil Rights Watch series to chronicle the movement's developments, wins, and losses moving forward.

A few gains have already been made. The Justice Department is investigating police conduct in a few cities. Seven bills aimed at police regulation and accountability have been introduced in Congress. One was signed into law: the Death in Custody Reporting Act requires states receiving certain federal funds to record all citizen deaths in police custody, and for state

Attorney Generals to analyze this information and develop a plan to reduce such deaths.

A handful of police indictments have also been attained, for the shootings of Rekia Boyd, Levar Jones, and recently Bernard Bailey, who was killed by a police officer four years ago in South Carolina.

"It's great to see publications such as *Essence* magazine...have a special edition issue called Black Lives Matter. Media plays such a critical role in informing our people. And NNPA publications are so important for our communities especially in rural areas and big cities; this might be the only thing that they read about this movement for black lives," Tometi says.

"[Media] think they have to do a balanced story... but in giving two sides equal platform it skews our understanding of how many people really agree with what. The way press culture operates provides a false sense of balance, when overwhelmingly, there's support for the movement."

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2014 NCAA award for Diversity and Inclusion.

"Throughout his career, Kent Guion has focused on building collaborative relationships among people, campuses and communities," said Chancellor Bill Sederburg. "His interests range from assisting individuals living with disabilities to community wellness and the ongoing academic success of students from underserved populations. Dr. Guion will bring new insight and perspectives to UNCW, and I am delighted that he has accepted the opportunity to become our chief diversity officer."

Guion (GUY-yon) has filled many roles at Georgia Regents University, previously serving as the interim dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences, an associate dean for academic affairs of allied health sciences and associate dean for student, faculty and

community affairs. At Georgia Southern University, Guion held a faculty position and served as associate dean of the College of Health and Human Services and was director of the Center for Rural Health and Research.

"I am honored to accept this opportunity to join the UNCW community," Guion said. "Diversity and inclusion are important components of the university's mission, and I look forward to working with my new colleagues to further develop a comprehensive, inclusive strategy that will enhance UNCW's commitment to preparing all students to successfully engage in our global society."

Guion holds a B.S. in zoology from N.C. State University, an M.D. from the School of Medicine at UNC Chapel Hill and an M.A. in physical education, with an emphasis on exercise physiology, from UNC Chapel Hill. He also completed a fellowship in clinical epidemiology and primary care internal medicine at Duke University.

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and the longer that continues the better it's going to be for those communities."

Bernard Anderson, a nationally-recognized economist and professor emeritus at the Wharton business school at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, agreed. "Despite the fact that Black people have a higher rate of unemployment and lower income, they remain far more committed to the labor market than White workers on average," said Anderson. Anderson said that employment is growing more rapidly now than at any time since the recovery began in 2009. Gross domestic product (GDP) grew 5 percent in the third quarter of 2014, yet wages have not increased significantly.

"We have an anomalous situation in the labor market where employment is beginning to rise, but earnings are still relatively flat," explained Anderson. In fact, average hourly earnings for all employees shed a nickel in December.

Anderson observed that wages increased more rapidly during previous recoveries

as the unemployment rate fell.

Lawrence Mishel, the president of the Economic Policy Institute, wrote in a blog post at EPI.org that stagnant wages hurt more than the workers at bottom.

"Since the late 1970s, wages for the bottom 70 percent of earners have been essentially stagnant, and between 2009 and 2013, real wages fell for the entire bottom 90 percent of the wage distribution," Mishel wrote. "Even wages for the bottom 70 percent of four-year college graduates have been flat since 2000, and wages in most STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) occupations have grown anemically over the past decade."

Anderson said that when the labor market tightens the unemployment rate comes down, and employers are forced to compete with each other for available labor. That competition often leads to increased wages.

Unionization also plays a critical role in raising the wages of low- and middle-income earners.

Mishel said that unionization leads to higher wages without harming economic efficiency.

"Collective bargaining also leads to a larger share of cor-

porate income going to wages rather than profits; the fact that corporate profits are at historic highs is a reflection, in part, of the current weakness of collective bargaining and the heightened power of corporate owners and managers," Mishel wrote at EPI.org.

Even though overall union membership has fallen to record lows, according to a 2012 report on unionization by the Labor Center at the University of California at Berkeley, Black workers were union members at higher rates than non-Black workers in the United States.

"In 2012, 13.1% of all Black workers in the United States were union members; 11.0% of non-Black workers in the United States were union members," the report said. "Among workers in the largest metropolitan areas, Blacks were 42% more likely to belong to unions compared to non-Blacks."

Wilson said that if workers don't feel empowered on the job, it's difficult to go in to negotiate and demand the pay that they deserve.

She said, "As long as workers feel disenfranchised, barring a sudden boom in the economy that drives wages up, I don't know that it's going to happen organically."

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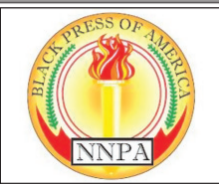
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Is Obama trying to kill Black colleges?

Is Barack Obama, the nation's first African American president, trying to kill Historically Black Colleges and Universities?

If he's not, he's going to have a difficult time convincing HBCU presidents, trustees and alumni. Surprisingly, Obama has become their worst nightmare.

Neither Obama, the First Lady, the Secretary of Education or the president's closest advisers attended an HBCU and, consequently, are tone deaf in recognizing what is broadly viewed as sound policy can inadvertently harm our nation's HBCUs.

President Obama's proposal that the federal government pick up the tab for a worthy student's first two years of community college is a case in point. Without a doubt, a move toward free, universal higher education is an excellent decision.

But if the president had consulted the major organizations representing HBCUs, he would have heard suggestions on how to tweak his proposal so that it would not needlessly harm Black colleges, which it is certain to do.

The amended Higher Education Act of 1965 defines an HBCU as: "...any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary [of Education] to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation."

HBCUs enroll only 3 percent of college students yet are responsible for nearly 20 percent of all bachelor degrees awarded to African Americans. In some fields, the figures are significantly higher.

President Obama noted, "America thrived in the 20th century in large part because we had the most educated workforce in the world. But other nations have matched or exceeded the secret to our success." And the U.S. can't afford to lose the valuable contributions of HBCUs.

HBCUs compete directly with community colleges. Both enroll students who may need some additional tutoring or training before they are college ready. More importantly, students who enroll in community colleges and HBCUs are in dire need of financial assistance. If you make the first two years of college free to community college students - and not to HBCUs - you don't have to be a rocket or social scientist to see that Black colleges will come out the losers.

And the bleeding doesn't stop there. If and when community college students decide to continue their education, they may be more inclined to transfer to a state-supported public university, where costs are cheaper than those of a private or public HBCU. In many instances, that state-supported university might accept all of the student's credits whereas the Black institution might accept some of them.

Public HBCUs are likely to suffer under this scenario as well. If a Black student has attended a community college in Alabama, for example, he or she may be more prone to enroll in the University of Alabama or Auburn than they would if they had initially enrolled in Alabama A&M University or Alabama State. And given the costs, those students might totally bypass Tuskegee University, Talladega College or Stillman College, all private institutions.

Colleges such as Spelman and Morehouse, though harmed, can probably sustain the drop in enrollment. But without any adjustments, it could be the death knell for many others, including Miles College, Tougaloo, Paine and my alma mater, Knoxville College, which already has a foot in the grave.

With Republicans now in control of the House and Senate, it would have been far wiser for Obama to huddle with Republicans - whose presidents have been strong supporters of HBCUs over the years - to come up with a proposal that both sides could support. Going it alone, especially in this environment, virtually guarantees that the America's College Promise program will go nowhere.

What should be done? As one educator told me, it would have been better if Obama had said the federal government would pick up the first two years at a two- or four-year college. That would be better for most HBCUs. Because public tax dollars probably would not be designated for private colleges, the private and religious-affiliated institutions would still be in a bind.

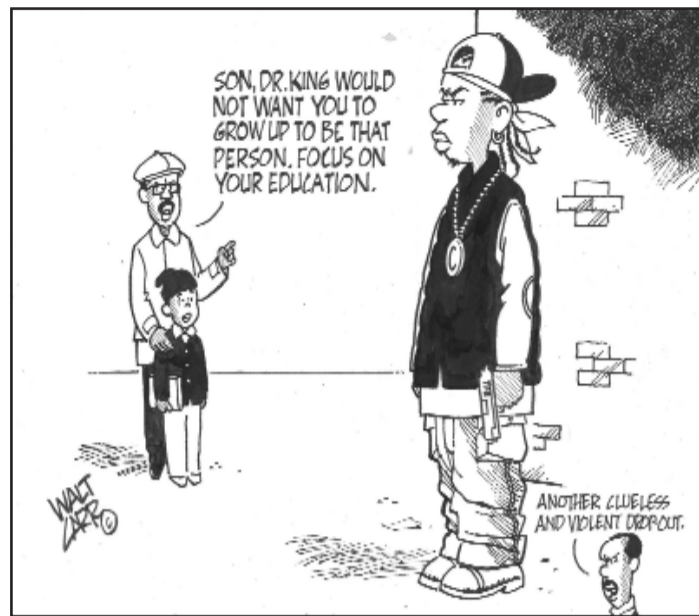
As for the Republican majority accustomed to saying "no" to everything when they were out of power, education would be a good thing to say "yes" to. And correcting the blunders made by the White House may even help in reaching out to a broader political base, a goal the GOP claims it wants to achieve.

In the meantime, this new community college proposal, coming on the heels of the administration dropping the ball on Parent PLUS student loans that caused some HBCUs to lose as much as 20 percent of their student body and a proposed federal rating system that could also disadvantage some HBCUs, has some of Obama's ardent supporters wondering if this is part of a plan to kill Black colleges. If it's not, it may have the same sad effect.

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Thank you

On behalf of our recently deceased son, Patrick A. Smith, we appreciate this opportunity to let the huge community around us know how very grateful we are for the outpourings of condolence we have received.

Our family, community and extended, our church families, Big Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

(Pastor Reverend Leo Stevenson) and Little Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (Pastor Dr. Jesse Smith), his classmates, especially those of the West Brunswick High School class of 1984 and the members of the Longshoreman families led the outpourings and are certainly among the many people near and far who have stepped in to make the mystery of Patrick's leaving us

bearable. You have loved us, visited us, sent us notes of comfort and presented us with such a huge outpouring that we are blessed to have Patrick be our son again and again.

Whatever your blessing: food, sympathy cards, emails, notes, visits, flowers, memorial contributions, attendance or service at the home going proceedings and especially just remembering us in

your prayers, we know and appreciate the active communication of your blessing. The healing process has begun as we pick up and move forward in the blessings of family, church, classmates, community and work companions. You are appreciated as we continue our healing expressions.

Eva and Cortis Smith, Jr. Supply, NC

Matters of Opinion

The education of Dr. King

As he labored for social, civil and economic justice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was extremely concerned both about the educational inequities that were a function of segregation, and about the purpose and quality of education. As early as 1947, as a Morehouse College student, he wrote an article, "The Purpose of Education," for the *Maroon Tiger*, the college newspaper. His article is as relevant today as it was then.

Today, much of the focus of education is on passing standardized tests; and while educational measurement is important, Dr. King suggests that these measures are insufficient. In his article, he pondered the meaning and pur-

pose of education. He wrote that "Education must enable a (person) to become more efficient, to achieve with increasing facility the legitimate goals of his life."

King was critical of the results of specific aspects of education when he wrote, "education must also train one for quick, resolute and effective thinking. To think, incisively and to think for one's self is very difficult. We are prone to let our mental life become invaded by legions of half-truths, prejudices, and propaganda. A great majority of the so-called educated people does not think logically and scientifically. Even the press, the classroom, the platform, and the pulpit in many instances do not give us objective and unbiased truths."

True in 1947, but even more so today with 3-minute commentary passing for news, and some classrooms the site of propaganda delivery. Some Southerners still believe that the South won the Civil War, and they fly the confederate

flags to honor it, and teach this falsity in their classrooms. A friend who lives in Georgia said nearly half of her junior high school-age daughter's U.S. history curriculum covered aspects of the Civil War.

From that perspective, young King was quite critical of segregationist, their intelligence, and their prejudice. "The late Eugene Talmadge, in my opinion, possessed one of the better minds in Georgia, or even America. Moreover, he wore the Phi Beta Kappa key. By all measuring rods, Mr. Talmadge could think critically and intensively yet he contends that I am an inferior being. Are these the types of men we call educated?"

King said that intelligence is not enough. He said, "Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education."

We must develop and support young people who are educated in the King tradition - young people with character and discernment. We cannot

do this work without a consciousness of people who are committed to breaking down educational barriers, closing the achievement gap, improving the quality of schools and access to education. But while other countries are increasing their commitment to education, the United States is cutting back.

Said King, "The most dangerous criminal may be the man (person) gifted with reason, but no morals." How moral is it to consign millions to low wages, refusing, even, to increase the minimum wage. How moral is it to cut food stamps and jobs programs in the name of economic growth, although many are still suffering? The art and science of politics is about compromise, but how do we compromise with people's lives and well-being?

There ought to be a floor under which no citizen is

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Reclaiming the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday should have a different impact on the collective consciousness of Black America. Why? Because once again there are millions of Black Americans who are more determined than ever to keep pushing forward to achieve full freedom, justice, equality and empowerment. The historic methodology, style and substance of Dr. King's leadership needs to be reclaimed by those with the heavy responsibility to lead.

By re-embracing Dr. King's prophetic activism and mobilization genius, I believe Black American leaders of national organizations will be effective in countering the backward drift of voter suppression, racism, violence and hopelessness. The tone set in the King Holiday ceremonies this year should focus on achieving equality and economic empowerment for all.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a strong, visionary, mesmerizing leader. He used non-

violent civil disobedience as an effective strategy. He challenged injustice everywhere while generating enough political capital that led to the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Shortly before King's assassination in April 1968, he was clear about the need to secure economic justice en route to becoming what he called the "Beloved Community."

Over the past year, there have been numerous demonstrations across the nation demanding racial justice in the wake of police killing of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, and Romaine Brisson. It was a positive sign of progress to witness street protests that, in the spirit of Dr. King, setranscended race and class. All forms of injustice must be opposed. It was Dr. King who reminded us that "an injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

As was the case in the past, young people today are only less prejudiced than their parents and preceding generations. Even so, emerging young leaders are not relenting - they are pushing forward with renewed energy, conviction and vigor. In fact, we should not forget that Martin Luther King was only 26 years old in 1955 when he became the primary

spokesman for the nascent Montgomery Bus Boycott Movement.

Many campaigning for public office are looking beyond MLK Day to the 2016 U.S. presidential race. Our challenges if to make sure the quest for equality and justice does not get placated by the politics of expediency. In other words, the momentum to transform America evident in 2014 should not be allowed to dissipate over the next year.

Now that the U.S. economy continues to rebound, efforts to end poverty in our communities should be significantly increased. Interestingly, those who opposed President Barack Obama blamed him for things that were already bad when he assumed office. And now that the economy has improved, they refuse to give him credit for the recovery.

As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we should remember that he concluded that economic justice was also a key civil rights issue. Two weeks before Dr. King was murdered, he addressed a rally in Memphis of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). King stated, "Now our struggle is for genuine equality, which means economic equality

..... For we know now that it isn't enough to integrate lunch counters. What does it profit a man to be able to eat at an integrated lunch counter if he doesn't have enough money to buy a hamburger?"

Dr. King was on point. Today, the struggle is not just about having more money to buy something. It is about knowing how to more effectively invest and spend the \$1.1 trillion that Black Americans are expected to spend annually by 2015. It is about owning more businesses in our communities. In the tradition of Dr. King, we have to wisely leverage our huge consumer power.

We are grateful that the legacy of Dr. King's leadership continues to be vibrant and relevant to the advancement of the cause of freedom and justice. We, therefore, face the future with a stronger confidence that we still shall overcome, largely by reclaiming Dr. King's legacy.

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King and LBJ stood together

The new highly-acclaimed motion picture "Selma" suggests that former President Lyndon Baines Johnson was not an ardent supporter of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and that he and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a less than fragile relationship. Nothing is farther from the truth. Both men worked very hard to create a society in which all people have the right to vote, access to medical care, decent housing and funding for education.

E. Bernice Johnson

In my view, history will show that no other American president played as a critical role in the advancement of civil rights, fair housing and education than President Johnson. In fact, a number of authors have written that only the acts of President Abraham Lincoln equal what President Johnson did for minorities in America.

Most knowledgeable historians agree that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the

Voting Rights Act, which passed one year later, became law because President Johnson passionately supported them. In addition to the two landmark civil rights measures, the nation also witnessed the passage of legislation that introduced Medicaid and Medicare during the Johnson administration.

In fact, federal legislation that prohibited housing discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing based on race, national origin or religion was signed into law by President Johnson. The federal housing legislation, which became a model for many state legislatures, became law on April 11, 1968, just seven days after the assassination of Dr. King.

In the area of education, President Johnson included in his "War on Poverty" agenda, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Among other things the legislation provided financial assistance to students from low-income families. Under the law, \$1 billion in funding was made available to schools that serviced minority students. The measure was described as the "most significant step of this century" to assist all school children.

Dr. King and President

Johnson were born and reared in a segregated South. They understood the political realities of the region, and they worked as best they could to change them. Dr. King was present at the White House when the Voting Rights Act was signed into law. He and President Johnson communicated regularly. Their individual lives impacted the country and each other.

While speaking before a joint session of Congress to propose the Voting Rights Act, President Johnson passionately said, "And we shall overcome." Dr. King and some of his close aides watched the president on television. One of them, my colleague Congressman John Lewis, said that Dr. King cried when he heard the president use the banner cry of the Civil Rights Movement during his address.

The importance of President Johnson's work was celebrated at the University of Texas in Austin last year at the library named for him by ordinary citizens and by President Obama who was joined by former presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. I will join Congressional colleagues in a celebration of President

Johnson's monumental achievements later this year in the nation's capitol.

In a few days, the entire nation will pause to acknowledge the contributions made by Dr. King. There will be tributes, parades and speeches made to celebrate his remarkable life which was cut short by a sniper's bullet.

President Johnson died of a heart attack after deciding not to seek a second term as our nation's leader. The national debate over the Vietnam War had damaged the soul of this patriot and defender of civil rights. I do not believe that legislation guaranteeing equal rights to minorities would have passed Congress but for his fortitude, and his belief in the equality of all people.

President Johnson, a former teacher and Dr. King, a Baptist preacher, had tremendous respect for each other, and understood the crucial roles that each played in changing our nation, and its laws. They both assumed vital and necessary roles in making America the democracy that it is today. They are owed a tremendous debt of gratitude by all people.

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson represents Texas' 30th Congressional District.

Remembering Cuomo, Brooke and Scott

"Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities...because it is the quality which guarantees all others." - Winston Churchill

Just as we welcomed in the New Year with various renditions of Auld Lang Syne and well-wishing cheers, we also met 2015 with solemn reverence as we mourned the loss of three great Americans - former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo; former United States Senator Edward Brooke III and ESPN sportscaster Stuart Scott. Each of these men charted a new course and left an indelible mark on America with their passion, pioneering spirit and principled approach to leaving our nation a better place than they found it.



Marc Morial

Cuomo, who passed on New Year's Day at 82 years old, was lionized as a great voice for liberalism, the New Deal and the Great Society from the 1970s through the 1990s, particularly during the Reagan years. Governor of New York from 1983 through 1994, Cuomo, the son of immigrants whose deep commitment to values was shaped by his Italian American upbringing in Queens, N.Y., was widely celebrated for his stirring speeches and oratorical skills.

I had the fortune to be in San Francisco at the Moscone Center during the 1984 Democratic National Convention as a young delegate for Jesse Jackson when Mario Cuomo gave his now very famous speech on the haves and the have-nots - a speech that has as much relevance today as it did 30 years ago. At the time, it moved us, and at present, it is required reading for anyone serious about the future of America.

But as his son - current New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo - reminded us at his funeral services, Mario Cuomo was above all a man of principle. It is legend that many, including me, wanted him to run for president of the United States in 1988 and 1992, believing that he would bring a sense of principled passion to the office. He obviously declined, citing his unwavering commitment to the voters and people of New York. Mario Cuomo will forever have my deepest admiration and respect for representing something very different than many of today's elected and appointed officials - and that was his steadfast commitment to pragmatism, while at the same time basing his thinking on solid principles rather than the immediate expediency of public polling.

While many people today may not have known Edward Brooke III - the first African-American elected as a state's Attorney General and first African-American elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote - he stands as one of the most pivotal politicians in our nation's history. I grew up knowing about Sen. Brooke from my father because, in addition to being a history-making senator from Massachusetts, Sen. Brooke was also a member of and leader in the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. I also recall the first time I had the honor to meet him. I was 14 years old and attended a graduation ceremony at Xavier University where he delivered the commencement address.

What I remember most dearly about Edward Brooke, who passed away on January 3 at 95 years old, is that he ran against the current of the times. He was a Republican in an overwhelmingly Democratic state. He was an African-American in the U.S. Senate when it was dominated by Dixiecrats and segregationists of the likes of Richard Russell and Strom Thurmond.

He was also a man who navigated his position as both a history-maker and a senator in a deft and effective way - championing civil rights while at the same time honoring his commitment to the people of Massachusetts. He broke down the barriers and forged a path for many African-American elected officials who followed him, including President Barack Obama, who remembered Brooke as being "at the forefront of the battle for civil rights and economic fairness" and who "sought to build consensus and understanding across partisan lines, always working towards practical solutions to our nation's challenges."

Stuart Scott, the ESPN anchor and reporter who brought a new swagger and swerve to sportscasting, was one of my favorite sportscasters because he told it as we talked it. He explained it as we thought it. In short, he made sports very real for people in all communities across the nation. I also believe that Stuart Scott opened the doors for many other African-American sportscasters at ESPN and other networks. He demonstrated, much like the late great Howard Cosell, that to be effective you need not be cut from a traditional cloth, but that you could bring the fullness of who you are, your personality and your experiences - and the audience would love it.

Stuart Scott was a stand-out among his peers, but not just for his "remix" of traditional sportscasting with cultural and memorable catch phrases. He was also a stand-out for the life he lived, the love he gave to family and friends, and the fight he fought. Scott was valiant as a young man in his fight against cancer. Passing away on January 4 at 49 years old, he left a legacy that extends far beyond his years. When he accepted the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance at the 2014 ESPY Awards in July 2014, he said "When you die, it does not mean that you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and in the manner in which you live." By his own definition, Stuart Scott beat cancer.

Our nation is better off for the contribution of these three men, who each, in his own way, challenged and changed our perceptions, our expectations and our futures by being courageous enough to show us a different way.

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

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others. In the maelstrom that enveloped the city that day, two Black teenaged boys who were not members of the church were shot to death. Virgil Ware, 13 was killed by two White male teenagers. Johnny Robinson, 16, was shot in the back of the head by a state police officer.

The Black freedom struggle in the South went on.

So, this Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, when people only reference the Dream Speech's "the content of their character" line and let it go at that, you'll know they're just whistling "Dixie."

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allowed to fall. Wages, health career, education, and access to housing should not be bargained over, but automatically given. Too many of our legislators are educated, but lack morals. It is shameful to watch them celebrate the shredding of the safety net.

Budget cuts have made education less obtainable

than ever. While many parents hire coaches to help their children write essays and complete their college applications, working class parents don't have the money to do this kind of hiring.

The American School Counselors says that many states mandate a ratio of between 500 and 750 students per counselor. Even at the lower number, a counselor can spend just an hour per student per semester, hardly

enough to get advice about college attendance, the filling out of applications, and other matters. Some states have no mandate at all. They include (but are not limited to) Florida, Illinois, Kansas, and Kentucky. Unless parents or civic organizations are willing to step up, some students face major barriers to college attendance and career preparation.

President Obama says he wants the US to be a leader in

world education. Others could care less about the education of too many students. Those who fail to care about the next generation are, in Dr. King's words, "dangerous criminals."

Let's celebrate the King holiday with a commitment to close the achievement gap and to improve the quality of education in our nation.

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A question of 21 times

I find it very unsettling to hear police officers discuss how they believe that BlackLivesMatter protesters and certain politicians, e.g., NYC Mayor de



Bill Fletcher

Blasio, are either unsympathetic to their plight or, worse, provoking violence. Ever since the murder of two NYC police officers there has been a concerted effort to shift the entire focus of the discussion regarding police abuse and lynching and turn it on its head, suggesting that the police are the victims of inexplicable anger.

When NYC police officers turned their back on Mayor de Blasio during the funerals of the officers, or when they sug-

gest that Rev. Al Sharpton is a demagogue for supporting and encouraging mass protests against police abuse, interestingly I never hear them discuss the question of "21 times." Just in case you missed this, an analysis of the data on police killings noted that African American youth are 21 times more likely than White youth of being shot dead by the police. [See: <http://www.propublica.org/article/deadly-force-in-black-and-white>]

This is an astounding ratio. With a figure like this, why should it surprise anyone, let alone be a source of controversy, that Mayor de Blasio cautions his bi-racial son about how to interact with the NYPD? Why should the anger of African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans regarding our dealings with the police be difficult for anyone else to fathom?

Those who are suggesting that the BlackLivesMatter protests have gone too far need to come to grips with the "21 times" question. How does one explain such a phenomenon? Clearly, there is crime in other communities. As I regularly note, Charlestown, Mass. has a reputation as being the bank robbery capital of the U.S.A. Given this, how would one explain that White youth of that segregated segment of Boston are not facing the same level of threat as Black youth a few miles away?

The response by many police to the killings of the two NYPD officers has been to turn the tables. There is a desire, such as articulated by Patrolmen's Benevolent Association leader Pat Lynch, to shift the discussion away from an examination of police violence and instead to focus on those who are challenging the abuse and lynching. Through incendiary sugges-

tions, such as that Mayor de Blasio and others allegedly have blood on their hands for failing to back the police against the protesters, these demagogues are avoiding the real issue. Yes, the murder of the two NYPD officers was as inexcusable as it was tragic. That said, what does the PBA have to say about "21 times?" When they call for greater support from political officials, what do they actually mean? What it certainly sounds like is that they wish for the protests to cease and for the public and the political establishment to close ranks behind total support for any action carried out by the police.

It's not going to happen. Bill Fletcher, Jr. is the host of *The Global African on Telesur-English*. He is a racial justice, labor and global justice writer and activist. Follow him on Twitter, Facebook and at www.billfletcherjr.com.

The 'real' dream speech

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!



Lee A. Daniels

A suggestion for these days of special attention to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Whenever people cite this sentence from his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech, ask them if they know the rest of the speech.

I've long suspected that people who cite that sentence as proof we today should stop taking race into account in the necessary re-ordering of American society haven't bothered to understand - or, most likely, even read the rest of the speech. I think that's because they've adopted the let's-pretend-race-has-no-meaning stance conservatives have been pushing for the last 30 years - ever since losing their all-out effort to defeat the movement for the King national holiday.

So when people refer to that sentence, ask them to explain King's also saying to the throng, "I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. And some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality."

Or, ask them to explain his reminding America "of the fierce urgency of Now ... It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. ... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges."

Those are just two of the extraordinary passages in what is a wonderfully complex sermon, full of hidden-in-plain-sight demands and warnings along with its call to our better selves. They and other passages illuminate the true meaning of its most famous sentence - a meaning underscored by the three "dreams" that immediately precede it and the one immediately after it.

Before mentioning his children, King declares that "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

He follows this with a "dream" that "one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood," and another that "even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice."

And then, after he speaks of his children, he says, "I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of 'interposition' and 'nullification' - one day right there in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little White boys and White girls as sisters and brothers."

In other words, King places his dream for all children squarely within the necessity

of reforming three states with long histories of horrific state-sponsored and state-aided-and-abetted murders, beatings and other forms of violence that targeted Black children as well as adults.

He uses children as the focus of his dreams not only because children are born without prejudice and fear, but also because their being "able to join hands" at "the table of brotherhood" could only occur with their parents' acceptance of racial equality. Here, King was speaking directly to ordinary White southerners. Come, he said, for our children's sake, let us recognize our common humanity.

The White South of 1963 answered two weeks later. On September 15, 1963, members of the Birmingham KKK cell dynamited the Sixteenth Baptist Church just after its Sunday School services had ended, killing four girls - Addie Mae Collins, 14, Denise McNair, 11, Carole Robertson, 14, and Cynthia Wesley, 14 - and wounding 20

New Hanover County

Lupus Foundation January Support Group - New Hanover County will meet on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Northeast Regional Library, 1241 Military Cutoff Road, Wilmington, NC. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 2. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.



Community Briefs

Mercer Insurance Group is now enrolling for the Affordable Care Act until February 15, 2014. First consultation and subsidy estimate calculation is free. Call David Mercer at 910-264-5365 or email at alex@mercercinsurance.com.

OBAMACARE Health Plans Unlocked will be held on Tuesdays at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm, January, 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10, 2015. For directions and to reserve your seat, call Pauline Mountainbird at 910-262-4454. Walk ins on a space available basis only. Individual Consultations by appointment. One hour presentations Q and A at the end of each session. Space is limited so please make your reservation now. Gifts for all attendees. NO cost or obligation to attend these educational meetings. **NEW LOCATION:** Mountainbird Services, 925 South Kerr Ave, Plum Tree Plaza, Suite D-4 near Wilshire and Kerr in Wilmington, NC.

The New Hanover County Democratic Party will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26th. The meeting will be held on the UNCW campus at Morton Hall, Room 100. The County Party is now seeking nominations for 2015-16 party officers. Holding office is an opportunity to participate in the political process and work for local, state, and national candidates. Please visit www.newhanoverdems.org for information on nominating and applying to run for party office.

Brunswick County

Brunswick County Department of Social Services will be providing the Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) training to be a foster/adoptive parent starting January 15th from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Brunswick County Complex in Social Services Building B, Bolivia, NC. To register for training or for more information, please contact Tamela Jones at 910-253-2112 or tamela.jones@brunswickcountync.gov.

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“Forever In Our Heart” memorial to be held for Clara L. Everett



CLARA L. EVERETT

The family of Clara L. Everett will host a "Forever In Our Heart" memorial reunion celebration in her memory of family, close friends & former daycare families the weekend of Februar 6th-8th. Please contact Twalla Clemmons as soon as possible for more info at 910-617-1299.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Way past midnight

Way past midnight or just before day-break you are thinking of the very poor people. There are poor people who live in Brunswick County. These are the ones who look for a better life. A large number of these people did receive help from different organizations during the holidays. Do not stop now. What about the young man standing on the sidewalk, holding a large sign with large letters that read "Homeless"? Would you help him? Maybe there is something different about him. His weight could be one hundred pounds, and his clothes may be dirty. Maybe you've been in the situation wherein



Verniece Stanley

you've wanted to give him your sandwich, but there wasn't a safe place to stop, and the light was green. Today more young people are looking for jobs and they must have the education required. We encourage students in high school to get a diploma because it is needed to help in getting a job. In today's society, it is good to have a college education with skills to meet the requirements in technology successfully. The young man is standing on the sidewalk holding the sign reading "Homeless," and there are many more like him. It could have been "way past midnight" before they have found the right shelter. It's going to be a cold winter. It's very heartbreaking for me to see a homeless person outside on their way to a shelter. They may not find shelter. Donations are made to help shelters. The budget has been cut in

education and in public assistance. Republicans say, "We do not have the money." Yes, there is plenty of money in their pockets and more on the way. How can they sit in their offices looking out of the window and see people looking for a job to help feed their hungry children and not be moved? Food stamps have been cut and taken away from people in need of food stamps, and there could be more than a thousand hungry people that you will not help. How can a human being treat another human being with deep rooted discrimination? This is present in public places everywhere you go in the United States. Considering the progress we are making in voting rights, there's no way you can stop us now. There are just too many racial issues in the making for minorities. Republicans are celebrating the fact that they now control both the House

and Senate. African Americans, this is your country in the spirit of our democracy and the American ideals of freedom, opportunity, and justice for all, Hispanics included.

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.

Alpha Psi Omega Chapter 2015 Debutante Program continues



ALPHA PSI OMEGA CHAPTER 2014-2015 DEBUTANTE PARTICIPANTS

BY RITA TODD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the latter part of 2014, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® - Alpha Psi Omega Chapter continued its 2014-2015 Debutante Program Activities. Parents, guardians, and some little

sisters attended a tea held in the Williston Room at the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science. The tables in the Williston Room were decorated in pink and green. Pink and green fine china donned each place setting for this special occasion. Fresh flowers filled tea pot centerpieces and the aroma filled the air with a variety of tea flavors. It was an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. It was tea time! Mrs. Chrystal Fray-Davis served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Mrs. Davis began this program with an etiquette workshop for the debutantes as guests sipped tea and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres. A skill of importance is to teach our young people how to conduct themselves at formal meal settings. This is very relevant for business and conference events as well as business meetings over meals. A friendship activity proved to be very enjoyable as chapter member, Mrs. Cynthia J. Brown, facilitated a segment of the program that required each debutante to introduce her parent and/or guardian. These introductions were most impressive. To date, the debutantes have participated in the following:

•Goal and Vision Planning
•Etiquette
•Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds
•Finance and Time Management

These young ladies are reading the book entitled, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. A discussion will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 regarding the contents of the book with the debutantes and their marshals. During the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend activities, these young ladies will be participating in their planned service project. The final activity - The Presentation - will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at The Union Station on the downtown campus of Cape Fear Community College beginning at 6:00 PM. Ms. Ivy L. Murrain is serving as chairperson the 2014 - 2015 Debutante Organizational Committee. The Rev. Dr. Rachel D. Stephens is president of the Alpha Psi Omega.

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Mrs. Sheryll Lynn Dixon Lemon

On January 2, 2015, Sheryll Lynn Dixon Lemon, transitioned from earth to glory, while resting peacefully at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. She was born March 29, 1958, daughter of the late Geraldine and Willie Dixon, Jr. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Sheryll graduated from New Hanover High School in 1976. She received her Associates Degree in Business Management from Cape Fear Technical Institute in 1986. She was employed as an administrative assistant at the YWCA for many years until she retired due to illness.

She met, fell in love with and married her high school sweetheart, Robert Lemon, a union spanning 38 years, three children and three grandchildren, whom she adored.

Sheryl was a woman of great faith in Jesus Christ. She joined the International Embassy of Holiness, in Wilmington, NC in 2009 and remained a faithful member. She was a member of the Evangelistic Outreach Committee, Trustee Board, Recording Secretary for the Finance Committee, and Chair of the Hospitality Committee. Sheryll also served as arts and crafts director for the Vacation Bible School Program. Her passion was feeding and clothing the homeless. She could always be found encouraging others and making people feel welcome in the house of the Lord. She was always happy to lend a helping hand even in times when she was physically unable to do so. Her own sickness and suffering was not her concern. The mission of God was always her focus.

Sheryll leaves to cherish her memory, a devoted and

loving husband, Robert Lemon, children, LaTrina Renee Jones of Galveston, TX, Corey DeLawrence Lemon and Michael Dixon-Lemon of the city. She is also survived by her brothers, Willie Arnold Dixon (Chanelle) of the city, Michael Renaul Dixon (Tonya) of Raleigh, NC, Kevin Dixon (Tonia) of Durham, and Ronald Keels of Louisiana; sisters: Harriett at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; and Lisa Dixon of the city; sisters-in-law: Dr. Patricia Melvin and Gloria Bowden (Steve) of the city, Taquita Barnett (Randy) of Maryland, Mary Davis and Diane Devane of Clayton, NC; and brothers-in-law, Ken Lemon (Deidra) of Gastonia, NC, John, Alfred, Greg, and Donnell Devane of Clayton, NC; special friends: Vergie Bell, Vermeta Anderson, and Tina Sullivan; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Wilma Vernon Austin

Wilma Vernon Austin died January 3, 2015 at Gateway Medical Center, Clarksville, Tennessee. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Crystal Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the Spring Green Cemetery, Riegelwood, NC.

Wilma was born March 1, 1948; the seventh child of the late Oscar James and Naomi Bryant Vernon. Her Christian life was enhanced at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church and Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church. She received her academic education in the public schools of Brunswick County. She was joined in holy matrimony to the late Joseph Vernon Austin. To

this marriage two children were born.

To remember her always are her children, Neomitta LaShon Vernon of Rocky Point, NC, Desirea Legette Lewis of Clarksville, TN, and Myron Clark Austin (Miho) of Menifee, CA; grandchildren, Tia Vernon of Rocky Point, NC, Terrence Lewis, Jr. and Alysha Lewis of Clarksville, TN, Cadell Clark of Rocky Point, NC, Angelica, Theresa and D'Angelo Austin all of Menifee, CA; great-grandson, Zaiden Carson of Rocky point, NC; sisters, Mary Vernon Ratchford of Leland, NC and Della Vernon Andrews of Washington DC; brother-in-law, Robert Ratchford of Wilmington, NC; nieces, Arlene (Reggie) Robinson of Wilmington, NC, Katrina Andrews, Sabrina (Harold) Reddick, Jametta (Robert) Anderson all of Washington, DC and Naomi (Mark) Mooberry of Glendale AZ; nephews, Roland (Shiela) Zell of Colorado Springs, CO, Derrick (Andrea) Vernon of New York City, NY and Alexander Vernon of Merced, CA; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dillon Morris

Dillon Morris was funeralized on Thursday January 8, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw Memorial Chapel. John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Alene Price

Alene Price died Saturday, January 10, 2015 at home. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, 2015 at Mt. Zion MB Church, Longwood Community. Visitation will be 12 noon until 1:00 p.m., one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Grissett Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son*

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Mary Bishop

Mary Bishop died Mon. at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center. Visitation is Thursday, Jan 15, 2015 from 6-8 PM. Funeral services will be 1 PM Friday, January 16, 2015 at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Vera Cobbs

Vera Cobbs died Monday, January 12, 2015 at home. Visitation will be 6-8 PM Friday, January 16, 2015. Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

William Clark

William Clark, 77, of Wilmington died Saturday, December 20, 2014. Funeral services were held on Sunday December 28th at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Dark Branch Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Katie B. Johnson

Katie B. Johnson, 101, died Monday December, 22, 2014 in Nassau, NY. Funeral services Monday, December 29th at Ebenezer MBC. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Terry W. Cayton

Terry W. Cayton, 60, of Castle Hayne, died December 25, 2014 at NHRMC. Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made at

www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Joseph Berakach Callaway

Joseph Berakach Callaway, infant son of Daniel and Paula Callaway, died Friday at NHRMC. Graveside services were at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Eugene Vann

Eugene Vann, 80, of Wilmington, died Saturday, December 27, 2014. Memorial services were Wednesday, December 31st at Prayer & Bible Church, 302 Southern Blvd. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Randall O. Foxe, Sr.

Randall O. Foxe, Sr., 35, of Wilmington, formerly of Durham, NC, died December 27, 2014. Memorial services were held Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses Sunset Congregation 1828 S. 16th Street. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Lethia Sherman Hankins

Lethia Sherman Hankins, 80, of Wilmington, died December 29, 2014. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 2nd at First Baptist Church, 520 N. 5th Ave. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Luberta Higgins

Luberta Higgins, 95, of Wilmington died Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at NHRMC. Memorial services were held on Thursday, January 8th at Davis

Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Larry Newkirk

Larry Newkirk, 64, of Wilmington, died Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 10th at Ebenezer MBC, Princess Pl. Dr. Burial followed in The Newkirk Family Cemetery, Malpass Corner. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Kenneth C. Mosley

Kenneth C. Mosley, 65, of Navassa died Thursday, January 1, 2015. Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 8th at Davis Chapel MBC, Navassa. Burial followed in Meares Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Leanna Russ Manns

Leanna Russ Manns, 93, of Jamaica, NY, formerly of Council, NC, died Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, January 17th at Carvers Creek AMEZ Church Cemetery, Council. Visitation will be held Friday, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home, Wilmington, NC. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Lillian P. Knox

Lillian P. Knox, 92, of Leland, died Monday, January 12, 2015 at Lower Cape fear Hospice & Life Care Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

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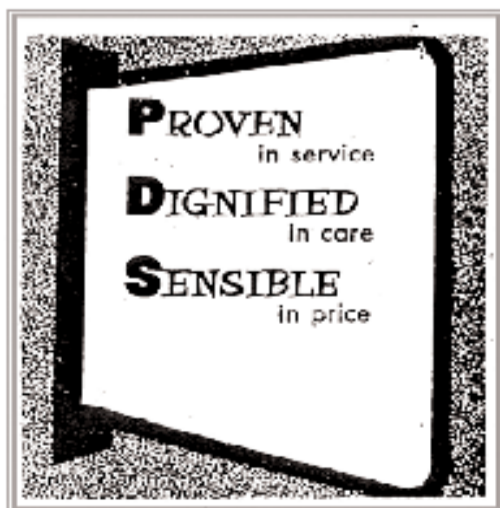


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Gospel legend Andrae Crouch passes at 72

SPECIAL TO THE NNPA FROM THE NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS

(NNPA)- Gospel legend Andrae Crouch has died, according to reports. Credited as "the father of modern gospel music," his career spanned over 50 years. He was 72.

Crouch died Thursday at Northridge Hospital Medical Center in California almost a week after he was hospitalized for a heart attack. In December he was hospitalized for pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

"Today my twin brother, womb-mate and best friend went home to be with the Lord," said Crouch's twin sister Sandra in a statement. "Please keep me, my family and our church family in your prayers. I tried to keep him here but God loved him best."

With his career starting in the early 1960s, Crouch formed several gospel singing groups. He won seven Grammys with his last in 1994 for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album. He also won GMA



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Dove, Billboard, ASCAP and NAACP Awards.

Crouch did music for films including "The Color Purple" and served as arranger and choral conductor for Disney's "The Lion King." He also worked with Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Ringo Starr and Madonna.

Some of Crouch's most famous song include The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power, My Tribute (To God Be the Glory) and Soon and Very Soon. A dedicated Christian, Crouch and his twin sister served as pastors of at the New Christ Memorial Church in San Fernando, Calif.

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New Hanover County

Gospel Ministries Church, 1020 Rankin St. will hold evening services on Sunday, January 25th at 4:00 p.m. The service will be conducted by Elder Cedric Tindall of Union Missionary Baptist Church along with church praise team and family.



Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Drive, will present "The Prophetic Gathering" with Prophet Theo Mill from January 13th - January 16th, 7:00 p.m.

Religious Briefs

Ministry of Deliverance will hold a fellowship service Sunday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m. The speakers will be Minister Matthew and Patricia Lloyd of Freedom Way Ministry. For more information please call 910-274-7067.

Saint Luke Girl Scouts Troop 4196 will meet on Saturday, January 24th at 9:30 a.m. Registration for girls in grades K-12 will be held. Troop meetings will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

St. Phillip AME Church Music Department, 815 N. 8th St. will hold a musical celebration on Saturday, January 25th at 5:30 p.m. The celebration will include, The Love Factory Church Choir and various local gospel choirs and praise team. For more information call 910-762-3573.

The Wilmington College of Theology, A fully accredited school is now accepting applications for the Spring Semester which begins January 6, 2015. Day and evenings classes available. For more information please call Dr. Lorraine King Cooper at 910-431-7714.

Brunswick County

By His Grace Ministries will present "Battlefield of the Mind" Tag Team Program on Saturday, January 24th at 4:00 p.m. at Waccamaw Community Building, 5585 Waccamaw School Rd., Ash, NC. The guest speakers will be Pastor Robert Frink and Minister Michael Frink. Minister of Music will be Torey Bessent.

The Men of Myrtle Grove AME Church, 216 Old Fayetteville Rd., will hold their third "100 Men In Black" celebration on Sunday, January 18th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Ronnie Ballard of Walters Chapel AME Zion Church, Bolton, NC.

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SENIOR MOMENTS

The art of growing old

My Fellow Seniors,

My little lamp by the rocking chair invites me to be seated to rest a while since the day is done, and all my chores are completed. This little lamp is teaching me the art of growing old. It has brought me to select what is best for me, instead of searching for everything I see. It doesn't show me the dust



Ruth Johnson

on the window sill; it just shows what's on the table, the Bible, a few magazines, a pen, and a few sheets of paper. Lately, I've been searching for something to write about, not just for seniors, but a few words of wisdom to pass along to the next generation.

I learned a rule to live by at my mother's knee: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Despite, all my reading and all my living, I have not learned anything better in seventy five years. As I grow older, I have more faith in the goodness of mankind. I believe this world is growing to be a better place with the

passing of time.

Soon or later everyone is going to realize that this world is a complex place, and it always will be so. Even the good old USA is not a melting pot. It never has been and never will be.

This country is more like a fruit salad. We all live in a common bowl. We are covered with the same dressing, but each morsel is separate and distinct, as is clearly seen each Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

That's the time when we pull away from the melting pot. Each year, as different immigrants have come to this

country, they have always established their own church, a place where their own heritage is reflected. One day, the whole world will realize that we cannot force our religion on another person, and that's when religious wars will come to an end. Opposing parties will come to the table. Then, we will have peace on earth and goodwill for all mankind.

We don't need a long list of do's and don'ts. If we just instill the Golden Rule in all of our children, everything will be all right.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Our comfort zone

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA H. ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

What a great morning it was! It was dreary on the outside, but the Spirit of God was warm, and the Son was on the inside. We were greeted by our president, Mrs. Eloise Purdie. She wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked Mr. George Hill to come along with the choir. Mr. George Hill had double duty. He played the piano and directed the choir. Our opening song was, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer, which we all need, was done by Mrs. Marie Stitt. She thanked the Lord for so many

blessings. Our next song was "Pass Me Not." Mrs. Purdie asked for our meditation.

The speaker for the day was Mr. George Hill. He said he would speak on "Our Comfort Zone." His scripture was John 3:4. When we go into our comfort zones, we don't want to be bothered with anyone, but that will put us in prison. He asked if we are pumping up our spiritual muscles to do the work of the Lord. More and more people are denying God. The Scripture says the harvesters are few. We should not hide our lights in our comfort zones. Matthew 27:7. What would have happened if Noah, Mary, and Jesus had

not gotten out of their comfort zones? Great things happen when you get out your comfort zone. God is there for you and protects you to do what he has for you to do. He said we can always find an excuse not to do what God wants us to do.

Mrs. Purdie thanked Mr. Hill for a great message. He was given a great round of applause. She said we have a comfort zone in church. Mrs. Purdie gave us a rundown of our members that are on the sick and shut-in list and asked us to call or send cards. She then thanked everyone that attended the funeral services for Mrs. Katie Johnson and Ms. Barbara

Bowden. Our meeting was then turned over to Vice President Gladys Taylor. She wished everyone a Happy New Year. The minutes were read by Ms. Mildred Ellerby. The visitor for the day was Mrs. Margie Robinson. She was welcomed by Fannie Allen. The "Callers" report was then given. The winner was Mrs. Frances Burney-Matthews with eleven. Announcements were made. "Smiles" were given by Mrs. Mary Martin.

Our circle was formed, and we sang, "Bind Us Together," with George Hill on the piano. Prayer was given by Reverend Aaron Moore. There were 38 present.

The Village Worship Center Church holds ground breaking ceremony

Pastor C.H. Reddrick, and the Village Worship Center Church Family, along with Bishop Davis, of The New Light Pentecostal Holiness Church Family, held ground breaking ceremony, on December 14, 2014. The Village Worship Center Church, will be located at 9428 Playground Way, Leland, NC

The church would like to thank everyone that attended and for all of your prayers.



PASTOR C.H. REDDRICK AND VILLAGE WORSHIP CENTER CHURCH FAMILY

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TELL SOMEBODY

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Change - An opportunity
Change - To make different
Mercy - Kind and compassionate treatment
Grace - Favor; Divine love and protection

The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah from the Lord saying stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say hear the Word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Amend (change) your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Sin will always separate us from God, and it will also separate us from our brothers and sisters. Where we have the opportunity, we need to be reconciled with our sisters and brothers. If it be possible, we must follow peace with all men and remember that holiness without which, no man shall see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14) Yes, living holy is not just fellowshiping with God, but also with our fellow man through the power of His Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1) We say we love God, that we have never seen, and yet will not love those we see every day. It is time for a change!



Sylvia Hooper

God sent this word to his people who dwell in the House of the Lord. (church). He told

the prophet to proclaim the Word there, and he told the people to hear the Word of the Lord. We know that faith come by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) The word of warning came to God's people, because they needed to make some much needed changes, and God's love and mercy was giving them another chance to change!

I Peter 4:17 says, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" God sends his word to his people, who stand in the house of the Lord, and who worship in the house of the Lord. He sends his word through his servants and his prophets. Some of us would like to think this word is to those standing on the corners and hanging in the streets all night long, but God specifically speaks to those who go to worship in the house of the Lord.

If we would honestly and earnestly search our hearts, and seek the face of the Lord, he will show us our transgressions. He will show us where we need to change, and he will give us a chance to change. The way we treat one another does matter to the Lord. Some of us need to get rid of pride, hatred, anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness. The truth of the matter is, "If it had not been for the Lord on our side, none of us would even be alive today! So much for arrogance and self righteousness!"

When we get a chance to see a new year, that is a new opportunity to change and get in the will of God. Every new day that we live to see, brings a new mercy from God. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Sometimes, the people of God can get at ease in Zion. When that happens, one for-

gets the grace and mercy he has received and cries out for judgment for others they feel have made personal or public failures. Everybody needs another chance at some point in his or her life. If God would mark us for our iniquities, who would be able to stand? God is so good, that he gives mercy to those who deserve judgment, and he give grace to those who have not earned it.

Jeremiah 35:18 "I've sent all my servants and my prophets rising up early and sending them saying return ye now every man from his evil way: "he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the church."

Prayer: Father we thank you for giving us another chance to change for the better and to make right the wrongs we committed in 2014. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

As we ring in the new year, we must remember the word of God to the people of God in Jeremiah's day. God has not changed. What he said unto

them, he is saying the same to us. I am giving you another chance to change. When you realize that, you need to Take it!

Tell Somebody, Happy New Year!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper; First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jackson-ville, 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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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Hilda Elizabeth Stanley Knowles**, 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 **15th day of April, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of January, 2015

Theresa Alona Knowles Allred, Executrix of the Estate of Hilda Elizabeth Stanley Knowles
1705 Futch Creek Road
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Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Susan Slick**, 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 **2nd day of January, 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 25th day of September, 2014

Jacob Alan Cooley, Executor
Chiaki Ito, Attorney
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2014

Notice of Sale

The following vehicle:
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Sale pursuant to Mechanics Lien in the amount of \$6249.00

January 15, 22, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 14 JT 290**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.I.T. (dob: 11/21/2014)**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN
BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE
ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE,
CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

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 child.
You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following January 8, 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 ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26, 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 8th day of January, 2015.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-795-0230
Tel.#910-798-3511
Fax#910-798-3772

January 8, 15, 22, 2015

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Notice of Sale

Year: 2004
Make: Honda
Model: Accord
Style: 4 door
Vin# 1HGCM56324A151679
Owner: Lashawn Denise Bailey
Auction Date: 01/20/2015 10:00am
Location: 2012 Castle Hayne Rd., Wilmington NC 28401
Phone: 910-251-0028
General Manager: Jim Haight

January 8, 15, 2015

Notice of Sale

Year: 2005
Make: Pontiac
Model: Grand Prix
Vin# 2g2wp522551173871
Owner: Arthur Lee Bellmon
Auction date: 01/20/2015 10:00 am
Location: 2012 Castle Hayne Rd., Wilmington NC 28401
Phone: 910-251-0028
General Manager: Jim Haight

December 11, 18, 25, 2014

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Thomas Allison Hughes**, deceased of 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 **15th day of March, 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 8th day of January, 2015

Donna Margo Vollers, Executrix
148 Home Place Drive
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015

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

The undersigned, Charles E. Dillon, III, having qualified on the **22nd day of December, 2014**, as Administrator of the Estate of **Charles Eugene Dillon**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the 1st day of April, 2015, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 29th day of December, 2014.

Charles E. Dillon, III
Administrator
Estate of Charles Eugene Dillon
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requiring bids from any interested NCDOT Certified DBE firms for the Elizabeth City Halstead Blvd Greenway Trail Project EB-4991 bidding on 1/29/15. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 1/19/15 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 will be provided upon request. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

January 15, 2015

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requiring bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for "Scuppernon Lane" bid in Southern Shores Dare County NC. Bid date is 1/26/15 10 am. There will be a pre-bid conference at 9:00 am. on Friday 1/16/15 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Dave. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

January 15, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Susan C. Schillaci**, 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 **27th day of February, 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 27th day of November, 2014

Daniel Robert Schillaci,
Administrator
563 Tanbridge Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28402

November 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2014

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Margaret Bellamy Alexius**, 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 **15th day of March, 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 15th day of January, 2015

Margaret A. Phillips, Executrix of the Estate of Margaret Bellamy Alexius
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**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
14-SP-455**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of EAST COAST DEVELOPMENT II, LLC, Grantor,

**TO: TRSTE, INC.,
Trustee, As recorded in Book 5329 at Page 263 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds.**

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that Deed of Trust and Assignment of Rents from the above-named Grantor, as successor by merger to Movies One, LLC, to TRSTE, Inc., the trustee ("Trustee"), dated July 3, 2008 and filed for record in Book 5329 at Page 263 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (the "Registry") on July 3, 2008, as amended by that certain Modification of Deed of Trust and Notice of Future Advance between Grantor, Trustee and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as successor in interest by merger to Wachovia Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") dated July 18, 2012 and filed for record in Book 5672 at Page 1615 of the Registry on September 18, 2012 (collectively, as amended, or as may be amended from time to time, the "Deed of Trust"), and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, TRSTE, Inc., Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 30th day of January, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, N.C. 28401, the real property located in New Hanover County, North Carolina more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (including any improvements thereon) and the personal property more particularly described on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Trustee may sell any and all personal property located on the property described on Exhibit A or described on Exhibit B in which the beneficiary of the deed of trust has a security interest in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 25-9-604, 25-9-610 and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items or together with the real property and improvements as the Trustee in his sole discretion determines is appropriate.

The sale will be made subject to all prior and superior deeds of trust, liens, unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, assessments, leases, and other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the above described Deed of Trust; provided, however, that the inclusion of this clause in this Notice of Trustee's Sale shall not be deemed to validate or otherwise give effect to any such matter or other right which, as a matter of law, does not survive the foreclosure.

All items of real and personal property are to be sold "as is." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions expressly are disclaimed.

The buyer shall be responsible for the payment of any excise or transfer stamps required by law. The record owner of the real property described on Exhibit A as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice was East Coast Development II, LLC.

This sale is conducted pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 45-21.30, and this notice is intended to comply with the requirements of N.C.G.S. §§25-9-604 and 25-9-613 providing for disposition of personal property in connection with the foreclosure of real property. The Grantor is entitled to and may request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of an amount not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, the bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30(d) and (e).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.
This the 15th day of December, 2014.
John R. Gardner
Sara Salehi
K&L Gates LLP
Post Office Box 17047 (27619-7047)

4350 Lassiter at North Hills Avenue, Suite 300
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609
Telephone: (919) 743-7325
Facsimile: (919) 516-2124
Counsel for TRSTE, INC., Trustee

EXHIBIT A

Commencing at a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the northwestern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation and being the true point of beginning, thence from the above described true point of beginning and along said right of way line North 05° 20' 58" West 65.91 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, thence continuing along said right of way along a curve to the right having a radius of 246.10 feet and an arc length of 150.61 feet to a point, said curve also having a delta of 35° 03' 51" with a tangent of 77.75 feet and a chord bearing and chord of North 12° 20' 54" East 148.27 feet, said point being the southeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Macris as recorded in Deed Book 1734, Page 771 of the New Hanover County Registry, thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Macris the following courses and distances: South 51° 00' 45" East 67.31 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, North 38° 59' 15" East 99.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, South 51° 00' 45" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, North 38° 59' 15" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, South 51° 00' 45" East 44.00 feet, North 38° 59' 15" East 52.27 feet to a point in the western right of way of North 3rd Street and being the southeastern corner of Macris, thence leaving Macris and along said right of way South 08° 44' 06" East 222.35 feet to a point in said right of way and being the northeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation. Thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation South 38° 44' 40" West 23.37 feet to a point. Thence continuing along said line South 84° 48' 57" West 273.94 feet to a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the point and place of beginning containing 1.29 acres as surveyed by James A. Lewis, PLS L-4562 on June 27, 2006.

Such property being described in the Deed of Trust as follows:

Commencing at a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the northwestern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation and being the true point of beginning, thence from the above described true point of beginning and along said right of way line north 05° 20' 58" West 65.91 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, thence continuing along said right of way along a curve to the right having a radius of 246.10 feet and an arc length of 150.61 feet to a point, said curve also having a delta of 35° 03' 51" with a tangent of 77.75 feet and a chord bearing and chord of North 12° 20' 54" East 148.27 feet, said point being the southeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Macris as recorded in Deed Book 1734, Page 771 of the New Hanover County Registry, thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Macris the following courses and distances: South 51° 00' 45" East 67.31 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, North 38° 58' 15" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, South 38° 58' 15" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, North 51° 00' 45" East 44.00 feet, North 38° 59' 15" East 52.27 feet to a point in the western right of way of North 3rd Street and being the Southeastern corner of Macris, thence leaving Macris and along said right of way South 08° 44' 06" East 222.35 feet to a point in said right of way and being the northeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation. Thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation South 38° 44' 40" West 23.37 feet to a point. Thence continuing along said line South 84° 48' 57" West 273.94 feet to a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the point of beginning containing 1.29 acres as surveyed by James A. Lewis, PLS L-4562 on June 27, 2006.

TOGETHER WITH all rights reserved by, granted to and provided for under that certain UCC filed in the New Hanover County Registry on January 21, 2011 in Book 5541 at Page 461 and filed in the Office of the North Carolina Secretary of State on January 24, 2011 as File Number 20110006892M.

Exhibit B

All of East Coast Development II, LLC's right, title and interest now owned or hereafter acquired in and to all fixtures attached to the Land or any buildings or improvements or personal property situated thereon as such Land is described in the legal description in the attached Exhibit A, including, but not limited to, any such fixtures or personal property described in that certain UCC filed in the New Hanover County Registry on January 21, 2011 in Book 5541 at Page 461 and filed in the Office of the North Carolina Secretary of State on January 24, 2011 as File Number 20110006892M, including, without limitation: all buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected on the Land; all fixtures attached to the Land or any buildings or improvements situated thereon; and all estates, rights, tenements, hereditaments, privileges, rents, issues, profits, easements, and appurtenances of any kind benefiting the Land, all means of access to and from the Land, whether public or private, and all water and mineral rights.

January 15, 22, 2015

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The Real Housewives of New Jersey - (Personal Accountability) Even if you do not watch reality tv, you could not have missed this story; I'll tell you the quick version, Teresa and her husband, Joe Guidice, are two heavy hitters on the RHONJ, and they got caught with their hands in the cookie jar: Personal accountability is a foreign concept to this couple, especially Teresa; nothing is ever her fault. She lives in excuses land. Well, she got away with it for a long time, but all good things must come to an end. Regardless of what you and I believe, they pleaded guilty on multiple accounts of fraud and got 15 months (Teresa) and 41 months (Joe) in prison. The Lesson: Deal with your issues before the law gets involved and you lose all control!

The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills- (The queen can fall) I'm not a fan of emotional people who take everything personally. That being said, I've learned to be empathetic to different personality types. Lisa Vanderpump, who seems to be popular, is on two Bravo reality TV shows, is a tough nut to crack. She's a smart business woman and nice friend, but if you offend her she never forgives you. She projects the aura of being the Queen Bee and I get that, but she forgets to keep her peeps happy. Last season, her peeps turned on her and all hell broke loose and in Queen Bee fashion she never said "I'm sorry" or took any level of responsibility. Sounds familiar? What's really annoying is how she blames her Brit origin as the reason for her lack of empathy, my response, you are in America, act like it.

The Real Housewives of Atlanta- (Is your house really a home?) The law seems to be busy in the reality TV world and the RHOA is no exception. Apollo Nida, a house husband to Phaedra Parks, was sentenced to eight years in prison, making this his second time behind bars for a long amount of time. He's a good looking, smooth talking bad boy, who seems to be challenged with doing the right thing. In an ironic situation his wife, soon to be ex- wife, calls herself a Southern belle. You know that Phaedra's pattern is sharing as little as possible and appearing to be perfect. It doesn't help that her husband, now in prison, hurt her reputation from the moment he was introduced, then continued to make bad decisions, including flirting with other women. On top of all of this, his favorite line was "Nobody can control me or tell me what to do or how to act." I think he forgot the law. Of course, Phaedra, is not completely blameless, she's a smart woman that pretends to miss things, like money being spent by her husband, etc.

The Real Housewives of Atlanta- (Being a mother does not give you a pass...) Oh my goodness, where do I begin, they call her Mama Joyce and boy did she pull the wool over our eyes during the early seasons. Well, all was revealed, and Mama Joyce is the meanest mom on the planet. She's like a gangsta mom, literally, she threatens to fight even when she clearly starts the argument. She lies like she breathes, she feels that when it comes to her daughter Kandi, she can do anything she wants - and she does. I remember watching Kandi's beautiful wedding, and when the cameras focused on her frown-faced mother, several of Kandi's guests had this look of distaste all over their faces. It was really sad! She is talked about so terribly all over social media, I feel so bad for Kandi. But she is a major enabler and although I understand the need to protect your mom no matter what, it's important that you ask your mother to respect others.

The Real Housewives of Atlanta - (We all have a limit) Do you remember the big fight during the reunion when Porsha pulled Kenya's hair? It was a big moment for RHOA and sealed in their first-place popularity. Kenya Moore is something else, a truly mixed up lady. She's always the victim, though her behavior encourages a lot of what happens in her life. Well, this reunion was no different: she insulted, put objects in people's face and thought there was no limit. Little did she know, it's a bad idea to push a recent divorcee with mean words. She learned this hard lesson once Porsha reacted by pushing her down and pulling her hair (thank goodness it's real).

FINAL WORD: Don't assume all reality TV is trash; some of it, maybe. But, if you really pay attention, you can learn so much. I think reality TV should make us all look in the mirror and ask ourselves if we in some context share a similar behavior; I know I have. I think reality TV can be great therapy! So stretch out on the couch and get ready for my next column.

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.

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HE CHANGED AMERICA

Facts about Dr. King Jr.

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1929
January 15, 1929 - Martin Luther King, Jr., is born to the Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. at 501 Auburn Ave. in Atlanta, Georgia.

1935-1944
 • King attends David T. Howard Elementary School, Atlanta University Laboratory School, Booker T. Washington High School and enters Morehouse College at age 15.

1947
 • 18-year old King is licensed to preach and becomes assistant to his father, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

1948
 • **February** - King is ordained into the Baptist ministry.

• **June** - King graduates from Morehouse College with a B.A. degree in sociology.

• **September** - King enters Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. Here he begins a serious study of the life and teaching of Mhatma Gandhi.

1953
 • King marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Alabama.

1954
 • **May** - The U.S. Supreme Court rules unanimously in *Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education* that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

• **October** - Rev. King is installed as the 20th pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

1955
 • **June** - King earns a Ph.D. degree in systematic theology from Boston University.

• **December** - Mrs. Rosa Parks is arrested because she refuses to give her bus seat to a White man. The bus boycott starts on December 5th, and King is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association.

1956
 • **January** - King is arrested in Montgomery and released on his own recognizance. A bomb is thrown onto the porch of the King home.

• **February** - King is indicted with other protesters on the charge of being part of a conspiracy to prevent the operation of "businesses without 'just or legal cause.'"

• **June** - A United States district court rules that racial segregation on city bus lines is unconstitutional.

• **October** - The mayor of Montgomery instructs the city council "to file such proceedings as it may deem proper to stop the operation of car pools and transportation systems growing out of the boycott."

• **November** - United States Supreme Court upholds decision of district court in declaring Alabama's segregation on buses laws unconstitutional.

• **December** - Federal injunctions prohibiting segregation on buses are served on city and bus company officials. On the 21st Montgomery buses are integrated.

1957
 • **February** - Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is founded. Dr. King is elected its first president. King appears on the cover of *Time* magazine.

• **May** - King delivers "Give Us the Ballot" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on the third anniversary of the Brown decision.

• **September** - President Eisenhower federalizes the Arkansas National Guard to escort nine Negro students to an all-White high school in Little Rock. The first civil rights act since Reconstruction is passed, creating the Civil Rights Commission and the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

1958
 • **June** - Dr. King, Roy Wilkins, A. Phillip Randolph and Lester Granger meet with President Eisenhower.

• **September** - King is arrested in the vicinity of the Montgomery Recorder's Court and released on \$100 bond. King is convicted and fine is paid by Montgomery Police Commissioner over King's objections. King's book, "*Stride Toward Freedom - The Montgomery Story*," is published.

1959
 • **February** - Dr. and Mrs. King begin a month long visit to India to study Gandhi's techniques of non-violence.

1960
 • **January** - King family moves to Atlanta, King becomes Co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

• **February** - First lunch-counter sit-in is held by students in Greensboro, North Carolina.

• **April** - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) is founded at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. King and James Lawson are the keynote speakers.

• **October** - King is arrested with other demonstrators at an Atlanta sit-in on the charge of violating Georgia's trespass law. All of the arrested demonstrators are released except Dr. King. He is released later from Reidsville State Prison on \$2,000 bond.

1961
 • **May** - First group of Freedom Riders organized by CORE, leaves Washington, D.C., shortly after the Supreme Court has outlawed segregation in interstate transportation terminals. The bus is burned outside Anniston, Alabama; the Freedom Riders are beaten in Birmingham and arrested in Jackson, Mississippi. They spend 40 to 60 days in Parchman Penitentiary.

• **December** - Dr. King arrives in Albany, Georgia in response to a call from the leader of the Albany Movement to desegregate public facilities. King is arrested in a demonstration.

1962
 • **February** - King is tried and convicted for leading a march in Albany to desegregate public facilities.

• **May** - King is invited to join the Birmingham protest.

• **July** - King is arrested at an Albany City Hall prayer vigil.

• **September** - James Meredith makes first attempt to enroll at the University of Mississippi. He is enrolled by order of the Supreme Court and escorted onto campus by U.S. Marshals on October 1st.

1963
 • **March** - **Sit-in demonstrations are held in Birmingham. Dr. King is arrested.**

• **May** - U.S. Supreme Court rules Birmingham's segregation ordinances are unconstitutional.

• **June** - King's book, "Strength to Love" is published.

• **August** - The March on Washington is held. Dr. King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

1964
 • **May** - King joins other SCLC workers in demonstration for the integration of public accommodations and is arrested.

• **June** - King's book, "Why We Can't Wait" is published.

• **July - August** - King attends the signing of the Public Accommodations Bill, part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

• **September** - Dr. King and Rev. Ralph Abernathy visit West Berlin at the invitation of Mayor Will Brandt. King has an audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican.

• **December** - King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

1965
 • **March** - Over 3,000 marchers leave Selma, Alabama for a march to Montgomery where they hear an address by Dr. King.

• **August** - The 1965 Voting Rights Act is signed by President Johnson.

1966
 • **March** - U.S. Supreme Court rules poll tax unconstitutional.

• Spring - King tours Alabama to help elect Black candidates. For first time since Reconstruction a number of Blacks vote in the Alabama primary.

• **May** - A King anti-war statement is read at a Washington rally to protest the war in Vietnam. King agrees to serve as co-chairman of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam.

• **July** - King launches a drive to make Chicago an "open city" in regard to housing.

• **August** - King is stoned in Chicago while leading a march through crowds of angry Whites.

• **September** - SCLC launches a project to integrate the public schools of Grenada, Mississippi and initiates the Alabama Citizen Education Project in Wilcox County.

1967
 • **January** - King writes "Where Do We Go From Here?"

• **March** - The desegregation of public schools is ordered in Alabama. Dr. King attacks U.S. policy in Vietnam in Chicago speech.

• **April** - King makes "Beyond Vietnam" speech at Riverside Church in New York City.

• **July** - Riots in Newark, New Jersey and Detroit, Michigan. Dr. King and other prominent Black leaders call for an end to the riots.

1968
 • **March** - King leads 6,000 protesters on a march through downtown Memphis in support of striking sanitation workers.

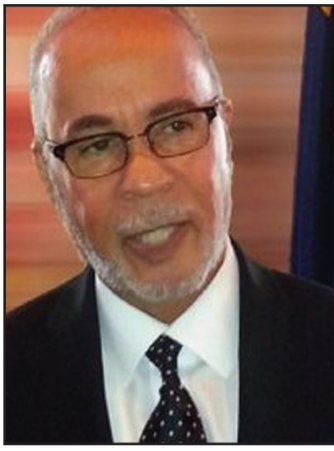
• **April** - King delivers last speech "I've Been to Mountain Top," at the Memphis Masonic Temple. **On the 4th**, Dr. King is assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. He dies in St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Spaulding to be keynoter for Southeastern NC MLK, Jr. Annual Banquet

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Elizabethtown will hold its 25th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade on Monday, January 19th at 11:00 a.m. The line-up begins at 9:00 a.m. at 805 W. Broad Street, Elizabethtown, NC. For more information call 910-645-4995.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Navassa

Town of Navassa & Parade Committee will hold their 31st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 19th. The Annual March will be held at 11:00 a.m. March will start at Landon Barber Shop and end at Navassa town Hall. Shuttles from the Town Hall to the shop will be provided. The Annual Celebration Program will be held at 12:30 pm at Summersville AMEZ Church, 2991 Dogwood Rd. The speaker will be Reverend Walter Mapson.

Southport

On Saturday, January 17th, the M. L. King Celebration Committee of Southport will hold a one day workshop "Interesting, Informative and Inspiring" from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon at the Southport Senior Center, 1513 Howe Street. April Morey, regional representative of College Foundation of NC will be the presenter.

On Sunday, January 18th, the M. L. King Celebration Committee of Southport will sponsor a Memorial March at 3:00 p.m. at the ILA Union Hall and following the march, a youth oriented program will be held at 3:35 p.m. in ILA Union Hall.

On Monday, January 19th, the Committee will hold its annual Roundtable Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 209 East Nash Street with featured speaker, Dr. Gene Nichol, a professor at UNC Chapel Hill. He specializes in civil rights, constitutional law, poverty law and federal issues. For more information on Southport events, call Ralph Parker at 457-5144 or 617-6225.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

The MLK Celebration Committee will present the following events:

A Night at the Theater a production of "The Mountain Top" will be held Thursday, January 15th, 7:00 p.m. at the Red Barn Theater, 1122 S. 3rd. St. Produced by Kevin Green and Techmoja.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet - Friday, January 16th 6:30 p.m. at CFCC Union Station 502 North Front Street. The guest speaker is NC State Gubernatorial Candidate, Kenneth Spaulding.

NAACP/MLK Breakfast - Saturday, January 17th 9:00 a.m. in the UNCW Warwick Center at the University of NC at Wilmington's main campus. Guest speaker is Rev. Ben Chavis.

Kids Fun Day - Saturday, January 17th from 11:00 am-4:00 p.m. at the William E. Murphy Sports Complex 401 S. 8th Street (inside). Presented by the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department. There will be fun, games, face painting exhibits, and refreshments available for all ages.

The Ecumenical Service - Sunday, January 18th 4:30 p.m. at B'Nai Israel Synagogue Temple located at Chestnut and 25th Streets and hosted by the Ministerial Roundtable. The guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Wayne Johnson, Sr. of St. Stephen A.M.E Church

Historically Black College & University (HBCU) Experience - Sunday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m. at CFCC Schwartz Center 601 N. Front Street in downtown Wilmington. This year they will feature the Elizabeth City State University Marching Band and NC Central University Marching Band. Sponsored by FPJ Consulting and the MLK Celebration Committee.

The MLK, Jr. Parade - Monday, January 19th at 11:00 a.m. Historic Downtown Wilmington, NC.

UNCW 2015 MLK Celebration will be held on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Kenan Auditorium on the campus of UNC-Wilmington, keynote speaker is Angela Davis.



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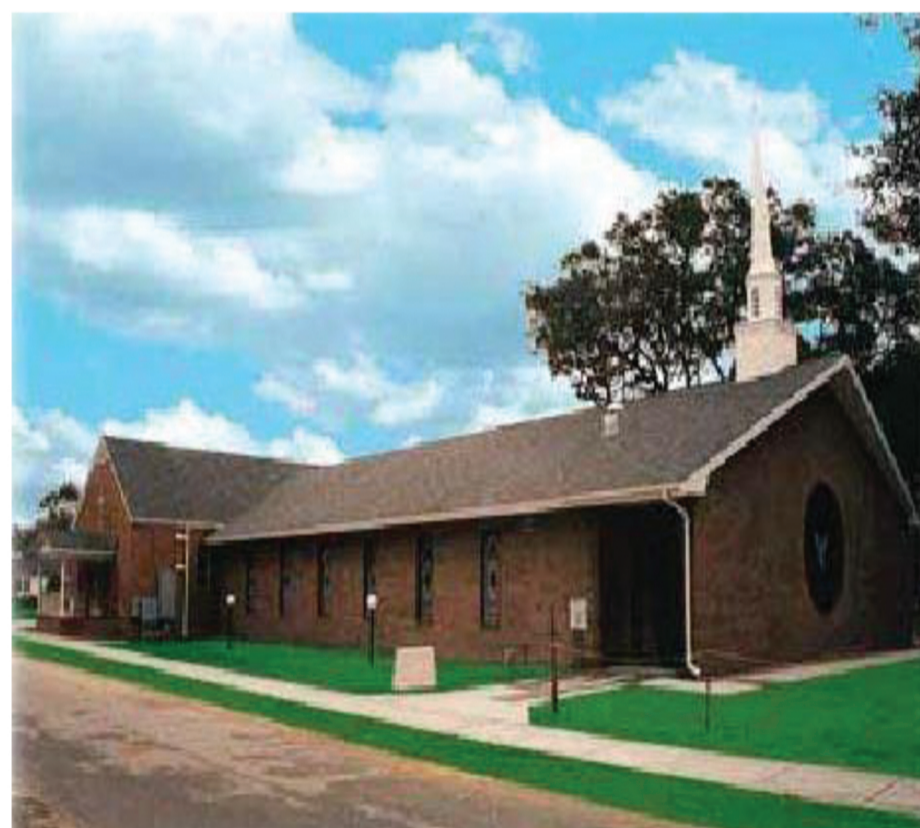
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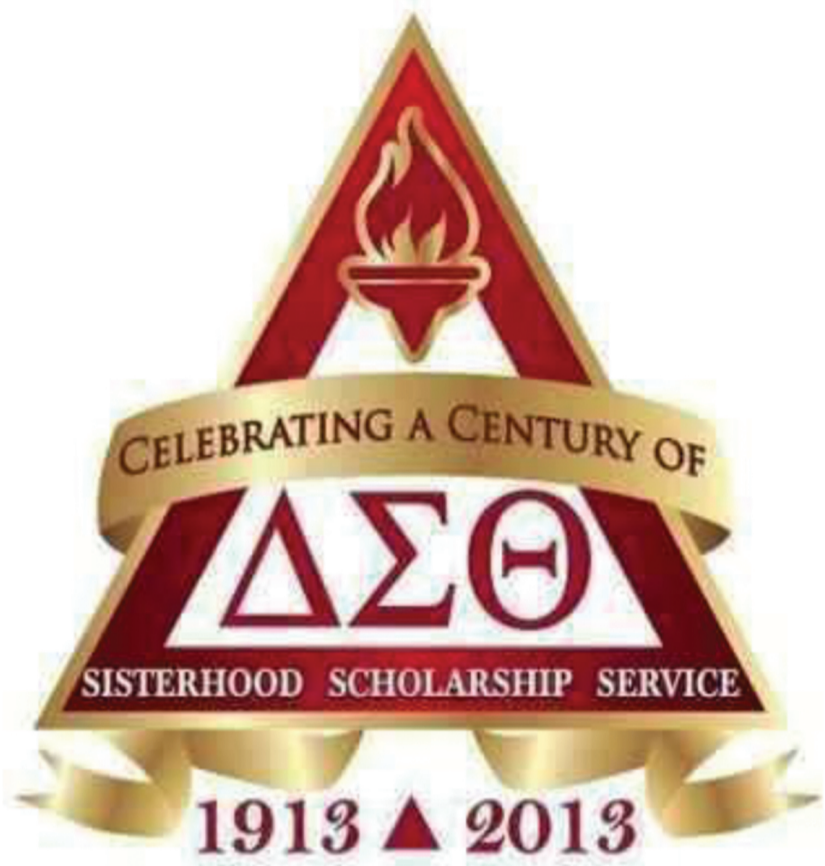
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The Rev. Dr. Rachel D. Stephens,
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