

OUTside
Looking **IN**

OUR VOICE



DR. BENJAMIN CHAVIS

GUEST EDITORIAL
"Twin evils:
Terrorism and racism"
BY
DR. BENJAMIN
CHAVIS
PAGE 4

**BRUNSWICK
COUNTY UPDATE**



BERNEST HEWETT

**WAKE UP
CALL**

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, my wife and I have been busy making funeral arrangements for her brother, and as I went into one shop, I was met with the words, "I know you." You are that man that I see on the front of *The Wilmington Journal* every week, I read that paper about every week but I can't understand why you write the things you do, and I don't see this news in the other papers in Brunswick County nor in the Wilmington paper when I read them. I find what you say to be truthful. Why do you bring it up or tell people about it? I don't understand what you and your people want! Why is there so much discussion about race, a young Black man's hanging in Bladenboro, voter rights, civil rights, and NAACP marches on Raleigh? Now all I see is "Black lives matter!" Why do you or *The Wilmington Journal* keep talking about these things? They will change in time.

It is a real wakeup call to know that these problems are taken lightly in a free society. This means that we are moving in the wrong direction. This fight took place thirty-five years ago, and this County and this Nation moved forward toward a free and just society that began to grow more toward freedom for all. However, in the last four years, we have begun to move backward. Our elected officials vote more against minorities, the elderly, and the poor. So, when other papers don't write about these things, we must tell the story here in Brunswick County. In the last four years,

Please see
BRUNSWICK/Page 2

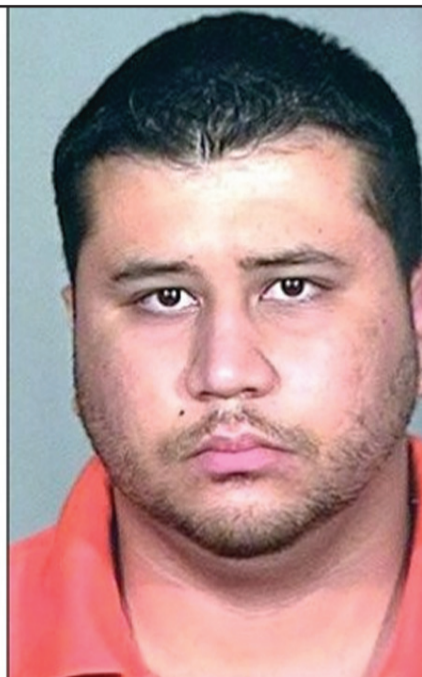
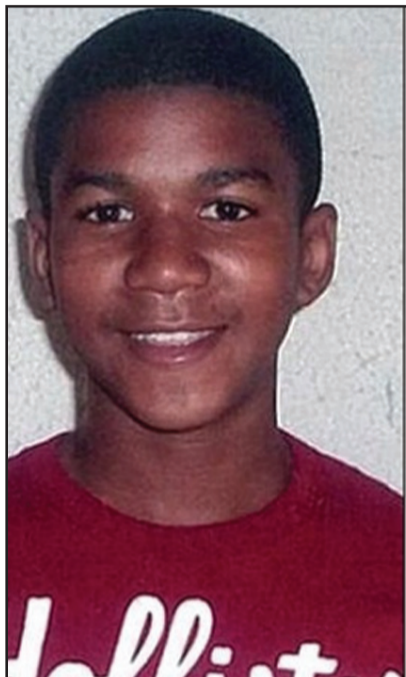
THE WILMINGTON
JOURNAL

News from the African American perspective without fear or favor

VOLUME 88/No. 9

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4, 2015

FIFTY CENTS



FILE PHOTO

The United States Justice Department will not pursue federal criminal civil rights charges against George Zimmerman (R) for the shooting death of Trayvon Martin (l).

WASHINGTON
**NO FEDERAL
CHARGES AGAINST
ZIMMERMAN**

SPECIAL TO
THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL
FROM THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPT.

The Justice Department announced Tuesday that the independent federal investigation found insufficient evidence to pursue federal criminal civil rights charges against George Zimmerman for the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin on Feb. 26, 2012, in Sanford, Florida. Prosecutors from the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, officials from the FBI, and the Justice Department's Community Relations Service met today with Martin's family and their representa-

tives to inform them of the findings of the investigation and the decision.

"The death of Trayvon Martin was a devastating tragedy. It shook an entire community, drew the attention of millions across the nation, and sparked a painful but necessary dialogue throughout the country," said Attorney General Eric Holder. "Though a comprehensive investigation found that the high standard for a federal hate crime prosecution cannot be met under the circumstances here, this young man's

Please see
NO CHARGES/Page 3



PHOTO COURTESY OF NC EDUCATION LOTTERY

Left to Right, financial advisor Dexter Perry, Powerball jackpot winner Marie Holmes, N.C. Education Lottery executive director Alice Garland, and attorney Charles Francis.

RALEIGH
Winner of largest jackpot in state history comes forward
Brunswick County woman won \$188 million share of Powerball jackpot

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A single mother from a small town in Coastal North Carolina has come forward to claim her \$188 million Powerball prize, making her the largest jackpot winner in state history.

Until recently, Marie Holmes of Shallotte supported her four children by working jobs at Wal-Mart, Food Lion, KFC, McDonald's and Subway. The 26-year-old's life changed forever when her Powerball ticket matched all six numbers in the Feb. 11 drawing, winning her a third of the \$564 million jackpot.

At a news conference Monday afternoon, N.C. Education Lottery executive director Alice Garland presented Holmes with a check celebrating her \$188 million win.

"I am humbled and grateful for the opportunities this has created for my family," she said.

Holmes, an occasional lottery player, asked her mom to get her a ticket because the jackpot had grown so large. Her lucky Quick Pick ticket came from the Scotchman on Whiteville Road in Shallotte, a town of less than 4,000 people just minutes from the South Carolina border.

Holmes was in disbelief the morning after the drawing when she realized the numbers on her ticket matched all of the winning numbers in the drawing, beating odds of 1 in 175 million.

"I started screaming and jumping around," the former

Please see **HOLMES/**Page 2

**Social
change
institute
at NCCU on
chopping
block**

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF *THE WILMINGTON
JOURNAL*

Why is a working committee of the UNC Board of Governors recommending the closing of a much-heralded social change institute at North Carolina Central University in Durham? A decision could be made Friday when the full board meets at UNC-Charlotte.

The obvious reason, say supporters of the Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change, is politics. The UNC Board is now dominated by Republican appointees put there by the GOP-led Legislature and Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, and it's no secret that conservatives have railed for some time about 16-campus system being a major bastion of "liberal thinking". So much so that Gov. McCrory has made numerous public statements over the past two years about how UNC's predominate liberal arts curriculum does little to outfit its graduates with the adequate skills to get a job.

Indeed, many observers have teased that McCrory wants to turn the UNC System into a "trade school."

Then there was the recent ouster by the UNC Board of UNC President Tom

Please see
NCCU/Page 2

**Critics say GOP education reform
would hurt poor and Black students**

BY FREDDIE ALLEN
SENIOR WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - As the Republican-led Congress prepares to update the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), civil rights groups, educators and student advocates fear that current proposals leave many poor and Black children behind.

According to analysis by the Center for American Progress (CAP), a Washington, D.C. -based progressive

think tank, the bill submitted by Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), eliminates accountability for low-performing schools, lowers academic standards, and abolishes targeted, state-level graduation goals for students of color.

A White House brief on the ESEA reauthorization bills said that the proposal being considered in the House of Representatives will cap spending on the ESEA for the next six years at \$800 million lower than it was in 2012, eliminates "guarantees that education

funding reaches classroom," and "some especially high-poverty school districts would see cuts as large as 74 percent."

In her weekly column, Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, said no ESEA bill would be better than the one now making its way through Congress.

She wrote, "H.R. 5 also removes strong accountability provisions required to make sure the children who need help most will actually be helped. It is morally indefensible and

extraordinarily expensive that we have 14.7 million poor children in our country - 6.5 million of them living at less than half the poverty level. All of these poor children exceed the combined residents in all 50 state capitals and the District of Columbia."

Wade Henderson, president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a network of

Please see
GOP REFORM/Page 2



THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL
 ISSN 0049-7649 - AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
 Dedicated to R.S. Jervay, Founder of R.S. Jervay Printers, 1901 and T.C. Jervay, Sr., Founder of The Wilmington Journal, An offspring of the Cape Fear Journal, 1927
 Published Weekly At 412 South Seventh Street, Wilmington, NC 28401
 By Black Press SENC, LLC P.O. Box 1020, Wilmington, NC 28402
 Periodical Postage Paid At Wilmington, NC 28402 (910) 762-5502, Fax: (910) 343-1334, Email: wilmjourn@aol.com
 Website: www.wilmingtonjournal.com
 Single Copy 50 Cents
 Subscription Rates
 All Subscriptions \$32 Yearly, Except Foreign, \$37 Yearly, Payable in Advance. (Taxes Included for NC Residents)
 Address all communications and make all checks and money orders payable to: The Wilmington Journal, P.O. Box 1020, Wilmington, NC 28402

WE ACCEPT



Shawn Jervay Thatch
 Chief Operating Executive
 Mary Alice Jervay Thatch
 Publisher/Editor
 Johanna Thatch Briggs
 Assistant Editor
 Cash Michaels
 Reporter/Editorial Staff
 Montrelle Wilson
 Office Assistant
 Edward Crumdy
 Accounts Executive
 John Davis
 Photographer
 DeShon Briggs
 Distributor

Opinions expressed by columnists in this newspaper do not necessarily represent the policy of this paper.

The Wilmington Journal cannot accept yard sale and dinner sale announcements as briefs. These are considered advertisements. Community and religious briefs are designated for public service announcements, which are free and open to the public.

All news must be submitted two weeks in advance by Fridays at 5 p.m. There is no charge for submitting briefs, news and photos. All briefs will run for a maximum of two weeks.

Please send news near the event date. Briefs/news cannot be taken over the phone. Photos and stories may also be emailed to us at wilmjournnews@aol.com. News, but not photos, may be faxed to us at 910-343-1334. Photos may be picked up after appearing in the paper. The publisher is not responsible for the return of unsolicited news, pictures or advertising copy unless necessary postage accompanies the copy on a self-addressed envelope.

Member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, Inc. Member of North Carolina Black Publishers Association

BRUNSWICK
 Continued from Page 1

things have been very hard for us as a people. I came up in the late 1950's and early 1960's, when the treatment of Blacks and other minorities was very unjust and unfair. I see elected officials carrying us back in that direction. We must tell the story we can't forget the hate. Let's move ahead! Read *The Wilmington Journal!* Tell a friend! We will keep you informed! We are trying to tell it so that everybody will understand what our people want. There is no hidden agenda, no power plays, or even political takeovers! We want justice for all, freedom without attachments, and most of all, we want a God fearing nation with his Word in our hearts and minds!! *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

Today's Black News Is Tomorrow's Black History

HOLMES
 Continued from Page 1

high school basketball star recalled. "I said to my kids, 'You just don't understand what this means.'"

Holmes sought financial and legal advice before claiming her prize money. After consulting with her attorney, Charles Francis, Holmes opted for the \$127 million lump sum pay-

NCCU
 Continued from Page 1

Ross, who has been credited with steering the system through tough budgetary times. Ross still has his job until 2016, but the board gave little reason for his dismissal, saying only that the UNC System needs new leadership.

But most telling was the friction between UNC School of Law Prof. Gene Nichol, who is also the director of the UNC-Chapel Hill's Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, which has also been recommended for discontinuation, along with East Carolina University's NC Center for Biodiversity.

Prof. Nichol, who has frequently worked closely with the NC NAACP and others over the years on the issues of poverty in North Carolina and social justice, has also been a staunch critic of the Republican-led NC General Assembly and Gov. McCrory in biting editorials published

GOP REFORM
 Continued from Page 1

more than 200 national research and advocacy groups, said that the ESEA reauthorization proposals currently pending in Congress would strip millions of students and their parents of the protections and resources that have helped them to hold their schools accountable for equitable funding and treatment.

"For the students we represent, students of color, students with disabilities, English language learners and low-income students, a strong ESEA is vital to ensuring that states and school districts are living up to their obligation to provide a quality education for all on an equal basis not just for the most privileged or wealthy," said Henderson.

On a recent call with reporters, Henderson said that the coalition of 34 national civil rights and education groups supported annual statewide assessments to evaluate student progress, transparency of the test results and additional data that empowers parents to advocate on behalf of their children.

Chanelle Hardy, the executive director and senior vice president for policy at the National Urban League, said that the legacy of the Black community's commitment to education stems from the days of slavery when Blacks learned to read in secret and at risk to their own lives.

"This is not a conversation about how we need to convince our community to care about achievement," said Hardy. "This is about our nation's commitment to a system of education that prepares every child for college work and life. This is a fundamental civil rights principle and a fundamental principle of justice."

William Hayes, the principal at Franklin D. Roosevelt Academy in the Glenville community of Cleveland, Ohio, also expressed concerns about the Republican proposals for reforming the ESEA, which was last updated more than a decade ago through the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) under President George W. Bush.

"This vote is about equity and accountability, yet everyday my students face the brutal reality that they live in a society that has not achieved its promise for a more equitable distribution of outcomes and opportunities," said Hayes.

Hayes said that 98 percent of the students at his school are African American, 100 percent qualify for free lunch and 28 percent receive special education services.

One of Cleveland's wealthiest subdivisions borders Glenville to the north and the

ment. The after-tax winnings of \$87.9 million, Holmes said, will allow her to cement several important goals. Among other things, Holmes plans to tithe to religious and charitable organizations, finish her college degree, buy her mother a house, and secure the future for her three daughters - and her seven year-old son who has cerebral palsy.

"I hope that this moment can shine a light on the challenges

in the News and Observer.

After "reviewing" 240 research centers and institutes in the UNC System, the UNC committee announced recently that it will recommend to the full Board of Governors that those three be closed now, while 13 others warranted closer review.

The committee also wants the board to consider adopting a policy banning political advocacy by centers and institutes associated with UNC System schools.

So the question remains - why was the Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change at NCCU chosen as one of the three that the UNC Board committee wants terminated now?

According to its website, "Founded in April 2006, the mission of the Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change (ICESC, pronounced Ice-ic) is to promote civic engagement on campus, the surrounding community, and the state in order to engender social change. Therefore, the Institute seeks to increase

the community's level and quality of participation in civic affairs and, thus, its efficacy in addressing racial, gender, economic, and other social injustices."

Part of ICESC's work has been getting NCCU students involved in voter registration and education; examining the role of the black church during elections; and examining political empowerment in communities of color.

NCCU Prof. Jarvis Hall, the institute's only director since its inception, says he has no idea why ICESC has been targeted, since the center has been nonpartisan in all of its work, and gets its funding from grants and private donations, not from the state, the UNC System or NCCU.

"I'm unaware of anything we have done to bring this about," Hall told *The Carolinian* Tuesday. Despite the expressed concerns of many supporters, Prof. Hall did not want to speculate.

Like UNC's Poverty Center, which gained support this

week from the American Association of University Professors, supporters of ICESC's are gathering petitions decrying the fact that according to UNC Board of Governors policy, the trustee boards at each of the system's 16 campuses have the authority to start and stop institutions and centers, not system board.

"The attached resolution speaks to the usurpation of historical campus authority by the UNC Board of Governors for the sole purpose of destroying lawfully created centers and institutes on UNC campuses which board members disagree," wrote an NCCU faculty member who circulated an NCCU Faculty Assembly resolution to save ICECS earlier this week. "The Board of Governors would have people to believe that they already had authority to review the work of the campus units which they now seek to destroy when, in fact, such authority does not exist within BOG regulations and

Republican proposals do. "We can't go back to a time when these schools were ignored," said Zirkin. Hardy agreed. "We can't assume that we have good information on student achievement based on socio-demographic factors," said Hardy. "We have to do our part with our federal tax dol-

Powerball ticket sales during that time helped the lottery earn \$16.6 million for education.

Ticket sales made it possible for the lottery to raise more than half a billion for the state last year. For details on how lottery funds have made a difference for specific education programs across North Carolina, click on the "Where the Money Goes" tab on the lottery's website.

rules. This is another example of under-handed efforts by conservative forces in this State to stifle faculty members' freedom to speak, teach and dissent."

The last two paragraphs of the resolution minced no words.

"Therefore be it Resolved...that the Faculty Assembly calls upon the Board of Governors to act in keeping with established UNC policy that exclusively designates campus based leadership with the authority to discontinue a center or institute; and Be it Further Resolved...that the Faculty Assembly opposes the insertion of the authority of president or Board of Governors into the process for the establishment, management and discontinuation of centers and institutes which currently is assigned by policy solely to campus based leadership."

The UNC Committee presents its recommendations to the full UNC Board of Governors in Charlotte on Friday.

lars to concentrate those resources where they need to be."



John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home
"A Temple of Service"

PROVEN in service
DIGNIFIED in care
SENSIBLE in price

1895 2013

118 Continuous Years of Service

520 Red Cross Street - Wilmington, NC 28401
 Phone: (910) 762-2635 - Fax: 910-762-8060
shawfuneralhome@msn.com

"The Test of the Years Is Your Proof of Our Dependability"

ADKINS-DRAIN FUNERAL SERVICE

Peace of Mind for you and your family

Confidence in knowing that our professional, knowledgeable and compassionate staff is always available to help you with difficult decisions brings comfort at the time of need. Planning in advance of need brings relief from worry and stress by allowing you to...

Pre-Plan... Arrangements that honor your personal desires
Pre-Pay... Financial arrangements that meet your needs
Prepare... Having personal affairs in order is a gift of love to loved ones.


Pre-funeral arrangements can be made in the privacy of your home or at Adkins-Drain Funeral Home

Whether planning in advance or at time of need You can depend on us to be there for you.

PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE AND PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Because We Care


 Samuel Drain
 Funeral Director


 Connie Drain Greene
 Funeral Director

Adkins-Drain Funeral Service
 515 South 8th Street
 Wilmington, N.C. 28401
 Office: 910.763.7117
 Fax: 910.763.7133
 Email: adkinsdrain@att.net

SUPERBUG KILLS TWO IN CHARLOTTE HOSPITAL

[CHARLOTTE] Among the 15 patients being treated for contracting CRE, otherwise known as the "superbug," at least two have reportedly died in recent months in Charlotte hospitals, say local health officials. Patients are now being screened for the



STATE BRIEFS

anti-biotic resistant bacteria and being isolated if they have it. Details about the deaths were delayed in being made public because of privacy laws.

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NC COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES TAPPED AT \$63 BILLION, SAYS REPORT

[RALEIGH] According to a new study, the 110 institutions of higher learning throughout North Carolina contribute roughly \$63 billion to the state's economy annually. That's 15

percent of North Carolina's economic output, according to the report by Economic Modeling Specialists International, and analysts say a sound investment in North Carolina's college students.

"We are pleased that this study demonstrates clearly that the taxpayers of North Carolina receive a significant return on their investment year after year, and we are proud that that is true for all the citizens of North Carolina, whether or not they attended one of our insti-

tutions," said Tom Ross, UNC System president.

HUNDREDS PAY TRIBUTE TO COACH DEAN SMITH

Hundreds of fans joined family, friends and former players in paying tribute Sunday to the late UNC Tar Heel Basketball Coach Dean Smith at the Dean Smith Center. Smith died Feb. 7th after a long illness at age 83. He is hailed for winning two national championships and racking up 879 career wins during his tenure. But Smith was

also highly regarded for being the first Atlantic Coast Conference coach to recruit African-Americans to play on his team. "We are all so honored to have been in his presence for so many years," said Brad Daughtry, who played for Smith.

NC STATE ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THREE STUDENT VICTIMS

NCSU has established a scholarship fund commemorating

three Muslim students who were murdered Feb. 10 reportedly over parking spaces at a condo complex. The "Our Three Winners" scholarship fund is named in memory of Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23; his newlywed wife, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, 21; and her sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19. NCSU has contributed to the fund, and urges alumni and others to contribute.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

NO CHARGES

Continued from Page 1

premature death necessitates that we continue the dialogue and be unafraid of confronting the issues and tensions his passing brought to the surface. We, as a nation, must take concrete steps to ensure that such incidents do not occur in the future."

Following the shooting, a team of some of the department's most experienced civil rights prosecutors and FBI agents conducted a comprehensive, independent investigation of the events of Feb. 26, 2012. The federal investigation was opened and conducted separately from the state of Florida's investigation of the shooting under local laws. Once the state initiated the second-degree murder prosecution, federal investigators began monitoring the state's case and halted active investigation in order not to interfere with the state's trial. Federal investigators provided reports of interviews and other evidence they obtained to the state's prosecution team.

Shortly after Zimmerman's acquittal in state court on July 13, 2013, federal investigators resumed active investigation. Federal investigators reviewed all of the material and evidence generated by the state of Florida in connection with its investigation and prosecution of Zimmerman, including witness statements, crime scene evidence, cell phone data, ballistics reports, reconstruction analysis, medical and autopsy reports, depositions, and the trial record. Federal investigators also independently conducted 75 witness interviews and obtained and reviewed the contents of relevant electronic devices. The investigation included an examination of police reports and additional evidence that was generated related to encounters Zimmerman has had with law enforcement in Florida since the state trial acquittal. In addition, federal authorities retained an independent biomechanical expert who assessed Zimmerman's descriptions of the struggle and the shooting.

The federal investigation sought to determine whether the evidence of the events that led to Martin's death were sufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Zimmerman's

actions violated the federal criminal civil rights statutes, specifically Section 3631 of Title 42 of the U.S. Code or Section 249 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code, as well as other relevant federal criminal statutes. Section 3631 criminalizes willfully using force or threat of force to interfere with a person's federally protected housing rights on account of that person's race or color. Section 249 criminalizes willfully causing bodily injury to a person because of that person's actual or perceived race. Courts define "willfully" to require proof that a defendant knew his acts were unlawful, and committed those acts in open defiance of the law. It is one of the highest standards of intent imposed by law.

The federal investigation examined whether Zimmerman violated civil rights statutes at any point during his interaction with Martin, from their initial encounter through the fatal shooting. This included investigating whether there is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that Zimmerman violated Section 3631 by approaching Martin in a threatening manner before the fatal shooting because of Martin's race and because he was using the residential neighborhood. Investigators also looked at whether there is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that Zimmerman violated Section 3631 or Section 249, by using force against Martin either during their struggle or when shooting Martin, because of Martin's race.

"Although the department has determined that this matter cannot be prosecuted federally, it is important to remember that this incident resulted in the tragic loss of a teenager's life," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta of the Civil Rights Division. "Our decision not to pursue federal charges does not condone the shooting that resulted in the death of Trayvon Martin and is based solely on the high legal standard applicable to these cases."

After a thorough and independent investigation into the facts surrounding the shooting, federal investigators determined that there is insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt a violation of these statutes. Accordingly, the investigation into this incident has been closed. This decision

is limited strictly to the department's inability to meet the high legal standard required to prosecute the case under the federal civil rights statutes; it does not reflect an assessment of any other aspect of the shooting.

The Justice Department is committed to investigations of allegations of bias-motivated violence and will continue to devote the resources required to ensure that allegations of civil rights violations are fully and completely investigated. The department aggressively prosecutes criminal civil rights violations whenever there is sufficient evidence to do so.

THANK YOU

For Supporting Rejoice 1490 AM Gospel Joy
Tell A Friend, Tell A Neighbor, Tell Everybody

Are you looking for ways to

- Increase your Membership
- Increase your profit margin for your Business
- Promote your next Event

Then advertising with us is your next move.
Contact our sales team to help you get started NOW!

Rejoice 1490 AM on your Dial
For More Information Please Call 910-763-2452

FOOD LION

February 25 - March 3, 2015

GROCERIES for GOOD

Help Make a Difference

SEE IN STORE FOR DETAILS

MVP
3.49
LB

Sealed Fresh
FOOD LION BEEF
see in store for more details

Value Pack
Fresh Ground Chuck
Without MVP Card \$4.39 LB

<p>MVP 1.49 LB</p> <p>Pork Boston Butt <small>Without MVP Card \$1.99 LB</small></p>	<p>MVP 2.49 FOR</p> <p>1 Lb. Container Strawberries <small>Without MVP Card \$2.99 EA</small></p>	<p>MVP 5.99 EA</p> <p>8 Lb. Bag Navel Oranges <small>Without MVP Card \$7.99 EA</small></p>
<p>MVP 69¢ LB</p> <p>Sold in 10 Lb. Bag Chicken Leg Quarters <small>Without MVP Card 79¢ LB</small></p>	<p>MVP 99¢ LB</p> <p>Gala Apples <small>Without MVP Card \$1.49 LB</small></p>	<p>MVP 5.99 EA</p> <p>8 Lb. Bag Citrus FIESTA <small>Without MVP Card \$7.99 EA</small></p>

POWER 1220AM WENC
Whiteville, North Carolina

Godwin Communication, LLC

Godwin Communications passion is to inspire people through good radio programming that uplift, motivate and empower people to achieve greatness.

Our local station WENC has served Columbus County and surrounding areas since 1974. We are committed to providing the highest quality of service.

Our goal is to introduce a wholesome format with positive connotations to assist the spiritual growth of our listeners. We feel this goal is attainable because of our coverage.

Our station broadcasts National News and Sports from the NBC and NC Network. The coverage of WENC is Southeastern North Carolina and Northeastern South Carolina, which includes Bladen, Horry, Roberson, and Columbus counties

Interested in Career Opportunities at Godwin Communications, Give us a Call.

Godwin Communications, LLC
108 Radio Station Rd
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
Tel: (910) 642-2133
Website: www.power1220am.com
Email: aneshia@embarqmail.com

<p>MVP 6.99 EA</p> <p>8 Mega Rolls Scott Paper Towels 12 Regular Rolls Scott Bath Tissue <small>Without MVP Card Regular Retail</small></p>	<p>MVP BUY 1 GET 1 FREE <small>single item at 1/2 price</small></p> <p>8.8-13.7 Oz. - Select Varieties Nabisco Ritz Crackers <small>Without MVP Card \$4.59 EA Limit 2 Free</small></p>	<p>MVP 2.29 EA</p> <p>10-14 Oz. - Select Varieties Kraft Deluxe or Velveeta Shells & Cheese Dinner <small>Without MVP Card \$2.79 EA</small></p>	<p>MVP 3.29 EA</p> <p>24 Pack - 16.9 Oz. Bottles Deer Park Water <small>Without MVP Card \$4.99 EA</small></p>
<p>MVP 2.99 FOR</p> <p>14.5-15.25 Oz. - Select Varieties my essentials Canned Vegetables <small>Without MVP Card 68¢ EA</small></p>	<p>MVP 1.69 EA</p> <p>8 Ct. - Select Varieties Kellogg's Pop-Tarts <small>Without MVP Card \$2.49 EA</small></p>	<p>MVP 2.99 FOR</p> <p>18.6-19 Oz. - Select Varieties Campbell's Chunky Soup <small>Without MVP Card \$1.79 EA</small></p>	<p>MVP BUY 1 GET 1 FREE <small>single item at 1/2 price</small></p> <p>8.25-22 Oz. Entenmann's Donuts, Cakes or Muffins <small>Without MVP Card Regular Retail</small></p>

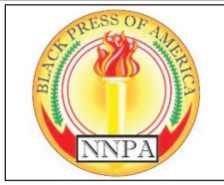
FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 17

FOOD LION FEEDS

GROCERIES for GOOD

SEE IN STORE FOR DETAILS

<p>MVP 5.99 EA</p> <p>25-40 Oz. - Select Varieties Stouffer's Multi-Serve Family Size Entrées <small>Without MVP Card \$7.99 EA</small></p>	<p>MVP BUY 1 GET 1 FREE <small>single item at 1/2 price</small></p> <p>9-14 Oz. - Select Varieties Tostitos Tortilla Chips <small>Without MVP Card \$4.29 EA Limit 2 Free</small></p>	<p>MVP 6.99 EA</p> <p>22-28.05 Oz. Bag - Select Varieties Tyson Chicken <small>Without MVP Card \$8.49 EA</small></p>
<p>MVP 2.99 FOR</p> <p>16-26 Oz. - Select Varieties Ragu Pasta Sauce <small>Without MVP Card \$1.89 EA</small></p>	<p>MVP 2.99 FOR</p> <p>14-18 Oz. - Select Varieties Kellogg's Frosted Mini-Wheats Cereal <small>Without MVP Card \$3.59 EA</small></p>	<p>MVP 9.99 EA</p> <p>92-100 Oz. - Select Varieties Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent <small>Without MVP Card \$12.59 EA</small></p>



THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Wilmington Journal was founded on the principle of the Black Press Credo. The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonism when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

The Wilmington Journal welcomes letters from its readers. All letters are subject to editing. We will not publish pseudonymous letters. All correspondence must include a home address and a daytime phone number. All correspondence must be signed, unless it is e-mailed. Letters may be sent to our Physical Address: 412 S. 7th Street, 28401 or our Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1020, 28402. We also accept letters via e-mail at wilmjournal@aol.com or via fax at (910) 343-1334.

Our Voice

Twin evils: Terrorism and racism

There are two related violent phenomena in that are now getting renewed public attention and research around the world, as well as considerable debate and denial. The twin evils are terrorism and racism.

President Barack Obama's recent White House Summit on "Countering Violent Extremism" reminded many of us in Black America that violent acts of "extremism" have not been isolated just to the Middle East or to the perversion of one religion. At the conclusion of the White House meeting on extremism, President Obama affirmed the national resolve and resilience of the United States in surmounting and overcoming terrific challenges in the past.



Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

The president said, "For more than 238 years, the United States of America has not just endured, but we have thrived and surmounted challenges that might have broken a lesser nation. After a terrible civil war, we repaired our union. We weathered a Great Depression, became the world's most dynamic economy."

It is undeniable that the United States has made progress for more than two centuries toward a "more perfect union" with promises of liberty, equality and justice for all. But for millions of Black Americans, however, the contradictions of racial inequality, racially motivated violence, disproportionate mass incarceration, and numerous other forms of institutionalized racism and extremism are all still realities that we face daily. That, too, is undeniable.

After the White House summit, a larger gathering of international governmental leaders, civil society groups, diplomats, religious leaders and others convened at the State Department. Again, President Obama reiterated his call to action for a more coordinated global effort to counter violent extremism.

He stated, "We come together from more than 60 countries from every continent. We speak different languages, born of different races and ethnic groups, belong to different religions. We are here today because we are united against the scourge of violent extremism and terrorism."

It was a welcomed display of a growing, diverse international coalition of governments and organizations emerging to make public their collective intention to work together to confront violent extremism wherever it exists. Given the changing demographics fueled by the "browning of America," the extremist violence attacking Black Americans and other people of color should be on a decline. On the contrary, there appears to be a national resurgence of racial violence against people of color inside.

Black America has had to challenge and endure centuries of violent acts of extremism in the forms of domestic terrorism and racism. The Ku Klux Klan (KKK) even to this day claims to be a Christian organization. But no one refers to the KKK as Christian extremists or terrorists. Within a week, there will be the 50th anniversary recognition of "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Ala., where violent law enforcement "extremists" attacked unarmed civil rights marchers who were nonviolently demanding voting rights for Black Americans in 1965.

It is ironic that a new study concerning the systematic lynching of Black Americans was recently released. The study, produced by the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), was titled, "Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror." The findings of the EJI report documented that there were at least 3,959 lynchings of Black Americans in 12 Southern states between the Reconstruction Era and World War II: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Florida, and Texas.

And those were just the documented cases. There were many others that were never documented or reported in the news media because during that period, racist lynchings were the socially accepted norm and not the exception in the South. That type of extremist terrorism against Black America was commonplace. Yet, there were no international commissions or conferences by major powers to end the practice.

Lynching was the impetus for the creation of the NAACP. As it states on its Website, "The NAACP was formed partly in response to the continuing horrific practice of lynching and the 1908 race riot in Springfield, the capital of Illinois and resting place of President Abraham Lincoln."

Among the founders were W. E. B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Mary Church Terrell along with a group of White liberals, including Mary White Ovington and Oswald Garrison Villard. The founding of the NAACP was predated by the DuBois-led Niagara Movement of 1905.

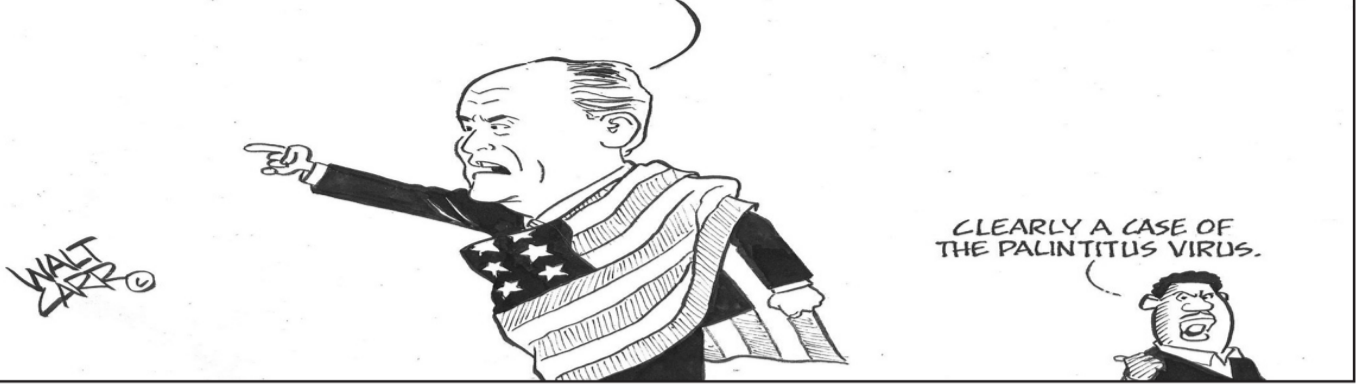
The "Lynching in America" report concluded that "lynching of African Americans was terrorism, a widely supported phenomenon used to enforce racial subordination and segregation. Lynchings were violent and public events that traumatized black people throughout the country and were largely tolerated by state and federal officials."

Today, the lynching and terrorizing of Black America is also done via the rope of the so-called criminal justice system. Prosecutorial misconduct in the cases of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. and Eric Garner in New York are contemporary manifestations of lynching. Racially-motivated lethal violence by police officers is another form of extremist terror and violence against Black America that must be stopped - now!

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. is the President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNAAP) and can be reached for national advertisement sales and partnership proposals at: dr.bchavis@nnpa.org; and for lectures and other professional consultations at: <http://drbenjaminfchavisjr.wix.com/dr/bfc>.

Visual Voice

HE LOVES BASKETBALL... HE LOVES MARTHA'S VINEYARD... BUT HE DOESN'T LOVE AMERICA, HE DOESN'T LOVE YOU AND HE SURE AS HELL DOESN'T LOVE ME... HE LOVED REV. WRIGHT'S CHURCH AND WOULDN'T LEAVE... BUT NOT YOU... NOT ME... HE LOVES HIS FAKE BIRTH CERTIFICATE... HE LOVES TO APOLOGIZE FOR AMERICA... HE LOVES GLOBAL WARMING BUT HE DOESN'T LOVE THE ALASKAN PIPELINE... HE...



Your Voice

A Holden Bellamy Family Reunion in heaven

February 21, 2015

My 100 year old mother -in -Law, Mary Holden Bellamy left her small well-kept garden in Winnabow, NC early Saturday morning to reside

forever in the Garden of Eden with the rest of her many family members.

Mrs. Bellamy cheerfully accepted me into her family when I married her daughter Faye in 1979. She did not treat me as her son-in-law, but her son.

A loving mother of ten

children, she loved to cook and bring out the flavor in any food.

I can imagine her now singing a joyful gospel hymn as she prepares the family supper. She has pots on all four eyes of the stove and a large pan of homemade mouthwatering biscuits in

the oven. The apple pies she made earlier are cooling on the counter.

Mrs. Bellamy I will miss you, but never forget the love and Christian advice you gave me!!!!!!

James "Hank" Hankins
Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

Rhetoric of race at the crossroads of police reform

"M"uch research points to the widespread existence of unconscious bias... We all - white and black - carry various biases around with us. I am reminded of the song "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist" from the Broadway hit, Avenue Q: "Look around and you will find no one's really color blind. Maybe it's a fact we all should face. Everyone makes judgments based on race." -



Marc Morial

FBI Director James Comey in his speech "Hard Truths: Law Enforcement and Race," February 12, 2015

It was in the wake of the protest-fueled aftermaths of the high-profile killings of Black men at the hands of police officers, along with the execution-style murders of two New York City police officers, that the nation's sitting FBI director marked an

unprecedented first. FBI Director James Comey - addressing an auditorium full of Georgetown University students on the celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday - delivered an unsparing, timely speech on the alarming state of policing in Black and Brown communities.

Comey, the son of Irish immigrants and the grandson of a police officer, addressed the historically-charged relationship between law enforcement and the communities of color they are sworn to serve and protect, and in doing so, gave his speech an authority that cannot be understated. In fact, he made a sizeable step towards inserting this much-needed analysis into our ongoing conversation on race in America.

Unfortunately, rhetoric, even candid rhetoric on the devastating impact of racism or unconscious racial bias in law enforcement, cannot stop a fatal bullet or bring back those we've lost. For Comey's words to be more than acknowledgment of this

dilemma, they must translate into policies that address the unsettling issue of police misconduct in minority communities.

Pointing to the ever-present influence of unconscious racial bias that seeps into the daily interactions between the police and minorities, Comey also recognized that "racial bias isn't epidemic in law enforcement any more than it is epidemic in academia or the arts." He is right on that score.

According to the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, implicit racial bias "refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner." The police, as well as the communities they serve, both come to the proverbial table with their implicit biases.

Implicit racial bias is not a figment of imagination, and acknowledging its existence can be the difference between life and death for all parties involved. Understanding this, Comey noted that "if we can't help our latent biases,

we can help our behavior in response to those instinctive reactions, which is why we work to design systems and processes that overcome that very human part of us all."

I applaud the FBI director for calling on the nation's law enforcement community to do more than simply acknowledge the problem, but to also act on the knowledge we have. In November 2014, the National Urban League released our "10-Point Justice Plan for Police Reform and Accountability." Among other recommendations, such as outfitting police officers with body cameras and a national comprehensive anti-racial profiling law, we advocated comprehensive retraining of all police officers. We understood then, as we do now, that without addressing implicit racial bias, there is no policing tactic or theory that will change the status quo of law enforcement in Black and Brown neighborhoods.

MORIAL

continued on Page 5

New study fills in the gap on Black girls

W hen asked what her teachers think of her and her peers, one Black girl responded, "They like, can't be trusted, or they are loud and rowdy, ghetto, and stuff like that. Ignorant."



Priscilla Ocen

Subjective stereotypes such as these often lead teachers and school administrators to over-discipline Black girls. At times these stereotypes push them out of school altogether and onto a path of criminalization and low-income jobs, ultimately creating a lifelong opportunity gap for Black women.

Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected, a report released recently by the African American Policy Forum (AAPF) and Columbia Law School's Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies takes a step toward shedding light on the crisis facing Black girls.

Although it is now well known that Black men and boys confront racial obstacles throughout American society, there is little awareness of the pressing needs of Black women and girls. Black Girls Matter begins to fill that gap by examining the impact of punit-

ive disciplinary policies on African American girls in New York City and Boston public schools.

Its findings reveal that Black girls and other girls of color experience discriminatory disciplinary policies, and disproportionately high suspension and expulsion rates. Like their male counterparts, Black girls are substantially more likely to be subjected to school discipline than their female peers. In fact, the disparity in disciplinary punishments between Black girls and White girls is greater than the one between Black and White boys in some settings. Across the nation, Black girls are six times more likely to be suspended than White girls, whereas Black boys are three times more likely to be suspended than White boys.

In New York City during the 2011-2012 school year, 90 percent of the girls expelled were Black, and none were White. In Boston, Black girls were 10 times more likely to be suspended than their White female counterparts, while Black boys were 7.4 times more likely to be suspended than their White peers. So while Black boys face higher rates of suspension and expulsion in terms of absolute numbers, Black girls in some contexts face a greater racialized risk.

Alarming statistics such as these highlight the need for the inclusion of girls of color in

the discourse around racial justice. They make it clear that both African American boys and girls confront serious racial barriers, including failing schools, unwarranted forms of criminalization, and impoverished communities. Moreover, compared to all girls, Black girls have the worst rates of suspension, juvenile detention and homicide; and the gender-specific ways in which they experience sexual harassment, pregnancy and other familial burdens are seldom focused upon in the quest for racial justice. Our report, "Black Girls Matter," reverses this silence by amplifying the voices of girls regarding their experiences in school.

One girl interviewed recalled being expelled from school when she was arrested at 16-years-old. Following the expulsion, she was out of school for two years. Another remembered when a father went to his daughter's teachers because another student was sexually harassing her. But instead of stepping in to protect the girl, the teachers' response was, "good, take her out, she attracts too much attention from our boys."

These girls shared their memories of teachers funneling them into the school-to-prison pipeline, and the tacit acceptance of sexual harassment against Black girls. Narratives like these are critical in creating systemic solu-

tions to the issues Black girls face on a day-to-day basis. These persistent voices call for us to listen to their needs and to create responsive policies.

Despite the evidence, however, the dominant public discourse on racial justice in the United States consistently leaves out women and girls. Black Girls Matter brings their hardships to the forefront in a work that is grounded in their own words and experiences. These hardships cannot be pushed to the margins anymore. Systemic racism impacts all Black Americans, and going forward the experiences of our sisters need to count for just as much as those of our brothers.

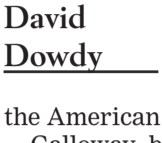
This is precisely why resources such as Black Girls Matter, which is anchored by conversations with Black girls, are so important. Our girls are in crisis too, and targeted action to address realities confronting girls of color in post-apartheid America cannot wait.

Priscilla Ocen is an Associate Professor of Law at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, where she teaches courses on criminal law, race, gender and the law and family law. She is also a co-author of the report "Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected." She can be reached on twitter @pannocen.

Thursday, February 26, 2015

A little known famous Black freedom fighter from Wilmington, N. C.

Abraham Galloway (1837- 1870), a fiery young slave rebel, radical abolitionist, and Union spy who rose out of bondage to become one of the most significant and stirring Black leaders in the United States during the American Civil War. Galloway burned with an



David Dowdy

incandescent passion against tyranny and injustice. After the war in 1868 Galloway ran for office and won. He represented New Hanover and Brunswick Counties in the State Senate. Galloway was one of three Black senators and seventeen Black representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly. He had extraordinary gifts as an orator and instantly became an influential legislator. An intelligent furious debater, Galloway was the kind of man whose biting

sense of humor and sharp eye for hypocrisy inspired Senate conservatives to steer away from a direct argument with him, and this man could not read nor write. In 1870, he died in Wilmington, N. C. at his mother's house at 4th and Brunswick Streets. The accomplishments of this man have been hidden by powers that be at that time. When we talk about Black history, we talk about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, W. E. B. Dubois, and Booker T. Washington, but here is a

man from Wilmington, N. C. who did great things for his people, and we do not know who he is. Some civil rights warriors worked on a project to get a marker for Abraham Galloway, and we accomplished this in 2014. A marker will be placed at 3rd and Bladen Streets to honor this great man. David Dowdy, former Vice President of New Hanover County NAACP and founder and president of Friends of Abraham Galloway.

BLACKONOMICS

50 years of economic futility

During the 50-year period from 1963 ("I have a dream!") to 2013, Black people have been on a virtual economic treadmill. Our relative economic position has not changed; our unemployment rate has consistently been twice as high as the White unemployment rate, which was 5 percent for Whites and 10.9 percent for Blacks in 1963. Today, it's 6.6 percent for Whites and 12.6 percent for Blacks.



James Clingman

Our aggregate annual income is \$1.1 trillion. But it's not what you earn, it's what you're worth: The typical White family had \$134,200 in wealth in 2013, while Black families had \$11,000, which is lower than for Hispanic families, at \$13,700.

The U.S. has a \$17.7 trillion Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the world's second-largest economy behind China. The total Gross Domestic Income (GDI), which some economists say is a better measure of an economy, was \$9.3 trillion as of the fourth quarter of 2014.

A recent Pew Research study indicates that the financial gap between Blacks and Whites is the highest it's been since 1989. In 2010, the median wealth of White households was eight times higher than Blacks; now it's 17 times higher. The African-American economy, by either measure, GDP or GDI, despite reports of robust economic growth, remains mired in a recession.

You awake yet? So what can we do about it? Please. Don't take that fatal leap of faith in thinking the "govement" will take care of it. They are too busy counting our income as a huge part of GDP, because we spend nearly all of our \$1.1 trillion on goods and services, which comprise 70 percent of GDP.

We must extrapolate a logical and appropriate response to the above information. All the reports in the world will do us no good if we fail to learn from them and then act upon what we know. After that, we must do our part as individuals to contribute to the collective economic/political uplift of our people and future generations.

What do we have, as individuals, to contribute to our economic and political success? We have votes and we have dollars; and if we cast our votes with leverage and spend our dollars strategically, we can achieve parity. Let's face it, to chase the illusion of economic "equality," via income and wealth, will only keep us diverted from setting practical and achievable goals.

MLK was partially correct when he posited that by obtaining employment in White corporations and using either strategic consumption or boycotts as leverage, Blacks could secure economic equality, just as we had secured civil rights. He was right about the leverage of our dollars, but wrong about the result of us getting jobs in corporate America. The above statistics prove that. Chasing equality instead of parity is futile, in that we are always chasing someone else's standard, a standard that can be elevated at any time, thus never to be attained by the pursuer.

We must use our own intellectual and financial capacity to change our shameful and static economic position in this nation since MLK spoke in 1963. Fifty years of chasing an illusion are enough? We squandered our economic base and abdicated our personal economic responsibility when we abandoned our businesses to buy from others. We gave in to the notion that we could be equal if we elected Black folks to political office. So it's up to us to admit those near fatal mistakes and work together to rectify them by pooling our resources, locally and nationally, and growing our businesses to the point where they can hire our own people.


We must gather enough conscious independent-thinking voters who will cast their votes as a bloc for the candidate who supports our best interests. Enough with the pre-election condescending rhetoric, kissing our babies, and coming to our churches at election time; they must explicitly state their support of our issues and follow through on that support. If we cannot win, why play?

We must save more money, irrespective of how much or how little we have. We must own property, or at least rent from one another. Blacks collectively lost between \$164 billion and \$213 billion in housing wealth as a result of sub-prime debacle. (And we are seeking "wealth equality"?) Therefore, we must also invest in stocks, and not tie all of our assets to real estate. We must find ways to decrease or eliminate our reliance on college loans, which will be a generational albatross around the necks of our youth, their parents, and even grandparents. And while we are at it, we should be petitioning the "govement" for a massive student loan bailout. You know, the way the banks got bailed out of their debt.

Finally, go to www.iamoneofthemillion.com and sign up, and let's get on the road to true freedom.

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He can be reached through his website, blackonomics.com.

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



-AN AFRICAN PROVERB

MORIAL

Continued from Page 4

Comey's other policy recommendations, including the better and wider collection of data in police-involved shootings and increasing the dialogue between police and the communities they serve, are also initiatives that we put forward in our 10-Point Plan. The plan also called for the implementation of a 21st cen-

tury community policing model as well as mandatory, uniform FBI reporting and audit of lethal force incidents involving all law enforcement.

While our nation's conversation on race relations both within and beyond the borders of law enforcement is one we have engaged in for decades. Comey's voice and ideas are welcomed ones in the ongoing fight for racial

equality and justice. But, of course, we need more than voices or ideas; we need a real commitment to policy change that trickles down to police academies, precincts and sheriffs' offices around this nation.

America is at a crossroads. We can choose to face and change the legacy of distrust of law enforcement in communities of color and vice versa. We can choose to heal

the wounds of that legacy and promote dialogue within these communities and with those charged with their protection. As Comey concluded, quoting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools."

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

Muslim lives matters, too

Within days of the murders of three Muslims in Chapel Hill, N.C., a crazed gunman shot several people in Copenhagen, allegedly targeting an illustrator who caricatured the Prophet Muhammad. One could not have contrasted the media's response more starkly.



Bill Fletcher

getting of Muslims and non-Muslim Arabs. It is also the targeting of history.

In this regard the right-wing response to President Obama's Prayer Breakfast remarks about the manner in which religion can be used to justify heinous crimes is relevant.

Those who attacked Obama for suggesting that horrors have been committed in the name of Christianity, along with other religions, have decided that it is appropriate to defy historical facts.

One example, which President Obama did not mention, was the Holocaust carried out against the Jews by the Nazis. The Nazis saw themselves as being good Protestants. They even expressed contempt for Catholics! This is a documented fact. This is not about interpretation and it is not about rhetoric.

Those who ignored the Chapel Hill murders, and/or those who seek to deny that it is a clear example of a hate crime, are those who wish to ignore history and the historical context of these killings. Muslims and non-Muslim

Arabs have been the subject of long-running attacks, caricaturizations, racist insults, and, yes, lynchings, since well prior to the 11 September 2001 terrorist assaults. Though "children of the Book," Muslims in the U.S. have never been accepted within the Judeo-Christian binary but have been treated as "other." They have been a source of mystery in the mainstream, a group to be tolerated during the best of times and demonized during the worst.

Arabs have had a very contradictory relationship to U.S. history, in part depending on whether they are Muslim, Jewish or Christian, and also depending on what period in history they arrived in the country. Many Arabs assumed a "White" identity for as long as they could, resulting in complicated and often tense relations with other communities of color. After 11 September 2001, all Arabs found themselves in the category of notorious people of color. There will be no exit in the near future.

The Chapel Hill killings and the initial anemic media

response was quite similar to the response to the lynchings of other peoples of color, whether African American, Latino, Asian or Native American. These are killings to be excused away, to be blamed on an individual, at best, or, under certain circumstances, to be blamed on the victim.

This is what is at stake when we hear that the killings may have been about a parking space. Instead of taking seriously the fears and concerns that the victims had prior to their deaths, many mainstream commentators have ignored this altogether, not to mention ignored the larger social/political climate that describes any violent act by a Muslim or Arab as an act of terrorism, and any act against a Muslim or Arab as potentially justified, irrespective of how horrendous.

Did someone say that this was a post-racial society?

Bill Fletcher, Jr. is the host of The Global African. He is a racial justice, labor and global justice activist and writer. Follow him on Twitter, Facebook and at www.bill-fletcherjr.com.

Facing America's lynching frenzy

We live in an era when human-kind seems awash in war-driven atrocities. Men, and in some instances, boys - for this is, overwhelmingly, a matter of the sins of males - who once lived within the boundaries of decency have dedicated themselves to committing crimes of shocking depravity.



Lee A. Daniels

nate it. Brought to justice after the fall of the Afrikaner regime, de Kock was sentenced to more than 200 years in prison for his crimes.

De Kock's name has been in the news this winter because the Black-majority South African government announced in late January that it would parole him. I'll explore that extraordinary decision further in my next column. My point here is that De Kock's release reminds us that although the Internet now makes it possible for many of us to witness acts of horrific violence, such depravity isn't new and has never been limited to just the colored peoples of the world.

That fact was underscored by the release earlier this month of a report documenting how widespread and horrific the dynamic of America's Prime Evil - White racism - once was. The document, "Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror," was compiled by the Equal Justice Initiative, (EJI) a Montgomery, Alabama-based social justice organization.

It found that between 1877 and 1950 a total of 3,959 Black Americans were murdered by a "racial terror lynching" in the twelve most active lynching states, all but one of which had been part of the Confederacy. The report defines a racial terror lynching as one whose real purpose was not to punish an individual so much as to ter-

rorize an entire group: Americans of African descent.

Contrary to the conventional view of these murders as furtive acts done by a few on the fringe of Southern White society, EJI documents that the "lynching frenzy" murders were often barbaric communal "festivals" involving ghastly rituals of mutilation and burning - symbolic of both cannibalism and necrophilia - that were attended by dozens, or hundreds, or even thousands of Whites. Some, in which Blacks locked up in local jails were targeted, were even advertised in local newspapers in advance. Further, these "celebratory acts of racial control and domination" were bolstered by the White South's using Christianity to justify Jim Crow.

The Equal Justice Initiative wants to erect in these states, which are chock-full of memorials to the architects of the Prime Evil of Negro Slavery and Jim Crow, markers of and memorials to the lynchings at many of the sites where they happened - a plan, a New York Times article on the report noted "will involve significant fund-raising, negotiations with distrustful landowners and, almost undoubtedly, intense controversy."

The latter prospect should be especially welcomed by those who think, as the EJI report states, America "must

fully address our history of racial terror and the legacy of racial inequality it has created. ... by urging communities to honestly and soberly recognize the pain of the past. Only when we concretize the experience through discourse, memorials, monuments, and other acts of reconciliation can we overcome the shadows cast by these grievous events."

"Tsultrim," a reader responding online to the Times Feb. 10 article put it even more poignantly.

"Imagine driving through your town today and seeing a body hanging from a lamp post, or a bridge. Imagine watching your neighbors burn a person to death in the public square. If we think this is shocking, then we must take steps to acknowledge our past, commemorate those who died, own responsibility for acts that have informed attitudes to this day. This is our holocaust. It's past time to own it, examine ourselves, and change. Who are we if we refuse to look, refuse to acknowledge?"

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

The BLACK PRESS USE IT or LOSE IT!

New Hanover County

Holly Tree Elementary School welcomes community members to participate in the 6th annual Holly Tree Cardinal Strut on Saturday, February 28, 2015, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Holly Tree Elementary School, 3020 Web Trace, Wilmington, NC 28409.

This year's Cardinal Strut returns with the same great 5k, 10k, Fun Run and 5k walk events to meet every age and fitness level. Holly Tree will also be bringing back the Cardinal DASH - a competitive 1 mile race to determine who is the fastest man, woman and child. The post race activities will feature breakfast for all participants, music and great awards. Visit www.cardinalstrut.com for all race and registration information, or contact Tovi Heffron at (910) 264-1396 or tovi.heffron@gmail.com.

Community Briefs

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

Old New Hanover Genealogy Society and the New Hanover County Public Library will sponsor Researching the "Least Known Records", with Stewart Dunaway at 6:30, March 9th, Northeast Library Branch. Road, Bridge, and Mill records as genealogical resources? Stewart Dunaway will be presenting on how to find these "least known records" and how the clues in them can reveal the secrets of your ancestors. Dunaway has researched and compiled volumes for almost every county in the state from the miscellaneous record sets at the North Carolina State Archives. Copies will be available for purchase. Computer User Group Meets at 6:00 pm.

Bladen County

The Bladen County Democratic Party Executive Board and Precinct Chairs will meet Saturday, February 28th at 12:30 p.m. in the Bladen County Library, 111 North Cypress Street, Elizabethtown, NC

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

Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

Happy Birthday Rosa Belle Shannon



ROSA BELLE SHANNON

She will be celebrating her 89th birthday on Tuesday, March 2nd. She gives thanks to God for a healthy and prosperous life and hope to see many more.

Love,

Daughters: Barbara, Rosa and Phyllis and family
Psalm 121:8

The Lord shall pre serve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forever more.

Act 1
HATS AND ACCESSORIES
FOR WOMEN & MEN
419 S. College Rd. Unit 34
University Landing
Wilmington, NC 28403
★ ★ ★ 910-791-0909 ★ ★ ★



MEN'S:
- FEDORAS
- GENUINE PANAMAS
- DRESS HATS
- TIES & BOW TIE SETS
- ACCESSORIES

LADIES:
- FEDORAS
- SCARVES
- FASHION JEWELRY
- CHURCH HATS
- HATS & CAPS
- ACCESSORIES

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Our Social Security

Senior citizens want a clear understanding of Social Security. It is a measure by which the U.S. Government provides economic assistance to persons faced with unemployment, disability or old age, financed by assessment of employers and employees.



Verniece Stanley

At this time of the year, we are having very cold weather, with temperatures dropping into the thirties at night in Brunswick County. Our senior citizens need access to a warm building, and there is a great need of

exercises for health reasons daily. They need to get the help they need. There are other important issues to talk about.

The Senior Citizens' Association of America is a special independent project that started in 2006. They are not affiliated with any government agency, political party, or candidate. They take great pride in their work and promise to represent your interest in Washington, D.C.

They urge you to support the introduction of the Social Security Guarantee Action in the 114th Congress. You may know that this is a long overdue bill that will give seniors a legally binding guarantee to their Social Security benefits.

Your Social Security Benefits should be protected with more than a simple verbal pledge or political promise. It must be protected with a bonafide legal guarantee. Each senior citizen should be issued a certificate of guarantee.

We are finding more information as Congress faces the same very tough choices about Social Security's future and retirement for senior citizens. Today, many hard working senior citizens are looking forward to retirement days. It cannot be taken away from American citizens. We need to stand up with special interest groups and strengthen our democracy. It is wrong for Congress to spend Trust Fund money on ordinary government

expenses instead of on Social Security benefits.

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.

Bowens to speak at Precinct W29 dinner

New Hanover County Democratic Party Precinct W29 will hold a free Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Senior Annex Building, 1402 Meares St. There will be voter registration and information on how to obtain your voter id. Now is the time because 2016 is around the corner.

The speaker will be Derek L. Bowens. Derek L. Bowens is the Interim Elections Director for the New Hanover County Board of Elections. He is a native of Wilmington, North Carolina and graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science/

Government. Mr. Bowens has been trained by the UNC School of Government and the State Board of Elections regarding elections administration in the State of North Carolina.

Space is limited. For registration call Sheila A. Powers at 910-For reservations call Sheila Powell at 910-685-2133.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
DEREK L. BOWENS

FUTURE HISTORY MAKERS

Jessica Franks

Jessica Franks is a history maker. This 10th grade student at Wilmington Early College High School, Wilmington, North Carolina is making her mark in history now. She is the current President of the Wilmington NAACP Youth Council and previously served as the council secretary. Her outstanding leadership abilities are instrumental in guiding the youth council in a variety of activities at the local and state level.

Jessica was instrumental in explaining the Freedom Summer Program to community members at the kickoff event last year where partner organizations worked to carry out a voter empowerment plan. She was the 2014 Mistress of Ceremony for the New Hanover County NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet with District Court Judge Faison was the speaker. Most recently she served as hostess for the New Hanover County NAACP MLK Breakfast where Ben Chavis was speaker. Jessica is also an active participant in local Back to School events, the state NAACP Moral Monday Rally's as well as the state NAACP Thousands on Jones Street (HKONJ) events.

Jessica Franks is the daughter of Tonia and Donald Franks and attends St. Luke AME Zion Church under the leadership of Rev. Jermaine B Armour. She is very active in her church and church district. She was recently appointed to the position of Public Relations for the Wilmington District VICYC (Varick International Christian Youth Council) of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She is on her church youth choir and the District Black History Team for her church. Jessica is also in charge of the Media Ministry each week at her church where she is responsible for the congregational powerpoint of the weekly sermon.

She would like to attend North Carolina A&T State University to become a Computer Science Engineer after graduation.

Larneice Spencer-Youth Council Advisor states, "Jessica has outstanding leadership abilities and a great personality. Congratulations to Jessica as she continues to work with the NAACP, her church and other organizations. The NAACP members are very proud of Jessica. Thank-you Jessica and the Franks family for helping her help us."

In Jessica's own words: I am making a difference in my community by informing children and parents about the NAACP. Many people don't know about the NAACP or even the Youth Council but by informing them

makes a difference; they become informed on African American History.

There are numerous people that have inspired me from the elderly in the NAACP to the elderly in my church. Listening to the stories they tell about their experiences, I gain so much wisdom. My mother has always told me "Great memories leaves great legacy but great legacies give great wisdom". Dr. Diane Emerson has always told me that I am destined for greatness; this quote encourages me every day of my life. Every youth is destined for greatness, we are the next leaders for the world and with Patience, Determination, Pride and God we can conquer anything and everything!

Public Input: Do you know someone who has done something remarkable in the Wilmington community? Their story should be told. Nominate a 'Future History Maker' by sharing their story: tiba1009@earthlink.net. Future History Makers should be 21 years old and under, has demonstrated success as a leader in school, church or community,



JESSICA FRANKS

exhibits qualities of good citizenship and character; active in the community by providing service and is a leader. Final selection of all Future History Maker stories will be determined by the

Commission on African American History. Current members of the commission are: Willie Black, Audrey Clark, Sylvia Ezelonwu, Natalie Hinton-Stalling, Atiba Johnson and Todd McFadden.

Save the Date and Celebrate with Us!

The Wilmington, North Carolina Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Presents

The 45th Annual Fine Arts Brunch
Kaleidoscope XXXII

"Building a Healthy Legacy: Our Prescription for the Future"

Speaker: Dr. Dolly Desselle Adams,
Eighth National President of The Links, Incorporated

Saturday, March 28, 2015
11:00 AM

Wilmington Convention Center
515 Nutt Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Donations \$40

Tickets and sponsorships are available from members of The Links, Inc. and wilmingtonnlinksinc.org

HERE ARE OUR CARDS..

Whatever you're looking for, consider these local businesses

FIRST

St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church
 Reverend Dr. Mary C. Nixon
 Pastor



2913 Acorn Branch Rd.,
 Wilmington NC 28405
 Church: (910) 251-9892
 Home: (910) 675-1250 | Cell: (910) 540-4406
 Email: 3n1bailbondingco@bellsouth.net

Motto: Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Act 1
 HATS AND ACCESSORIES
 FOR WOMEN & MEN



Frank & Brenda Greene
 Owner/Operators
 (910) 791-0909

419 S. College Rd. Unit 34
 University Landing
 Wilmington, NC 28403

**EAGLE ISLAND
 FRUIT & SEAFOOD**



"Biggest Little Store You Ever Saw"
 LIVE BAIT & TACKLE

Highway 421 North
 Wilmington, NC 28401

762-1193

CHOICES
 Design, Copy & Print

713-B PRINCESS ST., WILMINGTON, NC 28401

Banners
 Booklets
 Brochures
 Business Cards
 Color Copies

**Excellent Quality...
 Economical Pricing!**

Car Magnets
 Flyers/Ads
 Postcards
 Programs
 T-Shirts

Monday-Friday
 10 am - 6 pm

910-763-1366

VISA MasterCard

WWW.CHOICESDCP.COM

3-N-1 BAIL BONDING Co.



Home 910-675-1250
 Cell 910-540-4406
 Office 910-675-3840

P.O. Box 12831
 Wilmington, NC 28405

NC LICENSE #2473
 NATION WIDE SERVICE

Owner/Operator
 Mary C. Nixon
 Bail Bonding Agent

**SAM'S
 RAPID RESPONSE
 Mobile Auto Repair**



- On site mobile repair
- All minor and major repairs
- Foreign and Domestic
- New and used tires
- Valet service

**OIL CHANGE \$19.95
 BRAKES
 \$40.00 + PARTS**

1611 Castle Hayne Rd.
 Building D5
 Wilmington, NC 28401
 910-233-7977

SAM NEWKIRK

ANYTIME - 24 HOURS



**A.M. - P.M.
 BAIL BONDING**

Office
 910-383-0610
 Cell
 910-512-0693

UNLIMITED BONDS

Patricia White

**SIM'S QUICK
 RELEASE
 BONDING Co.**



Delores Bunting
 Home - (910) 675-1274
 Cell - (910) 233-2897

Five Minutes Away

**"Let My People Go"
 "Don't Burn The Bridge"**

OWEN METTS REALTY
We can help!



We specialize in the following services:

- Buying, selling, or investments real estate
- Real estate consulting services
- Loan modifications, foreclosure counseling
- Credit and budget counseling
- HUD Register Agent
- Estate Planning

NEW LISTINGS NEEDED

DO YOU WANT TO SELL OR RENT YOUR PROPERTY?

WE MAY HAVE A BUYER OR RENTER WAITING FOR YOUR PROPERTY

DO YOU WANT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY?

Please call us first
TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT
 321 North Front Street • Phone: 910-763-3777
 Cell: 910-297-6997
 Email: ometts@yahoo.com

OWEN E. METTS, SR.,
 Licensed Realtor/Broker, Certified Housing Counselor

Touch of Class Clothing
 115 N. Front Street
 Wilmington, NC 28401
 (910) 362-4000



Come in and shop with us for your:

- ~Stacy Adams Suits
- ~Steve Harvey Suits
- ~In-House Suit Sales, starting at \$79
- ~KANGOL HATS (added to our ever increasing hat inventory!!)
- ~Two-Piece Sets from \$39
- ~Boys Suits/Boys Linen Sets
- ~Full line of men accessories

Business Hours
 9am-6pm - Monday - Saturday

Under New Management--Henry and Queen McCloud

Peter Grear, Attorney at Law



272 N. Front Street, Suite 300
 Post Office Box 2279
 Wilmington North Carolina 28402-2279

Email: pgrear@grearlaw.com
 Phone: (910) 763-4671
 Facsimile: (910) 763-0925
 Toll Free (800) 222-8009

Areas of Practice:
 New Hanover, Pender,
 Brunswick, Columbus, &
 Duplin Counties



Appointments only:
For cost and details: www.grearlaw.com

- CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY
- AUTO ACCIDENTS
- WORKERS COMPENSATION
- SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY
- TRAFFIC TICKETS
- WILLS & ESTATES
- POWERS OF ATTORNEY
- DEED PREPARATION
- BUSINESS FORMATIONS
- CREDIT REPAIR (Nationwide)
- ELDER LAW

THE BENEFIT CONNECTION
We can help you!

We specialize in:
 Health, life, disability, dental,
 group and individuals

Roth IRAs, 401-k's, 403-b's, annuities
 Long term care and Medicare supplements
Regardless of your health or age
CALL US TODAY.



We can help you save money!
 Personal and professional
 service for over 30 years.

The Benefit Connection
 321 North Front Street
 Wilmington, NC 28401
 910.763.3777 Phone
 910.297.6997 Cell

Owen E. Metts, Sr., Licensed Agent

When experience matters, Call us today!

Monday - Friday 9 am-5 pm * 910.763.3777

We represent several insurance companies

LegalShield
 Total access. Total freedom.




John Wilder
 Independent Associate
 Executive Director
 Small Business & Group

910-297-0925 or 888-286-0168
 Opportunity Info 512-404-2330
 legalshieldassociate.com/wilderj

Identify Theft: America's Fastest Growing Crime!
Think you're not at risk? Unfortunately you are.

Do you...
 hand your credit card to servers at restaurants?
 sign your credit cards?
 supply personal information over the internet?
 keep your Social Security number in your wallet or purse?
 leave mail at your home or business for the postal carrier to collect?
 throw away mail with personal information without shredding it?

Have you.....
 thought about writing or revising your will?
 been audited by the IRS?
 purchased a home?
 been a defendant in a civil lawsuit?
 signed a contract of any kind?
 paid a bill you thought was unfair?
 received an inaccurate credit report?
 received a moving traffic violation you thought was unjustified?
 had any type of legal question?

LEGAL EMPOWERMENT FOR YOUR LIFE
 Your Family• Your Will• Your Money• Your Retirement•Your Car

"Trust me for all your life insurance needs... permanent, term, universal & retirement."



CALL ME
Henry B. Brown
 Agent



2816-A South College Rd.
 Wilmington, NC 28412
 Bus.: 910-395-2300
 Home: 910-794-9359



State Farm Insurance Companies
 Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois