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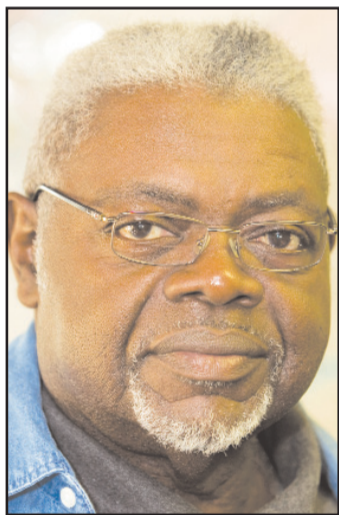
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BERNEST HEWETT

The system
has to change

BY BERNEST HEWETT
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This week, I read that Brunswick County's DA talked about sending two Black men to prison and getting them out of the way of society for a period of time, but what I see is that Blacks are jailed for minor offenses and kept in jail sometimes longer than they would if they were convicted. Then they are tried and given more time. This system has to change. There is a written law that's suppose to be equal and just for all. If we, or the people who enforce the law, begin to set the written law aside and add to, or take from, the written law, we begin to do our people a great disservice.

Today I met with a young man who has been in the Brunswick County jail system over a year and a half, and he is still awaiting justice, so far as a trial and sentence are concerned. He has spent more time in jail than it would have

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A year since Black youth's hanging

BY CASH MICHAELS
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August 29th, 2014 in the Bladen County town of Bladenboro, the body of 17-year-old Lennon Lacy, a black youth, was found hanging from an outdoor swing-set in the middle of a mobile home trailer park.

Local authorities ruled it a suicide, as did the State Bureau of Investigation, but Lacy's family, and subsequently the NC NAACP, didn't buy it. They believed that young Lennon was murdered, lynched, probably because he had reportedly been involved in an interracial affair in a small, rural community down east where such a thing was still frowned upon.

The family and the NC NAACP later convinced the US Attorney's Office to formally open a federal

probe into Lennon's mysterious death. Since that time the FBI probe remains open, but thus far, there has been no word of its progress, or of any evidence or arrests resulting from it.

This Saturday will mark one year since Lennon Lacy's death, but his family and the NC NAACP still hold out hope for a definite resolution, and justice.

This Friday, August 28th, 7 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church, 521 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Bladenboro, a memorial service is scheduled to be held marking that first anniversary, and paying tribute to the memory of a productive young man everyone says had a bright, promising future.

"He made me proud to be his mom," Claudia Lacy, his mother says.

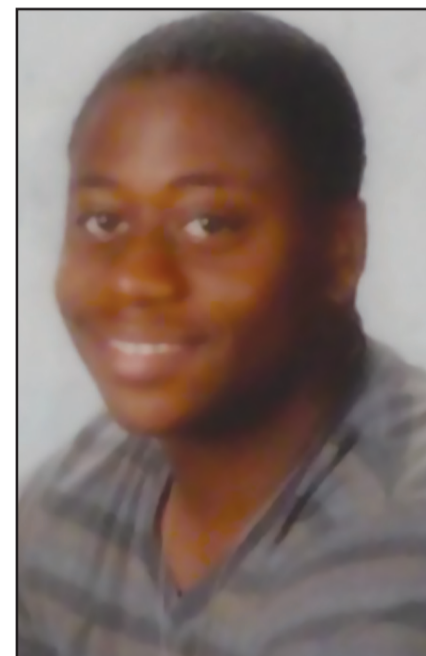
Lennon Lee Lacy, 17, was one of the youngest of four sons to Claudia

Lacy and Larry Walton, according to public records. The family lives in Bladenboro, population 2000. Lennon, a junior, attended West Bladenboro High School, and played on the football team there as a linebacker.

He would have graduated in 2016. By all accounts, Lennon was well liked and respected, both as a student and as a member of the close-knit team, for his hard-work ethic.

So close-knit, in fact, that on the day Lennon was found dead, the team met and decided to still play the scheduled football game that evening, but play it in his honor.

"What hurts me [most] is not knowing," Mrs. Lacy told The Wilmington Journal during a telephone interview in September 2014,



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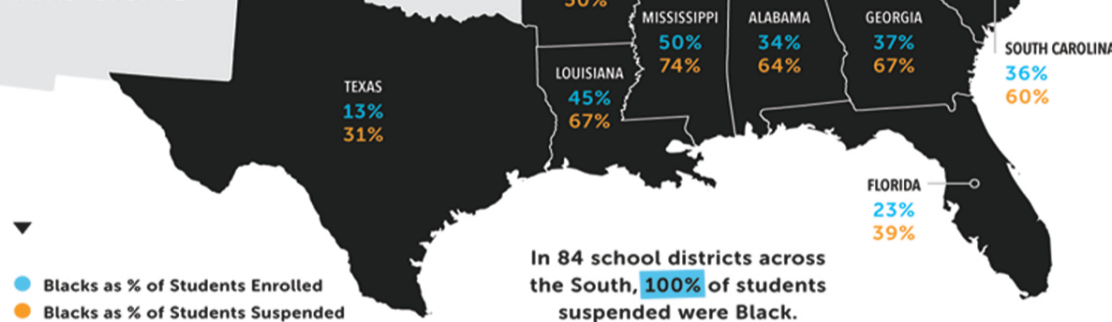
Disproportionately Disciplined

BLACK STUDENT SUSPENSION RATES IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH

BASED ON A REPORT BY EDWARD J. SMITH AND SHAUN R. HARPER

55% of all Black suspensions from U.S. public schools occurred in 13 Southern states.

DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT BY STATE



In 84 school districts across the South, 100% of students suspended were Black.

Some recommendations...

- Black families, religious congregations, and others concerned about racial justice must hold schools accountable and partner with educators to identify alternatives to policies and practices that sustain the school-to-prison pipeline.
- Zero tolerance discipline policies do not make schools safer. School leaders need to eliminate them, offer more professional development for educators on managing student behaviors, and lead district-wide conversations about racial equity.
- Teaching more about implicit bias and other racist forces that lead to disproportionality in school discipline must occur in schools of education, as well as other sites where teachers are prepared and educational leaders are certified.

More recommendations are offered in the report.

Read the full report, including suspension rates for every school district in the South, at gse.upenn.edu/equity/SouthernStates



Black student suspensions high in NC

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education study released this week finds that black students attending public school in North Carolina and other southern states are subject to being suspended or expelled more than any other group.

The report titled, "Disproportionate Impact of K-12 School Suspension and Expulsion on Black Students in Southern States," authored by researchers Edward J. Smith and Shaun R. Harper, notes that, according to US Dept. of Education data, of the 1.2 million black students who, "...were suspended from K-12 public schools in a single academic year (2011-2012) - 55 percent of those suspensions occurred in 13 Southern states."

The report went to state, "Districts in the South also were responsible for 50 percent of black student expulsions from public schools in the United

States."

The study adds that black students were 24 percent of the 3,022 school districts analyzed, but their suspension and expulsion rates were disproportionately higher at "...rates five times or higher than their representation in the student population."

And it gets worse. In at least 84 Southern public school districts, black students comprised one hundred percent of school suspensions. Mississippi had the highest black student suspension rate proportionally at 74 percent, while Florida had the highest number at 121,468.

Here in North Carolina, the data is no less sobering.

According to the report, "65,897 black students were suspended from North Carolina K-12 public schools in a single academic year (2011-2012). Blacks

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MIN. LOUIS FARRAKHAN

Farrakhan: "Justice or Else" march just the beginning

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - In a wide-ranging conference call with the Black Press, the Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan said the upcoming "Justice or Else" rally set for October 10 celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March is just the beginning of the movement.

Farrakhan said that walking down the steps of the United States Capitol building and seeing Black men standing together, shoulder-to-shoulder all the way down to the Washington Monument and over to the Lincoln Memorial was his most memorable experience from the Million Man March on October 16, 1995. The minister boasted that the men went home and recommitted themselves to their families and wives, others registered to vote, and gang members left their weapons at home.

Critics, however, charged that little long-lasting follow-up was done on the local level.

Farrakhan said that those who benefit from White supremacy fear the power of unified Blacks, Latinos and all minority people and have continued to work against that unity, since the 1995 march.

Farrakhan said that since the Million Man March, the Black community is not as strong as it should be, so the struggle for "Justice or Else" must take place on two fronts.

"We cannot go to Washington appeal to our government to intercede to see that Black men and women tried in their courts get justice in accor-

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been if he had been sentenced for the crime for which he was arrested. Brunswick County, we need training for these young men and women who come out of the court system and then go right back in again. We need help with the men and women who keep making the wrong choices. I find it better for society if we make people around us more prepared for jobs and life, not just going to jail or being locked up. We must move forward. We cannot remain still; we need justice; we demand freedom. We shall be moved from the unrighteousness of racism to the righteousness of God's children.

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indicating that she was not pleased with how the case was being handled by the Bladenboro police or the State Bureau of Investigation then.

"I just want to get to the bottom of it."

It was soon after that an independent pathologist, hired by the NC NAACP, examined the autopsy records, and determined that the initial procedure was mishandled by local authorities.

"[The Lacy family is]... being asked to accept the fact that their son, brother, and cousin might have walked out of his home the night before his first big home football game that he had been preparing for all summer," Rev. Barber said at a November 2014 press conference with the family present. "That he would have hidden his brand new shoes that he had been wearing, so no one could find them. That he would have found a pair of older low-top sneakers, taken the strings out of them, and jammed them on his feet, although they were two sizes too small. That he would have walked alone to a trailer park owned by a white

man who is in prison for dealing drugs. That he would have picked up two leashes/belts along the way and fashioned a noose out of them all by himself. That when he got there, he would have picked a swing set with no swings hanging from it, and taken the leash/belt, tied it to the beam and through the eyehook, and then put the leash around his neck, and swung himself out to his self-inflicted death."

"And he did all this with no one around, and he remained there until 7 a.m. or so in the morning, after people were leaving for work at the Smithfield Plant or to school," Barber added.

"And they are being asked to accept this without knowing that all of the other factors and leads have been exhausted."

Last March, a special report on ESPN's "Outside the Lines" raised startling new questions surrounding the death of Lennon Lacy.

One of those questions involved Michelle Brimhall, the 32-year-old white mother who Lennon had been dating, to the chagrin of his family, and apparently other people in the small town.

Brimhall had a giant picture of Lennon Lacy headlin-

ing her Facebook page, which lists her as being from Bement, Illinois, currently attending Bladen Community College, living in Bladenboro and having one daughter who apparently still lives in Bement.

"Outside the Lines" asked Brimhall if Lennon's death had anything to do with the fact that they were dating.

"I don't believe so," she replied. Brimhall acknowledged that Lennon's family "didn't approve", but they didn't try to stop the relationship.

Months earlier, Brimhall was forced to move from the white couple's house she had been staying at since she had moved to Bladenboro because they didn't approve of her dating the black teenager, the ESPN program alleged. She got her own apartment in the same complex where Lennon's family lived.

A neighbor in that complex named Whitney Michael told OTL that she saw "a steady stream of traffic pull up to Michelle Brimhall's door." "You know, in and out, different guys, different vehicles, back and forth at her house," the woman said, adding that she "put two and two together."

When asked if Lennon

Lacy "had put two and two together" about what was going on at Michelle Brimhall's apartment, Whitney Michael told OTL he did "...in a way...but he was in denial."

It would be later, Michael continued, that Lennon became upset when told that Brimhall had been allegedly "...sleeping around with other guys that he did not know about...multiple guys, like different partners. He was hurt by it. That was his girlfriend."

OTL reported that shortly after midnight, the night before Lennon Lacy died, Whitney Michael said she and Lennon saw a car pull up to Brimhall's apartment, with her and a black getting out and walking inside.

"He was like, 'Oh wow, really?'" she recalled.

Michelle Brimhall told OTL that she was seeing Lacy "exclusively" at that point, so she was not romantically involved with the black man she was with. She did confirm that Lennon was "in some ways" jealous. But Brimhall dismissed that he had reason to be because, she said, she got along better with men than with women...and Lennon knew

this."

Brimhall denied that Lacy came to her home after midnight to confront her about the black man she had brought with her.

When asked, Brimhall said she did not think that Lennon Lacy committed suicide. "Honestly, I don't know. Maybe he came across someone doing something," she added when asked what she thought happened to him.

Whitney Michael believes, as does Claudia Lacy, that Lennon was killed.

But if it was a murder, then who did it?

"I have no idea," Ms. Lacy told OTL, I have no idea."

The ESPN report also raised another troubling question - did a white male that Lacy was in a fight with months earlier for allegedly stealing Lennon's phone follow through with his alleged threat to "kill and hang" Lacy?

That person reportedly was released from jail three weeks before Lacy's death.

The memorial service for Lennon Lee Lacy is scheduled for this Friday, August 28th, 7 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church, 521 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Bladenboro.

SUSPENSIONS

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were 26 percent of students in school districts across the state, but comprised 51 percent of suspensions and 38 percent of expulsions."

The study then states that "Crosscreek Charter School, Elkin City Schools, Roxboro Community School, and Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School are among the districts in which suspensions most disproportionately affect black students."

But there were others. During the 2011-2012 school year in North Carolina, blacks are 42 percent of enrollment, but comprise 70.7 percent of

suspensions. In Cumberland County Schools, blacks are 44.8 percent of enrolled students, but are suspended 63.4 percent of the time. Durham Public Schools have a 51 percent black student enrollment, with a 72.8 percent black suspension rate.

Black students made up just 22.2 percent of black student enrollment in New Hanover County Public Schools in 2011-2012, but more than doubled that number with suspensions at 53.1 percent. The rate of suspension in Wake County was virtually similar at 53.3 black student suspension, but only 24.7 percent black student enrollment.

According to a foreword to the report by Congressman

Cedric Richmond, a Democrat from Louisiana, "...these punishments are not applied equally. From the data available, we know that Black students are disproportionately suspended, expelled, and referred to the criminal justice system by schools. The overuse of these punishments and their disproportionate use on students of color are serious problems that we have to address right now."

Cong. Richmond continued, "We need to place greater importance on getting data from schools on the use of suspensions, expulsions, and arrests in schools. Getting complete data on who suffers these punishments, why they receive them, and

what the outcomes of the punishment are can help us fully understand what is happening in our nation's schools. We need to provide better training to teachers and administrators so that they have the tools to deescalate and mitigate situations."

"We also need to provide better guidance to schools on best practices so that student discipline is handled fairly instead of through arbitrary and heavy-handed 'zero tolerance' policies. Encouraging administrators, police, and judges to prioritize rehabilitation and school attendance over severe punishments would also lead to better outcomes."

The authors of the report say they want teachers and

administrators, "...to use this report to raise consciousness about implicit bias and other forces that cyclically reproduce racial inequities in school discipline. We hope this report is not misused to reinforce deficit, criminalized narratives about Black children. The alarming data presented herein go beyond student misbehavior and bad parenting - they also are attributable to racist practices and policies."

"Our aim is to equip anyone concerned about the school-to-prison pipeline and the educational mistreatment of Black youth with numbers they can use to demand justice from school boards, educational leaders, and elected officials."

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dance with the law and leave our communities in shambles with us killing one another," said Farrakhan. "We as men and women must take responsibility for our community and rid our community of fratricidal conflict and that strengthens us as we go to our government to demand justice."

Farrakhan said that he thanked God for the women who ignited the Black Lives Matter Movement.

"We honor the young ladies that fashioned that cry and all who have joined on but no one can rob the young sisters of the honor that God used [them] to say something that caught on and today Black lives do matter," he said. "Let's go to work in our communities to make sure that all of our people fall in love with their Blackness and say, 'Black lives matter' and Black love will make

sure that Black lives matter."

The truth matters, too. The United States Park Police (USPP) estimate of 400,000 attendants at the original march wildly contradicted the estimated count provided by march organizers, which was roughly 1.5 million.

Working with Boston University, the Park Service later revised its estimate to 837,214 - more than twice the original estimate. With a 20 percent margin of error, the size of the crowd could have been 655,000 to 1.1 million men, according to Farouk El-Baz, director of Boston University's Center for Remote Sensing. Even the lowest revised estimate was more than twice the size of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Following the controversy over the number of people attending the Million Man March, Congress prohibited the Park Service from making official estimates.

Unlike the Million Man

March that primarily focused on the empowerment of men of color, the call for "Justice or Else" is meant to address the struggle for justice for Blacks, Native Americans, Latinos, women, military veterans and poor Whites, everyone who feels deprived in America.

"Even though are struggles may be different, justice is what we seek for all," said Minister Farrakhan.

The minister also praised Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work during the last years of his life that revolved around economic equality, unionization and labor rights, and land ownership.

Minister Farrakhan noted that Blacks were largely shut out of the prosperity enjoyed by White settlers following the passage of the Homestead Act of 1862. Blacks weren't considered citizens in 1862, a key eligibility requirement that prevented them from claiming any of the millions of acres of free land west of the

Mississippi River granted to White settlers by the United States government.

"We have to have land, brothers and sisters, as a basis for economic development," said Minister Farrakhan, proposing a legislative agenda that would promote land ownership in the Black community.

Farrakhan encouraged Black business owners to advertise in the Black Press and buy subscriptions to community newspapers, and that part of the estimated \$1.1 trillion in annual buying power wielded by the Black community be used to build hospitals, factories and to support Black colleges.

He also lamented the anger and frustration that young people have expressed across the nation and that uncontrolled and misdirected anger can lead to great destruction.

"We don't have a lot of time, but we can turn the anger of our community into production," the minister

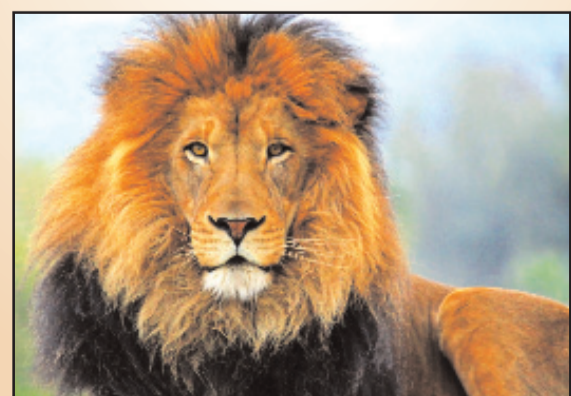
continued, adding that young people will be more than eager to live productive lives rather than lives of crime and suffering and savage behavior; if properly guided.

As the presidential election approaches, Minister Farrakhan warned Blacks against casting their votes foolishly and continuing to vote for the Democratic Party that could and should do more for the Black community. He added that he doesn't see himself voting for Democratic candidates Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) or Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.).

He made no mention of Willie Wilson, the Black Chicago businessman who is also running for president as a Democrat.

"The Black vote is a powerful vote," said Minister Farrakhan. "But unless any of these candidates that are running for president of the United States speak to the need for justice for those that are deprived, why should we give them our vote?"

If the lions do not write
their own history, then
the hunters will get
all the credit."
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WAKE JUDGE TO DECIDE IF VOTER ID CASE SHOULD GO FORWARD

[RALEIGH] When the governor and Republican leaders in the Legislature decided to soften requirements for showing photo voter ID last June, did that undercut the argument that requiring voter ID at all was a violation of constitutional rights? That's a decision Wake Superior Court Judge Mike Morgan has to make in



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the coming weeks. Lawyers for the state maintain that there is no case now because the state statute has been changed and is less restrictive, though they really don't say why it was changed. But attorneys for the NC NAACP, the League of Women Voters and others contend that their lawsuit seeks the repeal of the statute regardless. Judge Morgan is expected to give his ruling soon.

NCDP CHAIRWOMAN REASSERTS THAT FLEMING IS STATE AAC-NCDP CHAIR

[RALEIGH] In the wake of published reports here last

week, North Carolina Democratic Party Chairwoman Patsy Keever attended both the Wake County African-American Caucus meeting in Raleigh last Thursday evening, and the NCDP State Executive Committee meeting in Durham on Saturday, and made it clear that the party recognized Willie Fleming as state chair of the African-American Caucus since 2011, as the legitimate chairman of that body.

Allegations had been made to The Carolinian that Fleming did not qualify to run on 2011 because in 2009,

state Rep. Rodney Moore [D-Mecklenburg] disbanded the Charlotte-Mecklenburg AAC chapter. After The Carolinian went to press with its story last week, Rep. Moore's office confirmed that he had, in fact, disbanded that chapter in 2009 when he served as its chairman, but that Fleming properly reconstituted that branch the following year in 2010, and in 2011, as its branch chairman, officially qualified to run for state chairman, which he won.

Fleming has since won reelection, and had the state auxiliary group to the NCDP recertified earlier this year in Pittsboro but the SEC. A

State Board of Elections investigation requested by opponents of Willie Fleming's tenure earlier this year failed to confirm their allegations, and records show there was never a two-thirds vote by the AAC-NCDP state membership to remove Fleming, as required by AAC-NCDP bylaws. Fleming remains in office until this November.

JURY DEADLOCKS IN CHARLOTTE POLICE SHOOTING CASE

[CHARLOTTE] After four days of deliberations, a jury deadlocked 8-4 in favor of acquittal in the excessive

force trial of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Officer Randall Kerrick, who was charged with the Sept. 2013 fatal shooting of black motorist Jonathan Ferrell. The lone black juror told reporters that he voted to convict, but the majority of jurors felt that Kerrick, a white officer, shot Ferrell repeatedly ten times because he "feared for his life." There were demonstrations after the verdict, with two people arrested. State prosecutors now must decide whether to retry the case against Kerrick.

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Public offices discriminate against Black Americans

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - It's an open secret that Black-sounding names can hinder employment, housing, and loan applications. Apparently, basic emails to public servants have snuck onto that list.

So concluded a recent study published by the Institute for the Study of Labor, an international research center based in Germany.

"Discrimination by providers of public services not only has a potentially detrimental impact on the economic and social lives of those affected, but is also illegal," the study concluded. "While deregulation and globalization may have increased competition in the U.S. economy, thus placing pressure on discriminatory attitudes in the private sector ... this has certainly been much less the case for the public sector."

To test this hypothesis, researchers sent emails asking for basic information to more than 19,000 local public offices around the United States over two non-consecutive weeks. The emails used four names: Jake Mueller, Greg Walsh, DeShawn Jackson, and Tyrone Washington.

Public offices responded to 72 percent of emails each from Jake and Greg. For DeShawn and Tyrone, who had slightly different levels of response, 68 percent of their emails received replies.

"Our results show that emails signed with a distinctively Black name are less likely to receive a reply than identical emails signed with a distinctively White name, thus indicating the presence of discrimination in access to public services," the report stated.

And while the offices that did respond took roughly the same amount of time and used the same amount of words for everyone, the responses to DeShawn and Tyrone were "less cordial," 72 percent of the responses to Jake and Greg addressed them by name or included a salutation such as "Hello," "Dear," or "Thank [you]." For DeShawn and Tyrone, 66 percent of their responses included such pleasantries, despite having the same amount of words.

During the second week of emails, all the names included "real estate agent" in their sig-

natures to test for socioeconomic bias. The results remained the same as the first week without the career mention, leading the researchers to assert that the responders were discriminating by race, not class.

The study also found that the emails from Black names were less likely to be ignored if the recipient was also Black. The researchers argued that if the email senders were being discriminated against because of social status or some other, non-racial prejudice, "White and Black recipients should have a similar propensity to respond to names conveying low socioeconomic background, i.e., Black names."

Since the researchers had no way to record the identity and race of each of the 19,000 responders, they used the demographics in each profession plus a racial database of last names to infer the recipients' race, to test the idea.

And they found that, "where the probability that a recipient is Black becomes more substantial, the predicted response rates for the two races become indistinguishable."

In rural areas, the difference in response was almost double that of urban areas. The Northeast had the smallest racial gaps in responses, and the Midwest had the largest; but the researchers point out that the Midwest is home to more rural counties than the Northeast, South, and West. The South had the second-lowest incidence of discriminating against DeShawn's and Tyrone's emails - the researchers believed this is because more Black people hold public jobs in the South than in other parts of the country.

In terms of professions, the responses from sheriff offices showed the widest racial gap, responding to 46 percent of the Black senders, and 53 percent of the White senders. School districts had the smallest gap of 3 percent higher for White senders. Job centers were the only agencies to respond more to Black senders than White senders.

Roughly half of all the emails were sent to school district employees, and another 25 percent were sent to library workers. The rest were spread among sheriff offices, state and county treasurers, job centers, and county clerks. Sample emails included: "My partner

and I would like a marriage license. Could you please tell me what your opening hours are?" and, "I am about to purchase a house. Could you please explain how I can check whether there are unpaid taxes on the house? If there are unpaid taxes, who would be liable for them?"

The report cited a few examples from past research in

which Black and low-income Americans access social services and opt into programs at higher rates when they are given more information. So while being stingy and/or unfriendly with public information doesn't necessarily mean less access to these services, this behavior can seriously affect Black Americans' ability to take action and make

decisions about their lives.

"Making it more difficult for a citizen to obtain information about a service is not merely a nuisance, but can also have an important impact on whether and how the citizen engages with the service," the researchers wrote. They also pointed out that it's unlikely that these discriminatory behaviors only happen in

responding to emails, without spilling over into the general and unspoken ways of operating a public office.

The study concluded, "Besides being illegal, discrimination by public service providers is particularly startling, since governments could be major players in the effort to eradicate discrimination in American society."

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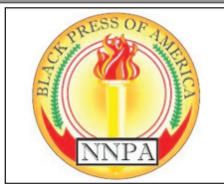
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Our Voice

GUEST EDITORIAL

Mike Huckabee doesn't understand what matters

The 17-person race for the Republican nomination for president closely resembles a clown show, starring Donald Trump. The unfortunate contrast to Trump has been the tepid rhetoric of Jeb Bush, and the usual antics of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Surgeon Ben Carson offered some diversity in the "big debate" a few weeks ago, and former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina amplified her profile and earned kudos for her performance at a debate the "lesser" candidates ha. After the debate, each of the candidates has had plenty to say, and maybe some of them might have been better off had they said less.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, for example, said that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would be "appalled" at the Black Lives Matter Movement, saying it was wrong to "elevate" some lives above others. The poor, misguided man doesn't get it, nor does he appear to have read much more of Dr. King's work than the "I Have a Dream" speech. King dealt with race matters directly. His 1967 presidential address to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference explicitly deals with racial difference asking, "Where do we go from here?" (The same title as one of his books)

Said King, "When the Constitution was written, a strange formula to determine taxes and representation declared that the Negro was sixty percent of a person. Today another curious formula seems to declare that he is fifty percent of a person. Of the good things in life, the Negro has approximately one half those of whites. Of the bad things of life, he has twice those of whites. Thus half of all Negroes live in substandard housing. And Negroes have half the income of whites. When we view the negative experiences of life, the Negro has a double share. There are twice as many unemployed. The rate of infant mortality among Negroes is double that of whites and there are twice as many Negroes dying in Vietnam as whites in proportion to their size in the population."

Little has changed in the 48 years since King addressed his colleagues at SCLC.

Dr. King's words seem to support the Black Lives Matter Movement. "Where do we go from here? First, we must massively assert our dignity and worth. We must stand up amidst a system that still oppresses us and develop an unassailable and majestic sense of values. We must no longer be ashamed of being black. The job of arousing manhood within a people that have been taught for so many centuries that they are nobody is not easy."

Here is the Dr. King Mike Huckabee and the others who reject the Black Lives Matter Movement, but quote Dr. King need to absorb his 1967 statement, "The tendency to ignore the Negro's contribution to American life and to strip him of his personhood is as old as the earliest history books and as contemporary as the morning's newspaper. To upset this cultural homicide, the Negro must rise up with an affirmation of his own Olympian manhood."

In other words, Gov. Huckabee, Dr. King said "Black Lives Matter;"

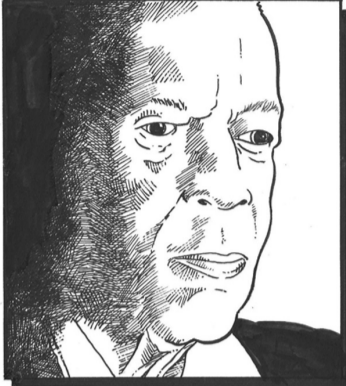
Too many have tried to make Dr. King nonracial, stuck on only parts of the "I Have A Dream" speech. They don't even bother to read that speech in its entirety, ignoring King's discussion of economic inequality. Those whose very deficient knowledge of King's work fail to understand that the "dream" spoke to a future vision, not a contemporary reality.

People like Huckabee would distort Dr. King's words to serve their own purposes. It's clear that Huckabee and others don't understand the Black Lives Matter Movement, or simply oppose it. Those who are open to learning, like Hilary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, have met with leaders of the Black Lives Matter Movement and have expanded their knowledge base. Others, like Huckabee, prefer to ignore the reality of police violence.

As long as there is inequality, the Black Lives Matter Movement makes a difference. If you don't understand the reality of inequality in our nation, you have no business running for president of the United States. My advice to Gov. Huckabee - see if you can get your television show back. Your distortion of the King legacy won't win you votes in some communities.

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Visual Voice



JULIAN BOND
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A GIFTED ORATOR, BOND WAS ONE OF THE MOST OUTSPOKEN VOICES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT FOR OVER 50 YEARS. HE WON A SUPREME COURT CHALLENGE IN 1966 TO BE SEATED IN THE GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATURE. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE NAACP AND PROFESSOR AT AMERICAN UNIV. AND THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. WE LOST A GIANT.



Matters of Opinion

It's hard to be what you can't see

As a new school year starts, many parents are making sure their children have the right supplies from their back-to-school lists and double-checking their courses and schedules. But are we thinking about what books our children are reading? Children of color are now a majority of all public school students and will soon be a majority of all children in America yet children's books and the publishing industry have failed to keep up with the rainbow of our children's faces and cultures and needs and the wide variety of their daily experiences.

As award-winning children's book author and illustrator Christopher Myers says, this matters in order to give all children a deeper sense of connection to the books they're reading and to each other and to prepare them to live in a rapidly globalizing, multicultural, multiracial, and multi-faith nation and world.

I was grateful that Chris Myers joined other leading children's book authors at a roundtable before 2,000 college-age students, public school teachers, and juvenile detention personnel preparing to teach in summer Children's

Defense Fund Freedom Schools® programs. Our reading curriculum has long been centered on excellent books reflecting a wide variety of cultures, races, and experiences.

For some children it is the first time they have seen books with characters who look like them and share some of the struggles in their lives. Our goal is to help children fall in love with reading, and they respond. "I enjoyed learning about my history." "That [book] really inspired me because he came from a rough neighborhood." "Freedom Schools taught me when I learn, I can have fun with it. It made me a better reader because I can understand things." "I see myself and the books give me hope."

The "all-White world of children's books" is nothing new. Rudine Sims Bishop, the moderator of the children's book roundtable, noted that was the title of a landmark study 50 years ago "calling out the children's book world not only for failing to include African Americans in children's books, but also for feeding White children 'gentle doses of racism through their books.'" The old books were guilty of sins of commission and omission, and of course Black children were not the only ones left out.

Bishop said since 1994 the Cooperative Children's Book Center at the University of Wisconsin has been counting the number of new children's books featuring African

Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Latino Americans each year. But even as the number of Americans of color has continued to grow rapidly, the percentage of books reflecting them has not: the annual total has hovered around 10 percent.

It's hard to be what you can't see. Children of color need to be able to see themselves in the books they read. Just as importantly, all children need to be exposed to a wide range of books that reflect the true diversity of our nation and world as they really are.

Tonya Bolden, who has written many powerful nonfiction books for young readers, said engaging history books - especially on her history - were largely absent when she was a child. "When it came to Black history, I remember there was Crispus Attucks and Phyllis Wheatley. And I think there was a part of me that said, okay, one was free, and he got shot; the other one was brilliant, but she was enslaved... What kind of options are those?"

It wasn't until she got older that she realized how much was being left out. "I came to see there was power in the past, that history makes us whole." Now she strives to make history come alive in ways that allow children to recognize their ties to people who came before them.

Writer Janet Wong talked about another kind of connection when she read her poem

"Noise" from the book *Good Luck Gold*. The poem's protagonist is being teased by a group of children: "Ching chong Chinaman" - for her hair, nose, skin, the shape of her eyes:

It's only noise
Ching chong
I won't let it in.
I won't let it in.
I promise myself
I won't let them
Win.

Wong said she was asked to read that poem during a visit to a school in Singapore by a teacher troubled by the racial hostility that existed there. Even when the context was completely different, a poem like this describes a common feeling of racism and discrimination that lets children finally see themselves, too. It also lets other children make their own connections with how this person is feeling, including those who have never been teased about their race or eyes and those who have done the teasing.

All children need these kinds of experiences. Is your school providing books that celebrate and include every child?

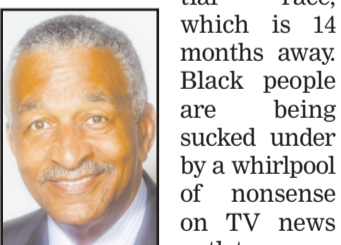
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BLACKONOMICS

Are you having fun with today's politics?

"I'll see you two Blacks and raise you two more."

The vast majority of the news is centered on politics, specifically, the 2016 presidential race, which is 14 months away. Black people are being sucked under by a whirlpool of nonsense on TV news outlets, newspaper and magazine commentaries, lectures, and even some protests.



James Clingman

Candidates are already going across the nation giving speeches, and the first presidential debate by the red-tie and blue-tie gangs, has already been conducted. Hmmm. (When these politicians are on TV, they always wear red or blue ties; and we are divided by red and blue states. The Crips and Bloods must be proud.)

Talking heads on news shows are so giddy about the political possibilities, and it is obvious that they see the upcoming election as simply "fun," as one commentator said. Is it fun for Black people? Are you having fun yet? I doubt it. You're too busy trying to make ends meet, that is, if you even have any ends in the first place.

Folks are making millions of dollars on the political hype, hysteria, and histrionics, while

most Black folks are falling deeper into the abyss of economic despair and desperation. Just think about it: all the cable news shows are replete with political clap-trap - morning, noon, and night.

They never highlight economic solutions for Black people, never feature conscious Black people as guests on a regular basis, and never move beyond the mundane discussions and point-counterpoint arguing that takes place between and among so-called experts and intellectuals. Of course, no problems get solved in that process.

Here's the caveat for Black people: As I warned in 2007, watch out! The "okey-doke" is afoot. While political discourse is dominating the news, real issues that connect to Black economic growth and power are given very short shrift. Each news channel has its own Black faces, none of whom is able to go "off the plantation," to speak directly to the important issues relevant to Black people. They consume hours of air time doing their best imitation of Pavlov's dog, salivating over their preferred candidate and offering milquetoast assessments to Black issues, mainly through a political lens, as if that will solve our problems. I have a strong stomach, so I can watch some of their political chitchat.

Black Lives Matter (BLM) is certainly disrupting the political business-as-usual process these days, but they are waiting for the candidates to give

them a plan through which Black lives will indeed matter. The candidates give them scripted rhetoric, but no specific public commitment regarding real change. Asking politicians to do the right thing will only keep us waiting for another 50 years; we must demand what we want, very specifically, and get a oral and written commitment from them before we give them our votes.

Politicians are many things, but one thing most of them are not is stupid. They will say whatever makes us feel good; they will dodge our issues or simply ignore us; or they will do what Hillary did when the brother in BLM "asked" what she would do to help. She turned the question back on him, saying, "You tell me what you want."

Presently, politicians control the game. We must start and control our own game. They have no reason to deal with our issues vis-à-vis police brutality and other inequities because there is no price for them to pay for not supporting us.

Where is their indignation about what happened to Sandra Bland and more recently Charnesia Corley, who was humiliated by police officers who forced a cavity search on her in a gas station parking lot in Harris County, Texas, in plain sight of passers-by? All Black people are hearing is the same political rhetoric that we hear each election cycle. But whose fault is that?

Most politicians only value Black folks when it's time to

vote. Ann Coulter said, "Our Blacks are so much better than their Blacks," in her defense and support of Herman Cain. We are just pawns on their chessboard, chips in a high stakes poker game.

The solution is grounded in economics, the same weapon other groups use to gain political concessions. I recently posed two questions to a Black Republican who recruits Black voters: What will Black folks get if we all vote for the Republican candidate? What will Black folks lose if we do not vote at all? He could not answer those questions. The same questions apply to the Democrats, but more importantly they apply to us. More specifically, we must stop "asking" and start demanding - with the collective power to reward and punish.

We can win this fight; we simply have to use the right weapon. You cannot properly defend yourself in a gunfight if your weapon of choice is a switchblade.

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On the passing of Julian Bond

I had been unaware that Julian Bond had been ill. I was, therefore, quite surprised to read that he had passed away after, what the obituary noted, had been a "brief illness." I had to sit at my computer for a moment and digest the news.

Bill Fletcher

When I first met Julian Bond, sometime within the last 15 years, I still had in my mind's eye the picture of a young, audacious elec-

toral activist from the 1960s. Although he was still very good looking and very sharp, he had by that point reached the stage of an "elder" in the movement. Yet, being an elder did not mean disappearing or retiring from the movement for Julian. Whether through teaching, writing or serving as the chairman of the NAACP's board of directors during crucial moments in that organization's life, Julian Bond was far from a disappearing figure.

Julian Bond will be remembered for many things, including his election to the Georgia state legislature; his being expelled from

the same state legislature because of his stand against the Vietnam War; his co-founding and work with the Southern Poverty Law Center; and his chairmanship of the NAACP. But he will also be remembered as a clear and eloquent voice for social justice, whether that voice took the form of on-air commentaries or in op-ed writings. He could not be silenced, and for that African Americans and all progressives owe him a major debt.

Julian Bond was from a generation of activists who had a unique courage demonstrated through commitment and action that is alien to most of us. This courage and

experience was not something that he held over other's heads as a way of forcing them to submit to his judgment. Rather, it represented accumulated experience that, if one was lucky enough, one could glean through even a brief discussion or exchange with him.

Julian Bond shall be missed. We must, therefore, hasten to offer our recognition and appreciation for all that he offered and for the stands he was prepared to take.

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Planned attacks on Planned Parenthood

Conservatives are attacking Planned Parenthood so viciously that you would be forgiven if you thought that the organization was running for president as a Democrat. It is often said, "The first casualty when war comes is truth." Actually, the first casualty of politics is truth.

That's particularly true when it comes to the orchestrated attacks on Planned Parenthood. The anti-choice Center for Medical Progress (CMP) has released seven videos that seek to discredit Planned Parenthood. Media Matters said, "The latest video again relies on footage already debunked as highly edited, features conversations with third-party providers who acted as the middlemen between researchers and clinics, and relies heavily on the account of a technician who did not work for Planned Parenthood..."

Dr. Ben Carson, a retired neurosurgeon, has also launched a major attack against Planned Parenthood and he should know better.

In an interview with Fox News on Aug. 12, Carson said that Planned Parenthood erects most of its clinics in Black neighborhoods as a "way to control that population."

However, ABC's Martha Raddatz reported, "Planned Parenthood estimates that fewer than five percent of its health centers are located in areas where more than one-third of the population is African-American."

In a detailed rebuttal, the Washington Post awarded Carson "Four Pinocchios," indicating a "whopper" of a lie, the highest level of falsehoods.

"A 2011 report by Life Dynamics, which opposes abortion, used Census data to determine the African-American and Hispanic population of each zipcode where Planned Parenthood has an office," the newspaper recalled. "The report was intended to show that the abortion clinics are placed mostly in areas where black residents exceed the average black population of the state."

"But when you look closely at the data, it turns out that there are only about 110 locations (out of about 800) where the black population exceeds 25 percent of the overall population. That certainly does not support the claim that 'most' clinics are in 'black neighborhoods.'"

"Separately, in 2011, the Guttmacher Institute surveyed all abortion providers (about 1,700), including Planned Parenthood, and found that 60 percent are in majority-white neighborhoods - and that fewer than one in ten abortion providers are located in neighborhoods where more than half of the residents are black. The statistics did not change when the numbers were adjusted for nearly 600 providers that conduct more than 400 abortions a year."

Referring to the founder of Planned Parenthood, Carson said: "I know who Margaret Sanger is and I know that she believed in eugenics and that she was not particularly enamored with Black people."

He is correct in saying that Margaret Sanger believed in eugenics, the idea that the human race can be improved by encouraging or discouraging reproduction based on genetic traits. Even so, Carson tells only half of the story - the half favorable to his point of view.

"...I think people should go back and read about Margaret Sanger, who founded this place - a woman who Hillary Clinton by the way says she admires," Carson said in the Fox interview. "Look and see what many people in Nazi Germany thought about her."

The Washington Post did just that. "Starting in 1916, Sanger's clinics at first were aimed mainly at poor immigrant women. The first clinic was in a neighborhood 'populated largely by Italians and Eastern European Jews,' according to the 2010 book 'Birth Control on Main Street,' by Cathy Moran Hajo. Sanger did not open a Harlem clinic until the 1930s, even though infant mortality rates there were similar."

"Hajo found that in the 1916-1939 period, white activists were more likely to exclude African Americans from clinics, rather than include them. There were some half-hearted efforts to create African American clinics, but white activists actually gave little or no assistance. 'Whatever the activists' personal beliefs about race may have been, there was no grand program to exterminate nonwhites or the poor,' Hajo concluded."

The Post also noted, "Sanger in 1938 appeared to speak positively about the German program undertaken by the Nazis. Reports in medical journals state that the indications laid down in the German law are being carefully observed. These are congenital feeble-mindedness; schizophrenia, circular insanity; heredity epilepsy; hereditary chorea (Huntington's); hereditary blindness or deafness; grave hereditary bodily deformity and chronic alcoholism," she said. "The rights of the individual could be equally well safeguarded here, but in no case should the rights of society, or which he or she is a member, be disregarded."

"Yet in 1939, she wrote that before Hitler came to power, I was one of the few Americans who joined the Anti-Nazi Committee and gave money, my name and any influence I had with writers and others, to combat Hitler's rise to power in Germany! She added that 'my three books were destroyed [burned] and have not been allowed to circulate in Germany!'"

It would be great if we could get these orchestrated lies about abortion out of circulation.

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Trump favors constructing a police state

At bottom, the plan of Donald Trump, the GOP's political playboy, to "solve" America's crisis of undocumented Latino immigration is really quite simple: Turn the U.S. into a police state.



Lee A. Daniels

Of course, Trump and his supporters, and the rest of the GOP presidency-seekers who are following, sheep-like, in his wake on the issue don't put it that plainly. In part, that's because none of them are serious about implementing a deport-them-all scheme.

Even numerous conservative analysts and pundits have said that any such effort would necessarily have to last for decades and cost hundreds of billions of dollars. Trump, buoyed by his mob of rabid supporters, is hustling the GOP, and most of the rest of the GOP candidates are falling for it hook, line and sinker.

This is so even as the August 12 Gallup survey shows 65 percent of Americans support a plan that would allow undocumented immigrants to become citizens if they follow certain "path to citizenship" rules. That includes 50 percent of Republicans. Only 19 percent of Americans favor a mass deportation plan.

Nonetheless, it's vitally important to consider what a mass-deportation scheme would require - and do to the concept of democracy in America. After all, America

does have a long history of using racist reasoning and anti-democratic tactics to subjugate and exclude people of color from citizenship.

There was Negro Slavery, of course, and the sly trick of the original Constitution's not-quite-concealed endorsement of it. And, later, the Congressionally enacted measures excluding Asians, both immigrants and U.S.-born alike, from citizenship. In the 1850s, there was the Supreme Court's Dred Scott ruling that declared free as well as enslaved Blacks were not citizens.

Also during that decade the Fugitive Slave Act not only made it easier for Southern Whites to hunt for escaped slaves in the North, it also made it easier for them to kidnap free Blacks into slavery. In the 20th century, the federal government, while fighting Japan and Nazi Germany - both of whom cast millions into concentration camps - imprisoned more than 120,000 Japanese-Americans and Japanese nationals in 10 concentration camps in the West.

White America had a lot of practice shedding morality and corrupting reason and the law to subjugate Americans of color. That dynamic is again at play - even to the point of Trump and his cowardly acolytes among the GOP also-rans claiming children born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants don't deserve the automatic citizenship conferred on them by the birthright citizenship clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Exploring the questions buried in Trump's proposal also underscores how much

"skin" Black Americans have in this game as well. The reason is that a mass-deportation scheme will in part require determining at the street level who is and is not Hispanic, and then demanding to see legal proof of citizenship. That people of Hispanic descent are "Brown" and "Black" as well as "White" and café au lait, would require, then, a wholesale racial profiling of not only Hispanic Americans but also U.S.-born Blacks and Black legal immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean as well. All these "colored" Americans will have to have their citizenship papers on them at all times.

Another of the scheme's management issues concerns the logistics to be used to raid businesses - from corporations to neighborhood stores to farms to small construction and landscape-gardening firms to colleges and universities - to hunt for undocumented immigrants. Ditto for homes and apartment buildings and schools, especially in neighborhoods heavily populated by Latinos. And one can expect that teachers and school administrators will be required by the government to identify those they know or suspect of not having citizenship papers.

Where would the undocumented immigrants caught be jailed while awaiting deportation? Our current prisons are out of the question, being already at maximum capacity. So, does that mean re-opening the World War II-era concentration camps? Would that aspect of it be turned over to the private "incarceration business" companies that have made

billions becoming an integral part of the nation's prison-industrial complex?

Then, there are the questions of the cost: Of hiring the enforcement officers to do the hunting of the immigrants; guards for the concentration camps, and construction of new camps; the unavoidable substantial expansion of the federal immigration bureaucracy; and, perhaps most important of all, the funding for the vast force of undercover government agents, informants and bounty hunters that would be essential to overcoming the rebellion a mass deportation plan would bring into being. The government would need reliable ways of finding the "safe houses," church sanctuaries, and underground-railroad routes being established to hide undocumented immigrants.

As I said, it's worth dragging these and other "management" issues of a mass-deportation scheme into the light in order to see that its most damaging cost would be the complete collapse of American democracy. That several of the GOP presidency-seekers are now on record supporting it is one more indication of how un-American the GOP has become.

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Our White liberal conundrum

One of the enduring debates since the enslavement of Africans in the American colonies has been the extent to which well-meaning Whites can appropriate Black suffering and be a true participant in our liberation.



Walter Fields

From the roots of the abolitionist movement to the Niagara Movement, and subsequent founding of the interracial National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to the Civil Rights Movement, the issue of 'White intention' has been a point of conflict not only between purportedly liberal Whites and Blacks, but within the Black community.

There are clear examples of Whites engaged and committed in the fight for Black dignity and human rights. White students from northern colleges were among those who boarded busses for the Freedom Rides in the 1960s and participated in voting rights campaigns in the rural south. Rev. James Reeb was killed by White supremacists in Selma, Ala. while he was in the city to participate in the historic voting rights march. Detroit mother and housewife Viola Liuzzo was murdered by the Ku Klux Klan when driving back from the Montgomery after shutting Selma marchers. Abolitionist John Brown laid

down his life in planning an armed insurrection with the goal of ending slavery.

While the heroism and commitment of these Whites and others can never be questioned or diminished, there still exists suspicion on the part of Blacks toward Whites who claim allegiance to the Black struggle. Much of this I believe is due to the deep roots of White supremacy and the sentiment among Blacks that no White person can truly understand the depths of our dehumanization in America.

Too often Whites who project a level of consciousness and empathy come across as paternalistic and as professing a greater understanding of Black suffering than Blacks themselves. Frustration also reigns among Blacks when 'comparative suffering' is employed by Whites who offer the immigrant experience as analogous with slavery and Jim Crow. The uniqueness of state-sanctioned violence against Blacks in America is only paralleled and exceeded by the genocide of the American Indian.

Steve Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, observed of the white liberal, "Being white, he possesses the natural passport to the exclusive pool of White privilege from which he does not hesitate to extract whatever suits him. Yet, since he identifies with the Blacks, he moves around his White circles, Whites-only beaches, restaurants and cinemas with a lighter load, feeling that he is

not like the rest. However, at the back of his mind is a constant reminder that he is quite comfortable as things stand and therefore should not bother about change."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made a similar observation about the American experience when he wrote "Over the last few years many Negroes have felt that their most troublesome adversary was not the obvious bigot of the Ku Klux Klan or the John Birch Society, but the white liberal who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice, who prefers tranquility to equality. In a sense the white liberal has been victimized with some of the same ambivalence that has been a constant part of our national heritage."

It is why the #BlackLivesMatter movement is so important and so misunderstood. The affirmation of blackness has always been viewed as a threat to White supremacy. It is what set the nation on fire when Frederick Douglass tongue lashed America with his fiery "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July" Independence Day celebration speech. A century later, Malcolm X and a young Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture) would both invoke the right of Black self-determination in ways that would unnerve White America. Yet, in all three cases, there was never a call for proactive vengeance against Whites. And that is what is misunderstood by 'liberal' Whites who now flinch when hearing Blacks affirm their humanity and our professed friends react by countering that "all lives

matter."

All lives have not mattered in America. This is the truth that many Whites cannot accept or purposely choose to ignore. At no time in the history of the United States have Whites experienced being enslaved, the victims of state-sanctioned terrorism, codified discrimination and second-class citizenship. And it is a legacy of discounting Black life as practices that diminished Blacks of one generation have continued to affect the standing of Blacks in successive generations.

This is why the challenge that the #BlackLivesMatter Movement is posing to the 2016 presidential field is necessary and an important step toward holding elected leadership accountable for policy decisions that marginalize Black life in America. Real progress for Blacks in this country has never come from quiet pleadings or the goodness of Whites; it has been the result of confrontation, disruption, resistance and demand. Even the nonviolent Civil Rights Movement was a radical expression of defiance. For decades we seem to have forgotten that we have only moved forward when we were willing to be forward in our demand for equal standings with Whites. And this mostly includes our White liberal friends who we cannot allow to claim solidarity with us while bathing in the warm waters of White privilege.

#BlackLivesMatter
Walter Fields is executive editor of NorthStarNews.com.

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



Girls Choir of Wilmington will hold Fall New Member Auditions on Thursday, August 27th for ages 9-12 from 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. and ages 12-18 from 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Activities Center, 1939 Independence Blvd.

Community Briefs

Narconon reminds families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or Prescription-abuse.org. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754.

NHC Board of Education will hold the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 1st at 4:30 p.m. in the NHC BOE Center, 1805 S. 13th St.

NHC NAACP monthly meeting will be held Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information call 910-798-2004.

The Fall Citizens' Fire Academy, sponsored by the Wilmington Fire Department, begins on Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM and will run for seven consecutive weeks (followed by a graduation). As of today, there are a few openings for the fall session. If interested, please call or email Courtney Cromer (contact information below) with any questions regarding the academy or to register. The attached schedule outlines the events and hands-on opportunities for each of the seven sessions. Please note that there is NO cost to join the Academy. Applicants may send completed applications and notarized background release forms via email or regular mail (contact information below). Once both forms are received, the applicant will be placed on the list to participate or on the waiting list should the academy be full.

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Property Manager

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington is accepting applications for a Property Manager. This position is responsible for the overall performance, including operations, profitability, quality customer service, occupancy, appearance, compliance, and resident relations of the assigned property. This position will supervise a small staff of administrative and maintenance personnel or outsourced workers. Assigns, prioritizes and reviews work performance of staff in achieving property management goals. Basic schedule includes, but is not limited to, coverage of office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Manager is on call "24 hours 7 days a week". The Authority is an EOE and offers competitive wage & benefits. Salary is commensurate on qualifications and experience. Applicants must submit a letter of interest and a current resume to Property Manager Search, Attention: Human Resources Department, PO Box 899, Wilmington, NC 28402 or email to jobs@wha.net. Applications will be accepted until September 9, 2015. Applicants that are determined to be of interest after the initial screening will then be required to submit more detailed application materials. For detailed information, please visit www.wha.net

2015 NHC Health Survey

The New Hanover County Health Department, in collaboration with UNCW, is asking New Hanover County residents to help improve the health of our county by participating in the 2015 New Hanover County Health Survey. The survey is available online at www.SurveyNHC.com. Paper copies of the survey are also available at each of the County library branches. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to fill out, and is completely anonymous and confidential.

NHCS' Gifted Advisory Council seeks member nominees

New Hanover County Schools' (NHCS) Gifted Advisory Council (GAC) is currently seeking parent, teacher and community member nominees to serve on the Council.

The purpose of GAC is to monitor the timely and accurate implementation of all components of the Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) program, as well as advocate, communicate and serve as a liaison with businesses and the community at large with respect to AIG. The Council also advises and makes recommendations to the

New Hanover County Board of Education on AIG matters.

All nominations should be sent to GAC Secretary Karma Maples at karma.maples@nhcs.net no later than Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Current Council members will vote on new member nominees and then the Council as a whole will be proposed to the NHC Board of Education for approval.

For more information, contact Donna Sloan, NHCS Supervisor of AIG, at donna.sloan@nhcs.net.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

It's beginning to feel like the autumn season

Passing the Bolivia School on a Thursday, one can see many cars were parked in the specific area. There have been meetings and the necessary arrangements for the first day of school. The excitement of head starters is expected the first day of school. Meeting the teachers, teacher's aides, and classmates helps to make a great start in education. There will be more excitement for those riding the school bus daily and some parents will take the responsibilities of transportation for their children.



Verniece Stanley

We can see the school buses

traveling on Old Highway 17 weeks before school opens. We see pickup trucks in bright colors with a very large Confederate flags attached on the outside. Some of your children could be riding the bus. A display of the confederate flag travels the same route as our public school buses, and your children are enrolled in the same public schools in Brunswick County as are children of those displaying that flag. This is not a good start for the 2015-2016.

We were at Independence Mall in Wilmington, N. C. for lunch at the K and W Cafeteria. Standing in line at the counter, I overheard a conversation of some ladies who were ahead of me. Apparently, they worked at a Head Start program. They spoke of a situation where in two of the

small children were waiting for grace to be said before eating, and someone made the comment, "We do not pray in schools today. Prayer was taken out of public schools, and it is needed today because more help is needed in a society that's failing to have love and respect in the hearts and minds of human beings."

One way in which we can show this love and respect for one another is by feeding the hungry and helping the homeless. We do not know the hardships we may have this winter. Therefore, we never know when our own families might need help. This help may come from our friends and neighbors, whether they are Black or White. We cannot tell from where our help may come.

We tax paying African Americans will win this battle

of freedom justice and equality. The hate groups cannot stop us.

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.

ILM to hold 2nd Annual Aviation Day & 5K

Wilmington, NC - The Wilmington International Airport would like to invite the public to attend an Aviation Day at the airport on October 10, 2015 from 9am - 4pm. The free-to-the-public event will be held in conjunction with Jones Racing Company's 5K on the Runway and will be located near the International Customs

Terminal on ILM's Campus. Aviation Day events are set to include the following:

- Static Aircraft Display (including warbirds)
- The Wilmington Model Flying Club
- The Sun Coast Cruisers Car Club
- Kids Area with Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Clown and Balloons

•Food Trucks with Local Mobile Cuisine

In addition to these events, Jones Racing Company will hold a 5K on the newly-rehabilitated runway along with a 1 mile fun run. The 2nd annual event allows participants to run/walk on the ILM Airport runway where over ¼ million passengers per year take off and land.

Additional information and registration information can be found at <http://jonesracingcompany.com/ilm-airport-5k/>

Please note: There will be no aerobatic flying at this event. All airplanes on display will be grounded and static to the event area. Coolers and backpacks are strictly prohibited.

Wilmington Social Justice Organization Working Narratives presents Black Man Running: A community dialogue project exploring the intersection of criminalization and race

On the morning of August 29, 2015, at 9:30 am, community members are invited to gather at Jengo's Playhouse, at 815 Princess Street, to address one of the most pertinent issues of our time: racial justice.

The gathering is the first in a series of events organized by the Black Man Running (BMR) project. As part of the series several workshops with artist in residence and leadership trainers are planned. There will be racial justice, media-making and drumming workshops, and free weekly exercise sessions with a fitness trainer. The final event will be a 5K (3.1 mile) run and walk for healthy lifestyles and racial justice in Wilmington, and occurs

November 7th at Hugh MacRae.

The August 29th meeting will be over breakfast and organized in collaboration with the Wilmington Leadership Foundation's CHANGE group - made up of individuals who are committed to making a difference in themselves and in their city. CHANGE will facilitate a brief time of dialogue as part of the gathering.

BMR takes place within the context of a national conversation on policing and racial justice. One in three black men can expect to be incarcerated at least once during his lifetime, and unarmed black men and women continue to die at the

hands of police.

BMR is a multifaceted art project that uses the power of storytelling and community dialogue to address this crisis. Community members are encouraged to attend BMR's August 29 informational meeting to find out more. In a lively, interactive presentation that invites questions and feedback a team of activists and artists will detail the project's plans and aims.

Though BMR's name is a special tribute to black males, it's an inclusive art project seeking diverse participants. "We're asking people to help us create a tool we can use to deepen our understanding of racism and build grassroots

power to challenge it," says lead artist Rend Smith. "We want everyone to participate. This is about pulling the threads of our community together while taking a hard look at racial injustice," says BMR team member Charlon Turner.

Working Narratives' mission is to advance the use of storytelling to build the power of grassroots social justice movements. Working Narratives provides technology, training, and networking to individuals and organizations working for change and pressing social, economic, and racial justice issues.

Learn more about BMR at www.blackmanrunning.org.

More black denials than access to mortgages

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
NNPA COLUMNIST

This week in Houston, the nation's oldest minority professional real estate trade association held its 68th annual convention. Founded in July 1947, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) grew from a fledgling group of one woman and 11 men from only eight locales, into today's national network of mortgage professionals and an estimated conference attendance of more than 1,000.

Long before civil rights legislation was introduced in Congress, NAREB stood for all those who believed that owning a home in America should be both affordable and obtainable, but were somehow locked out of their own American Dream.

That kind of leadership and service deserve a celebration. In spite of restrictive covenants commonplace as early as the 1940s, to the years of block-busting and White flight of the 1960s, NAREB and other housing advocates held fast to their founding principles and never gave up or gave out.

The irony is that today despite their dedication and advocacy of other housing groups - or even federal laws that guarantee equality and protections in housing and credit regardless of race or

creed - the American Dream is still elusive, especially for consumers of color. Nationwide, Black America's homeownership is shrinking. A 2013 NAREB report titled, The State of Housing in Black America, found that Black homeownership rates dropped from a high level of just under 50 percent in 2004 to 43 percent by 2013.

By late 2014, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 42 percent of Black families were homeowners, more than 22 percentage points lower than that of the nation (64 percent) and 30 percentage points lower than that of Whites (72 percent).

The obvious question is: Why is Black homeownership shrinking?

An analysis by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) of the most recent Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMMA) report for 2013 showed that both Black and Latino homebuyers are typically denied access to private sector conventional mortgages that over the life of a loan are far cheaper than the government-backed offerings. Little access to private conventional loans leaves consumers of color with disproportionately high use of mortgages underwritten by government-backed programs such as FHA, VA and USDA.

Those entrusted with leadership positions must develop answers to these and other housing dilemmas. This national problem, as analyzed by CRL, deserves a response equal to its challenge:

•Blacks received only

36,903 loans - just 4.8 percent of all purchase mortgage originations in 2013, despite the Black population at 13.6 percent, exceeded 39 million residents.

•Hispanic borrowers received slightly more mortgage originations at 7.3 percent of all purchase mortgage originations in 2013, even though they represent

•6 percent of the population and more than 51 million people.

•Similarly, in refinance mortgage lending, Black borrowers received only 191,004 - only 4.4 percent of more than 4.3 million the previous year. This comparatively low level of lending continues a trend that began after the nation's housing crisis.

"When families receive responsible mortgage loans, they are able to build a financial safety net that they can access during challenging times," noted Keith Corbett, a NAREB panelist and executive vice president with the Center for Responsible Lending. "For most Black families, owning a home is the key building block for their financial security. Until we raise the level of Black homeownership, it is doubtful we will see racial wealth gaps closing either."

Earlier CRL research found that many homebuyers of color were steered into higher-cost, subprime loans - even when they qualified for cheaper ones. After analyzing 50,000 subprime loans, CRL concluded that Blacks and Latinos were almost a third more likely to receive a higher-priced loan than were Whites with the same credit

scores.

Additionally, research by the Center for Community Capital at the University of North Carolina found that borrowers of color and low-wealth families who received safe mortgages that were fully-underwritten during the housing crisis saw their home equity appreciate by \$23,000.

Earlier this summer, Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies released its annual State of the Nation's Housing report. Its findings show even more disparities in homeownership:

•Despite the housing rebound in many parts of the nation, minority and low-income neighborhoods remain severely distressed.

As of 2014, the homeownership rate for minorities as a group remains 25.5 percentage points lower than that of Whites.

More than 40 percent of Hispanic and Black households with mortgages report paying interest rates above 5 percent, compared with less than a third of White and Asian/ other minority households.

"All of these findings along with rising home prices mean that consumers who want to buy their first home, face tremendous hurdles," concluded Corbett. "It is time to make mortgage access more available and more equal."

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Emma Mae Pierce

Mrs. Emma Mae Pierce was born on July 7, 1941, in Wilmington, N. C. to the late George Cromartie and Elizabeth Frances. She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Willie Pierce. After battling her illness, on July 27, 2015, God called one of his strongest soldiers home. A Memorial Services was held at 12 Noon on Friday, August 7, 2015, at Adkins-Drain Chapel.

Emma was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. Emma worked as a Nursing Assistant on various jobs in Wilmington, N. C.

She is survived by seven (7) children: Brenda Henry, Vanessa Cromartie, Samuel Cromartie (Linda), Wayne Cromartie (Cheryl), Christopher Cromartie (Linda), Jeremiah Cromartie of Wilmington, N. C., and Michael Cromartie of Rocky Point, NC, twenty-five (25) grandchildren, sixteen (16) great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends, all of whom she loved very much. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com. A service of *Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. 28401.*

Tonnie Scott

Tonnie Scott died Monday, August 17, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at Mallard Creek United House of Prayer for all People, Charlotte, NC. Burial will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at the United House of Prayer Cemetery, Charlotte, NC. A Service of *John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Jermaine Anthony Wilson

Jermaine Anthony Wilson died August 16, 2015. Funeral services were held Monday, August 24, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Burial will be in Kingston, Jamaica.

Jermaine, the son of the late Earl Anthony Wilson and Marilyn Dacosta was born November 16, 1978, in Kingston, Jamaica. He received his early education at Saint Patrick Primary and graduated from Denham Town High School in Kingston, Jamaica. Jermaine was a devoted son, father, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew and friend. He really loved and admired his children; loving each one uniquely but equally. He also had a passionate love for his sisters and brothers. His love for his family was immeasurable. Jermaine was a humble, easygoing, loving and kind-hearted individual who was always full of energy and loved to give and help people. He would light up any room with his bright smile. He never met any strangers; he made friends everywhere he went. If you needed a laugh or just a hilarious conversation about everyday life, you could count on Jermaine! His most loved hobby was riding his motorcycle and he was good at it! He loved the Lord and received Christ many years ago and at an early age in life, attended Penwood Church of Christ in Kingston, Jamaica. He was later led by the Holy Spirit to serve under Pastor Daniel Cooke at The Sanctuary in Wilmington, NC until the Lord called him home.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his mother, Marilyn Dacosta of Kingston, Jamaica; daughters, Jenika Wilson of Kingston, Jamaica, Jamayca Johnson of Raleigh, NC and JayLynn Davis of Wilmington, NC; son, Jahere of Wilmington, NC; sisters, Tracian Martin and Nyomi Wilson and brother Pete Angus, all of Kingston, Jamaica; a very special friend, Tameka Freeman of Leland, NC and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of *John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Tramayne Brown

Tramayne Brown died Monday, August 24th. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2015. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 29th at First Baptist Missionary Church. Burial in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of *John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Robert Johnson

Robert Johnson died Friday, August 21st at NHRMC. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29, 2015 at United House of Prayer for All People. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. A Service of *John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Robert Houston

Robert Houston died Saturday, August 22nd at NHRMC. Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2015. A Service of *John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Estelle Jackson

Estelle Jackson died Sunday, August 23rd at LCFH. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 27th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be held 30 minutes prior to the service at 10:30 a.m.. A Service of *John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Stanley Everett Stevens

Stanley Everett Stevens, 65, of Wilmington, NC died Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Memorial services were held Sunday, August 23, 2015 at Davis Funeral Home. Stanley Everett Stevens of Wilmington, North Carolina, formerly of New York, ended his earthly chapter after a long and courageous battle with cancer on August 20, 2015. He touched the hearts and

lives of many people with an amazing sense of humor and an amazing attitude toward life.

Stanley was born on December 10, 1949 on Southampton, New York to Lassel Stevens and Mable Spence Stevens. He was preceded in death by his father whom he loved and idolized.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving mother, Mable Stevens of Southampton, NY; his devoted and loving wife, Bettye Clayton-Stevens of the home; three daughters, Cheryl Mills of Newport News, VA, Shireen Stevens of Stockbridge, GA and Stacey Stevens of Hawthorne, NJ; one son, Jermaine Stevens (Jessica) of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Lassel Stevens, Jr. of California; six sisters, Patricia Stevens of Manhattan, NY, twin sisters, Hollace Miller and Hazel Cunningham both of Bronx, NY, Sharon Lamison (Charles) of Jacksonville, FL, Michelle Stevens of New York, and Garnette Shay Chandler (Terry) of London, England; a loving daughter, Sabrina Clayton Nedabylek (Mark) of the home; a son, William Leon Everette (Davita) of Philadelphia, PA; mother-in-law, Josezell Smith of Rocky Point, NC; four sisters-in-law, Patricia Drakeford of Wilmington, NC, Cynthia Greene of Garner, NC, Marion Smith of Wilmington, NC and Carmita Durham of Pender County; four brothers-in-law, Bobby Smith, Antwan Hicks (Kia), Louis Hicks and Cedric Smith, all of Wilmington, NC, two special aunts, Odelle Stevens Williams of Amityville, NY and Bernice Cowell of Elizabeth City, NC; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of loving nieces and nephews. Honorable mention to friends like family who were his constant companions and caregivers, Betty Jones and Thomas Bowie. A *Davis Funeral Home service.*

Ali Iquan Dameish Rouse

Ali Iquan Rouse was born on November 10, 1993 in Wilmington NC the oldest child of Winifred Ellerby and the only child to Ali Rouse.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother's Flossie Mae Lemon, Laura Rouse and Mary Bass-Hendrick. Aunt Georgia Mae Rouse. Grandfather Jesse Bass. God Father Clifton Sykes Jr.

Ali was raised in Wilmington, NC. Ali was an active player in the Pop Warner League from the age of 8 to 16 years old. He attended North Brunswick High School later receiving his high school diploma from Cape Fear Community College of Wilmington, NC. His charm caused people to gravitate towards him. He loved life and had a forgettable smile that would light up any room. He had such a sincere devotion to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed and will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Ali leaves to cherish his

memory his loving mother Winifred Ellerby, biological father Ali Rouse; Dad Anthony J. Joye, brother Anthony Jaquan Joye, and sister Makiya James, grandmothers, Aprilyn Ellerby(Jimmie), Fannie Joye, and Gussie Lemon; grandfathers, Carl Beatty(Sheila) of Leland NC and Nathanid Rouse; aunts Panastella Ellerby and Na-Keil Covington (who he shared an unbreakable bond); uncles Antwane Beatty(Jennifer) of Leland, NC and PFC Roy Robinson Jr (who was raised as his brother); Godsisters, SaRada Robinson(Charles) and Ma'Kenza Green.

He also left without his precious presence several cousins, aunts, and uncles. A very special cousin Amy S. James. His bestfriend DaQuan Franks and his loving girlfriend Kayla D. McGirt. His friends Devante Bloodworth and Veshon Shaw. And so many friends and loved ones to cherish his memory. A *Davis Funeral Home service.*

Willie James Walker

Willie James Walker, 77, of Wilmington, NC died Monday, August 10, 2015. Memorial services will be held 1:00 pm Saturday, August 29, 2015 at Davis Funeral Home. A *Davis Funeral Home service.*

In Loving Memory Of



Mr. Abraham Crummy Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

**Sunrise: January 11, 1929
Sunset: August 24, 2008**

It's been seven years since you passed away.

Our memory of that day is no longer clear, but we know the pain cannot be washed away with tears.

You are everywhere we look, the sky, the clouds, a running brook, waves in the ocean. Now in God's arms you are safe. Never again will we see your smiling face. But the your photograph in our mind will never be erased. In time, we'll see you in that wonderful place. Until then our loved one, your spirit is with us always.

Soar with the butterflies and sleep with the angels. We thank God for the memory of you. To God be the glory.

Sadly missed Mrs. Norma M. Crummy, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Douglas H. (Pop) Sinclair



November 3, 1959 - August 24, 1993

In sad and loving memory of Douglas H. (Pop) Sinclair, who went to be with the Lord on August 24, 1993.

August days are here again, the saddest of the year, for it was on the 24th day, God took our precious son, brother, grandson, uncle, nephew, cousin and brother-in-law. God's garden had need of a little flower; it had grown for 33 years here below; but in tender love, He took it above, in a lovelier garden to grow. It might have been marred had He left it below, although we had tendered it with care, had tilled and watered, and hedged about, watching each petal fair. There with his smile for the sunbeam, it will grow to perfection of bloom, no withering bright or destructive storm to crush out its sweet perfume. Perhaps sometimes in the quiet hours we shall notice its sweet perfume steal softly down from the heavenly place, 'til it seems to fill the room.

He was loving, gentle, thoughtful and true, always a kind act to do. Sincere and kind in heart and mind. But God saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb; so, He gently closed Douglas' weary eyes and whispered "Peace be thine." He toiled so hard for those he loved, especially his mother, Ruth. He did his best for all of us, as only Douglas could do. We can see him now playing the organ and piano; directing with the Angelic Choir; along with his Uncle Jerry singing "God's Tomorrow."

Sadly missed by your devoted mother; Ruth G. Sinclair; father, Rev. Dr. A.C. Sinclair; Sr. of Onancock, VA. Also sharing his precious memories are his sister, Retired T/Sgt. Deborah L. Sinclair of Bossier City, LA; his brothers, Rev. A.C. Sinclair, Jr. of Marietta, Georgia, Retired Senior Master Sgt. Jerry; aunt, Clara Mae; adopted brother, George; sisters-in-law, Trudy and Loris; nephews, Albert, Calbert, Derrick, DeShawn, Keith and Chris; niece, Cheroyal; two friends, Michelle and Paula; the Norfolk State University Choir and Performers and numerous choirs

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Religious Briefs

First Baptist Church Scotts Hill, 8800 Market St., will celebrate Pastor Robert Purvis's anniversary beginning with a Pre-Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 5th at 5:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 6th at 11:00 a.m. Elder Cedric Tindall of Union Baptist Church will be the guest speaker and at 3:00 p.m. the Anniversary Service, "Preach The Word." The three guest speakers will be Brother Stevie McIntyre of Old Scotts Hill AME Church, Deacon Ronald Montgomery of Shiloh Missionary Church and Elder Demetria Sheppard Bassett of From Death to Destiny Outreach Ministries.

Restoration Outreach Ministries will present Fall Convention 2015 Theme: "A Thousand Shall Fall At Your Side" A three (3) day Prophetic Encounter with Rev. Theo Archi Mills. On Friday, August 28th a Prophetic Encounter Service with be held. On Saturday, August 29th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., One-On-One with the Prophet (By appt. only). On Sunday, August 30, 2015, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Anointing Service/Prayer for All Students. Venue: 4875 New Centre Dr., Wilmington, NC. For more info, contact 910-398-7594, 910-547-6406 or 910-620-4393.

St. Phillip AMEZ Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community, will present St. Phillip Spot Fest on Saturday, August 29th from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church Building Fund Project 2015. For additional information, you may contact Sis. Ashley M. Hall at 910-540-4250, Sister Aimee Brown at 910-368-3605 Sister Catherine Cooper at 910-540-4477, or Sister Dentrail N. Boykin at 910-200-4953. Dentrail Boykin and Joanne Hinson will be the Lay Day speakers at St Phillip AME Zion Church on Sunday August 30th at 11:00 a.m. and Beverly "Bev" Smith formerly of BET will be the special guest speaker of the morning following lay speakers. At 3:00 p.m. Beverly Smith will be doing a special guest appearance at Warner Temple A M E Z for the Wilmington District Lay Service. For more information please contact the sponsors Reverend Dr. Mary C Nixon at 910-540-4406 Dr. Jermain Armour pastor of St. Luke A.M.E.Z church at the church.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their Annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 30th at 11:30 a.m. Rev. James Eason and Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church Family, Burgaw will be the special guests. Dinner will be served immediately after service.

The women of **Myrtle Grove AME Church**, 216 Old Fayetteville Rd., will sponsor a "50 Women In Hats" celebration on Sunday, August 30th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Linda Southerland from Hooper's Chapel MB Church, Leland.

Columbus County

St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 484 Money Hole Rd., will observe Youth Sunday on August 30th at 11:15 a.m. The theme is "Youth For Christ."

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Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

SENIOR MOMENTS

Why were our children silent?

My Fellow Seniors:

I have visited several churches over the years, and most of the services were very similar but one stands out among all the rest. I wish I could have recorded just one scene. But even if I had, no producer would have the nerve to put it on TV. If he did, you would probably break the scene. But I saw it happen and I wish it could be printed and televised over and over, so that everyone over the



Ruth Johnson

age of six could get the picture.

I arrived at the church just as Sunday school was closing out. The teacher and about ten young children went to the front of the church to service the lesson. There was one white girl in the group, and she answered every question. She didn't get all of them right on the first try but she was so full of confidence, that she waved her hand high every time a question was asked. Not one black hand was raised and the teacher quickly ended the review. At the time I assumed our children were just not interested in Bible study. So I wrote a letter to the Wilmington Journal giving my opinion on why those children

were not able to answer any questions about the lesson they had just heard.

But maybe I was wrong. Was it a lack of interest or were they intimidated by the very confident white girl? We need to figure out why our children were so silent. The audience was all black but none of our children had enough confidence to speak up. After the new girl answered the third question, the teacher ended the review. I had to wonder if this ever happened in public school. If so, how does the teacher handle it?

Back in the fifties our children would have been reluctant to express themselves in the face of a very competent

white girl. But this is a new day isn't it?

I sent a letter to the Journal, saying our children did not recall the lesson because they were not interested in Bible Study. But if all of them were intimidated by the presence of the new girl, this is something we need to talk about.

I hope the Journal is willing to reprint the first article, and you can make your own decision. But if this the way our kids are responding to integration, we need to hit the ground running. But the answer can't be found in Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. Have a good day.

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

TELL SOMEBODY

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth: and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matthew 7: 7,8



Sylvia Hooper

ask - To call on for an answer

To make a request for "And he spake a parable unto them to this end that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" Luke 18:1 Jesus was an advocate and a partic-

ipant in prayer. He prayed often and instructed the disciples to do the same. He encouraged the disciples to call on the Lord for an answer to the many questions concerning the things that occur in our lives.

When Jesus walked the face of the earth, one of the things he did continually was to pray. Jesus stayed in constant fellowship with God through prayer. He maintained continuous communion with God through prayer. He not only set the example, He WAS the Example for disciples then and now to follow his footsteps and his habitual patterns of living.

As a result of continual "asking", Jesus has access to the presence of God. He had power and authority to do the works of God the Father ful-

"Ask"

filling his will on earth, as it is in heaven. We, as disciples of Christ, must follow the pattern set before us by or Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We must continue to ask, so we will continue to receive. We must also continue to give the glory to God the Father, through his Son and our Savior Jesus Christ for the great things he has done to us, for us, and in us, in answer to sincere prayer.

"Seek and ye shall find." In the process of asking God to hear and answer our prayers, we need to meet God's requirements and prepare our hearts to seek God. We cannot afford to be half hearted when it comes to seeking the Lord. God said in Jeremiah 29:13 says, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me

with all your heart." Just ask.

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper; First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

300 men march from Baltimore to D.C.



MEN MARCHING FROM BALTIMORE TO D.C.

BY LISA SNOWDEN-MCCRAY
OF THE ST. LOUIS
AMERICAN

(NNPA) - The weather was a steamy 82 degrees on August 16 around 5 p.m. when men in black t-shirts began gathering in Carroll Park in South West Baltimore. While families hung out at the park's picnic tables, or strolled along in the grass, the men were getting set to walk 35 miles from Baltimore to the White House in Washington, D.C. They were walking, they said, to raise awareness about Baltimore City's ever-growing violence problem.

Some of the roughly 40 men, members of the group 300 Men March, rested. Others stretched. A group of women in white t-shirts were also gathered. It would be their role to support the men by seeing them off, bringing them supplies and driving them back to Baltimore when the journey was complete.

Why were they walking? "We have to," said Munir Bahar, who co-founded the group three years ago with Baltimore City Council Member Brandon Scott. "The current reality and what's happening implies that much, much more has to be done to stop the murders. We feel that we have to be a symbol of physical commitment."

Baltimore has had 211 homicides this year while the District has had 97.

Bahar said that the journey was their way of are showing people that it's time to come from behind their television and computer screens and join them in the fight.

"We know - black men in Baltimore - too many are sit-

ting on the couch while children are being murdered outside. So this is a message to get black men off the couch, out from spending three hours watching the game while children are out here dying."

And to skeptics who might not see why the walk can help, Bahar said, "See how you feel when your child gets shot and what you want to do. There are a lot of skeptics but those people sit on the sidelines. We are effective."

Councilman Scott said the civil rights walks that have come before this would be in the forefront of his mind. "You can't help but think about history - what folks walked for before for me to be able to have the opportunities that I have," he said. "For me to not be the best person I can be and take steps forward and put myself out there and work as hard as I can every day...is a direct disrespect to them."

Just before the group's 6:30 p.m. departure, Bahar gathered everyone together for a speech. He said that the status quo wasn't good enough when it comes to saving lives in the city. He said the group had put together a plan that would raise \$1.7 million for things like youth services in the most violent parts of Baltimore.

The marchers arrived at the National Mall at 2 p.m. Monday afternoon. Scott said they were able to meet with White House staffers to talk about 300 Men March and ways of reducing violence. He said they used the time to explain who they were and why they were a necessary solution.

When they reached their destination, marchers were greeted by the women who had seen them off on Sunday.

THE RELIGION CORNER

You can't get better when you are bitter

(NNPA) - In a newly released book titled "Pocket Pearls," the Rev. Dr. Willette Wright shares the 12 pearls God gave to her late husband, the Rev. Steven Kenneth Wright. This week, we're writing about "Pearl Seven: Bake Your Bread in the Ovens of Others." It is the Pearl about forgiveness; her book signing is Aug. 21.

In this chapter, Wright said "In the past, when I was hurt or offended because of what I thought was a lack of kindness or concern from others, I shielded myself by saying, 'It doesn't matter because God loves me.' I have come to realize it really does not matter; however, they do matter because God loves them as He loves me. I must give what is necessary - forgiveness in order that the heart of the one I have forgiven may be the oven in which the Bread of Life may also be warmed.



Lyndia Grant

Baking one's bread in the oven of another means forgiving first, before the offense has opportunity to "rise" and become the bitter bread of unkind words and hurtful actions. When this happens, it is virtually impossible to forgive, according to the scripture.

Wright further states in her book, "Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is the nourishment without which we cannot live nor have life. Once we have life in Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to forgive. No matter how difficult it may have been for you to forgive, and no matter how horrible or unforgivable the offense may have been, God desires that we do what our Savior did - forgive.

Finally, she says "Bake your bread in the oven of another. The aroma of forgiveness is beyond description and has benefits beyond our understanding."

This Pearl of Forgiveness reminds me of the new Oprah Winfrey Belief Series premiering on OWN this fall, Oct. 18-24. We, the DC Belief Host

Committee are having a Watch Party on Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Worsley Mansion, 1410 Missouri Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. If you would like to attend our 5 p.m. reception, which precedes a town hall discussion, and then watch the premiere at 8 p.m., send us an email. Or, if you would like to host your own Watch Party, contact me, the host, the Rev. Dr. Unnia Pettus and Lillian Huff, co-host.

One of the segments of the second night of the Belief Series includes the story of two leaders in Nigeria who were former enemies 20 years ago, Christian pastor James Wuye and Muslim imam Muhammad Ashafa; the segment shows how they come together to reconcile and to honor one of the most sacred teachings at the heart of both their faiths: Love your enemies. They actually forgive each other after so many killings, death and destruction; it is a beautiful story in that Pearl of Wisdom Wright is speaking of in her new book, "Pocket Pearls."

Someone may have nearly

destroyed you. It could have been an abusive husband who left you broken and bitter or a divorce, or you may have lost a child.

When we forgive, we feel like we are born again. We are free to love, to look to the future. Leaving those traumatic experiences that hurt so much in the past. You will no longer feel bitter; you will feel much better instead.

Mark 11:25 reminds us in Scripture. "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop."

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Farrakhan stresses importance of Black Press for Million Man March anniversary

BY D. KEVIN MCNEIR
OF THE WASHINGTON
INFORMER

(NNPA) - As the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March approaches this fall, strategies continue to be formulated and plans solidified by District officials, leaders from the Nation of Islam, prominent black leaders and, now, the publishers of the black press.

On Friday, the men and women who own and operate over 100 black publications nationwide participated in an exclusive and historic conversation with the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, who heads the Nation of Islam and also serves as the national convener of the upcoming march, "Justice or Else 10-10-15."

Over 60 publishers and editors joined Farrakhan, National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin Chavis, NNPA Chairperson and Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes and Richard Muhammad, NNPA Region 3

president representing the Final Call.

When the first march occurred 20 years ago, the black press was instrumental in its success, getting out the word to blacks across the U.S. as October 1995 drew near.

Barnes said they will play a similar role again.

"We have our marching orders to tell the stories up to the date of the march and after," said Barnes following the conclusion of the conference call. "It's up to us to keep our communities informed and to empower them to carry on the vision that Minister Farrakhan has laid out."

The black press, including The Washington Informer, will be reporting on the march as plans continue to unfold with ongoing dialogue from Farrakhan, who said the march must take place because of the precarious situation in which blacks now find themselves.

"The black race is not as strong as we could be or should be," he said. "So, the struggle is on two fronts. We cannot go to Washington and appeal to the government to

intercede so that black men and women receive justice in our courts but then leave our own communities in shambles with us killing one another. We have to take responsibility for our own communities and work together to rid the fratricidal conflict that we see all over America."

Farrakhan served as the spark for the first Million Man March that brought hundreds of thousands of black men of all ages, economic backgrounds, religious affiliations and levels of education together on the National Mall. During Friday's conference call, the minister answered questions posed by members of the NNPA, emphasizing the need for black America to take control of its own destiny through shared economic strategies and greater support of black businesses, families, civil rights organizations and religious institutions.

But he also criticized the policies of America that have led to the mass incarceration of black youth, failed public schools and colleges and generations of black families wallowing in poverty.



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LOUIS FARRAKHAN

"The struggle cannot end on October 10, 2015," Farrakhan said. "It will take on a new dimension of strength after the 10th. We should have a legislative agenda. We're not asking - we're demanding what's rightfully ours. We built this country. The world is before us if we take our own foot out of the way."

For more information on the march, visit justiceorrelse.com. The full version of this story will appear in the next edition of The Washington Informer.

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