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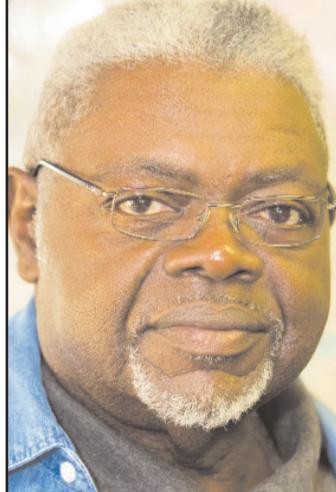
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**Coming UP  
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The NC Dept. of Transportation will hold a meeting regarding plans to close South 10th and 8th streets at the railroad crossings. This meeting will be held at Sunset Baptist Church, 231 Central Avenue on Tuesday, May 12th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Community input is a MUST!! For more information call Hollis Briggs at 910-352-2473.

**BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY UPDATE**



BERNEST HEWETT

People are concerned

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, I have heard my people talk about the problems that concern Brunswick County citizens, both Black and White. We have the same concerns, the school system, jobs, food for the poor, housing, appointments to boards of local citizens who help build this county, not people who want to change it to what it was when they left to come here. There is a great concern about the way this County is changing now. That leaves local citizens out or moves them aside without any sayso whatsoever. I find a school system which just spent a great deal of money to fire the Superintendent of Public Schools after he had already put in his resigna-

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## Butterfield defends Baltimore prosecutor

BY CASH MICHAELS  
*OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL*

Charging that the president of the Baltimore City Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) was "...making accusations that amount to nothing more than propaganda intended to interfere with the proper administration of justice," NC Congressman G. K. Butterfield, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, has blasted the police union for calling for a special prosecutor in the Freddie Gray police abuse case.

"Your request for a Special Independent Prosecutor is illogical and unfounded in the law," Chairman Butterfield (D-NC-1) wrote in a May 5 letter released this week, adding that he has full confidence that Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby can prosecute the six

officers charged without prejudice. "Undoubtedly, prospective jurors have read your letter which suggests that you could be trying to improperly influence public opinion in these cases."

In a May 1st open letter to Mosby, Gene Ryan, president of the Baltimore City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5, requested that she appoint a special prosecutor to handle the case against six Baltimore police officers charged with contributing to the death of the young black man.

Gray, 25, was arrested April 12th by Baltimore police officers for allegedly carrying a switchblade. He was transported to police headquarters in a police van, but subsequent

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NC CONGRESSMAN G.K.  
BUTTERFIELD IS CHAIR  
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BLACK CAUCUS.



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MOSBY IS BALTIMORE  
CITY STATE'S  
ATTORNEY

## LEGACY CELEBRATION UPDATE



WILLISTON

JOHN DAVIS PHOTO

BY LINDA PEARCE THOMAS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**T**he Williston Alumni Association has had a tremendous response to our 4th of July activities celebration remembering 100 years of Williston. Because of the response, we can no longer accept additional persons for our Saturday Dinner/Dance at the Gym. The Mix and church service is open to the public and that provides an opportunity for those who cannot get in to see fellow classmates and friends.

The attire for Saturday night is "Dressy". This is your chance to pull out your best frock and suit or tuxedo and don it that night.

The Mix is being held on the front lawn of Williston as usual from 10-2PM on Saturday. Those wanting to sell items need to get a \$25 check to Barbara Shannon Lewis at P.O. Box 2, Wilm., NC, 28402 or drop it off at Barbara's house at 919 Ann Street, the corner of 10th & Ann. St. Duplicate items will not be permitted, so the sooner you get your \$25 in, the more assured that you'll be able to sell what you want.

The Williston Alumni Association will be selling authentic Williston Buns that day, so prepare to get a couple of dozen. There are some buns being sold around town, but these are the REAL Williston buns

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UNCW SENIOR DESTINI BISHOP

**Bishop finds  
calling in  
supporting others**

BY RAE BEARY'15  
STUDENT INTERN  
UNCW OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY  
RELATIONS

UNCW senior Destini Bishop grew up in Barbados where she learned the values that she has carried with her throughout her college career.

"In my house it was filled with culture, God and respect for my parents. They were ministers, and they always pushed me to be the best me," Bishop says.

When Bishop arrived at UNCW, she

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## New AG meets with Baltimore leaders, police and activists

BY FREDDIE ALLEN  
NNPA SENIOR WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Keeping her promise to ensure, "both strength and fairness, for the protection of both the needs of victims and the rights of all" in the criminal justice system, Attorney General Loretta Lynch traveled to Baltimore Tuesday to meet with city officials, law enforcement and community stakeholders to encourage closer ties between police and the residents that they are sworn to protect.

The same day Lynch was sworn in and just a few hours after Freddie Gray's funeral, dozens of people, most described as teenagers and students, looted shoe stores and burned local businesses and police

vehicles. On April 12, Gray, a 25 year-old Black man, was chased and arrested by police officers. While in police custody, Gray suffered a severed spinal cord and a crushed voice box and died a week later. Gray's death and viral cell phone footage of his encounter with police, sparked nationwide protests.

Last week, the Justice Department dispatched Vanita Gupta, the head of the Civil Rights Division, and Ronald Davis, the director of Community Oriented Policing Services, to Baltimore for a series of meetings with faith and civic leaders and community stakeholders to discuss the best path forward to mend the fractured relation-

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NNPA PHOTO BY FREDDIE ALLEN  
Attorney General Loretta Lynch speaks during her swearing-in ceremony at the Justice Department. Lynch traveled to Baltimore on May 5 to discuss improving ties between the police and Black residents.

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## BRUNSWICK

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tion. Now they are asking Brunswick County citizens to pass a bond to help fund the cost of the running of the Brunswick County School System. I see a system that only serve part of this County's citizens, and if you are not one of them, you are not counted. I find that, here in Brunswick County, there have been no new industries and when no work is done in the community to promote unity at a time when race relations are at a very "touchy" state.

We have Blacks that are treated very harshly on their jobs, Blacks who are being let go from jobs on which they had years of experience and replaced with White's with little, or no, experience. There are poor Whites in this County whom the system has failed too. They suffer as much as Blacks because of this County's poor leadership.

I say again that they have put their hands on the Holy Bible and declared before God that they will do right by their fellowman, but that hasn't happened. Why must man divide his people through color, community standing, or even which family background?

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

## BUTTERFIELD

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evidence determined that Gray was not secured in the vehicle safely, and arrived at the station unconscious. He was taken to the hospital, and diagnosed with a ruptured spleen.

Gray died a week later.

After a week which began with rioting, looting and buildings set on fire hours after Gray's funeral, followed by tense days of curfew, State's Attorney Mosby shocked the city on May 1st when she announced that six officers - three white and three black - were being charged in connection with Gray's death.

"[The officers] failed to establish probable cause for Mr. Gray's arrest as no crime had been committed by Mr. Gray... Accordingly, [he was] illegally arrested," Mosby said in a statement, establishing that, in fact, the knife Gray was carrying was legal under Maryland law.

One of the arresting officers insists that the knife was illegal.

She also indicated that contrary to Baltimore Police Dept. regulations, Gray was not seated-belted in the van for safe transport, meaning that his handcuffed body was at the mercy of whatever speed the van driver was moving at. At a

later stop, his feet were shackled and he was placed face down on the floor of the vehicle.

It is during that ride, the coroner's report says, that Freddie Gray was severely injured in what was deemed a "homicide."

"Mr. Gray suffered a severe and critical neck injury as a result of being handcuffed, shackled by his feet and unrestrained inside of the BPD wagon," Mosby alleged in her theory of the case, adding that not until the end of the ride was any medical attention sought for Gray.

The driver of the van, Officer Cesar Goodson, was charged with second-degree depraved heart murder (which carries a maximum of 30 years in prison), involuntary manslaughter; second-degree negligent assault, manslaughter by vehicle by means of gross negligence, manslaughter by vehicle by means of criminal negligence, misconduct in office by failure to secure prisoner; failure to render aid.

Two other officers were charged with involuntary manslaughter, while all of them also face second-degree assault or negligent assault, and misconduct in office, among other charges.

Mosby's investigation began the day after Gray's injuries, so

would love to have you join them.

If you have questions, there are two additional phone numbers to call for information. Sonya Bull Green's is (910)763-5291, Vernice Hamilton's is (910)343-0950 along with Barbara Shannon Lewis at (910) 604-0271 or (910)762-8285 or Linda Pearce Thomas at (910)232-8310.

Thank you for all who responded by the April 30th deadline. We promise you a weekend to remember.

who had lost loved ones to police violence.

Earlier this year, President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing made a number of recommendations that included encouraging law enforcement officials to "establish a culture of transparency and accountability in order to build public trust and legitimacy" and to design "comprehensive policies on the use of force that include training, investigations, prosecutions, data collection, and information sharing."

The report also recommended that police, "acknowledge the role of policing in past and present injustice and discrimination and how it is a hurdle to the promotion of community trust."

"We're here to hold your hands and provide support," said Lynch to the group that also included William H. "Billy" Murphy Jr., the Gray family's attorney, and Rev. Donté L. Hickman, Sr., the pastor of Southern Baptist Church, whose community resource center and senior housing complex were destroyed by fire while still under construction during the riots on April 27. She also vowed that the Justice Department was there to help the city move forward and work to improve the Baltimore Police Department (B.P.D.).

Lynch then met with Police Commissioner Anthony Batts privately and then with a small group of police officers who she called the "the hardest-working police officers in America."

Lynch added: "To all of you on the front lines, I want to thank you. You really have become the face of law enforcement."

Last fall, the Justice Department partnered with Baltimore officials to address concerns about abuse in the city's police department.

"I have worked on this issue for years," said Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, the mayor of Baltimore. "We can't afford to fail. The relationship between police and the community is like a marriage."

Lynch also met with Baltimore United, a community group that advocates for police reform, and others

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Thursday, May 7, 2015

her office has been involved with the case from the beginning, thus the quick turnaround in charges. All six officers have been released after making bail. They are scheduled to appear in court for preliminary hearings on May 27th.

US Attorney General Loretta Lynch assured Freddie Gray's family Tuesday during a trip to Baltimore to meet with community leaders, that the US Dept. of Justice was also looking into the matter.

In his May 1st letter to state's attorney Mosby, Baltimore FOP Pres. Gene Ryan alleged that "...none of the officers involved are responsible for the death of Mr. Gray. To the contrary, at all times, each of the officers diligently balanced their obligations to protect Mr. Gray and discharge their duties to protect the public."

After expressing "full faith in your professional integrity" and "the utmost respect for you and your office..." Ryan then accuses Mosby of "many conflicts of interest..." including her personal and professional relationship with Gray family attorney William Murphy; her lead prosecutor's "connections" with the media; and the fact that her husband is a Baltimore City councilmember.

"In order to avoid any appearance of impropriety or a violation of the Professional

Rules of Professional Responsibility, I ask that you appoint a Special Prosecutor to determine whether or not any charges should be filed."

Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Butterfield wasn't having it after reading Ryan's letter.

"Your statement that "none of the officers involved are responsible for the death of Mr. Gray" is reckless and irresponsible," Butterfield, a former NC Supreme Court justice, wrote to Ryan. "You do not have the ability to make those determinations. It will be a jury verdict of Baltimoreans that will decide these cases after the parties present substantial evidence of guilt or innocence, not the Fraternal Order of Police."

Chairman Butterfield continued, "Your letter states that you have full faith in Ms. Mosby's professional integrity yet you conclude that a conflict of interest exists by her office investigating the case. You specifically cite a personal and professional relationship between Ms. Mosby and defense counsel. You went on to state that the lead prosecutor has connections with the local media. And, finally, you recklessly state that the political career of Ms. Mosby's husband will be impacted by her participation in these cases. These frivolous and inflammatory

statements are repugnant to any citizen with knowledge of our criminal justice system."

Prosecutors in every jurisdiction across the country have relationships with the local bar but exercise their duty to prosecute cases without allowing those relationships to influence the case. Rules of Professional Responsibility do not prevent a lawyer from participating in a case because of a friendship with the lawyer for the opposing litigant.

Butterfield continued, "You have damaged the good reputation of your organization in writing the letter, releasing it to the media, and making accusations that amount to nothing more than propaganda intended to interfere with the proper administration of justice."

Chairman Butterfield concluded, "Your letter states that you have full faith in Ms. Mosby's professional integrity yet you conclude that a conflict of interest exists by her office investigating the case. You specifically cite a personal and professional relationship between Ms. Mosby and defense counsel. You went on to state that the lead prosecutor has connections with the local media. And, finally, you recklessly state that the political career of Ms. Mosby's husband will be impacted by her participation in these cases. These frivolous and inflammatory

"I respectfully ask that you reconsider your statements and make the necessary corrections," Chairman Butterfield concluded. "These are serious cases which should proceed to trial using the customary procedures involved in other felony cases in the City of Baltimore and jurisdictions across the country."

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**STATE HOUSE BUDGET DUE WEEK OF MAY 18**

[RALEIGH] Look for the proposed budget from the NC House to arrive the week of May 18, with votes on it May 20-21, says state House Speaker Tim Moore. That budget proposal will be based on the latest tax revenue projec-

tions, reported to be a \$400 million surplus. The state Senate is expected to take up the budget once the House proposal is introduced.

**RALEIGH COP SUES STARBUCKS FOR ALLEGED HOT COFFEE INJURY**

A Raleigh police officer will have to prove in court this week that a free cup of Starbucks coffee he was

given in 2012 was so hot that when, he alleges, the cup collapsed and burned his legs, it severely disabled him, and hindered his ability to be a good husband. That's what Lt. Matthew Kohr contends in a lawsuit against the giant coffee chain. Kohr wants \$50,000 for his injuries, and up to \$750,000 in punitive damages if he wins. Attorneys for Starbucks say the hot cup accident was Kohr's fault.

**EX-OFFENDERS, ADVOCATES SEEK "SECOND CHANCE" LAWS PASSAGE**

[RALEIGH] Those who have served their time for past crimes and their advocates met once again at the state Legislature for their annual "Second Chance" Day to lobby lawmakers to eliminate barriers towards gaining employment. Advocates seek "Ban the Box" legislation that would eliminate questions

about a person's criminal record from job applications. That bill did not make the crossover period for passage this session, but advocates vow to keep pushing for it.

**STATE REPAYS \$2.8 BILLION JOBLESS BENEFITS DEBT**

[RALEIGH] Gov. McCrory and top Republican legislative leaders celebrated the complete repayment of the \$2.8 bil-

lion debt for unemployment insurance the state owed to the federal government. After just two years, the final payment was made last Friday. In order to pay it off, businesses had to pay higher unemployment insurance fees, and payments to jobless workers, and the number of weeks they could receive them, had to be reduced.

**COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS**

**STATE BRIEFS****BISHOP**

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was not sure which major to pursue. She took many classes, but when it came time to declare a major, she was lost. She talked with her advisor and looked around on the UNCW website until she found the social work page.

"All of my random classes like biology, political science and anthropology were all prerequisites for social work," she says. "I said, 'God, I guess I'm supposed to be a social worker,' and that's exactly how it happened."

As she began to take classes that dealt specifically with the social work field, Bishop real-

ized that she truly belongs there. Her favorite aspect about being a social work major is the many different parts of the system and how they all work together.

"Social work is a profession that is what you make it. There's a lot of room to grow, expand and specialize," Bishop says. "Just being the support for somebody is tremendous."

In her pursuit to be the best and succeed in her academic and professional career, Bishop discovered her passion.

"I am tired of labels, of society not giving people second chances. I believe that true rehabilitation begins with giving someone a great opportunity," she says.

Her drive to discern how to

give those in need a second chance compelled her to her ultimate goal to become a lawyer. Bishop, who received a Bachelor of Social Work degree on May 8, plans to combine her career while studying for the LSAT, the entrance exam for law school.

When asked about her plans for the future, Bishop's answer was immediate. "Where don't I see myself in five years?" says Bishop, who graduated with honors. "I basically want to start climbing my Mount Everest. I don't want to be sitting here, looking at the mountain, saying I have to start. I want to have already begun."

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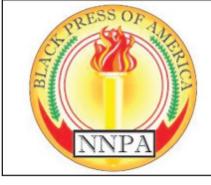
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### RAINBOW COALITION

#### Without fear or favor

**O**n Friday, May 1, Marilyn J. Mosby, the States Attorney for Baltimore City, announced she had found probable cause to prosecute six Baltimore police officers for the death of Freddie Gray. Gray died while in police custody on April 12.

Her act was electric, turning angry protests and riots into a celebration. For the African American community, finally, the state had acted to enforce the law even against the police, making it clear that no one can be treated as if they were less than human. Mosby acted in 18 days, about one-fourth the time Missouri officials consumed before making their determination about the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

**R**ev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. In her clear statement, she described the "comprehensive, thorough and independent" investigation that had been undertaken by investors of the Police Integrity Unit, as well as by the state medical examiner and the Baltimore Police themselves.

Gray, she concluded, had been arrested illegally, having committed no crime. He died in police custody from injuries suffered while under arrest. He was handcuffed and shackled and, against Baltimore police regulations, placed in a van with no seatbelts, and no way to protect himself when thrown about. The van stopped repeatedly, with Gray asking for medical assistance. His request ignored, he was left shackled without a seatbelt. This was probably an instance of what is known as a "rough ride," which police use to purposefully punish someone.

Mosby's action was a courageous one. She is 35, and took her office only a few months ago. The head of the Police Union has already accused her of a "rush to judgment" and called for her to step aside for a special prosecutor. (Although a finding of probable cause only begins the process; all of these defendants can receive their day in court before judgment is rendered).

Given the facts, Mosby stood up. She is not an antagonist of the police. She comes from a long line of police officials. Her father, mother, grandfather and many aunts and uncles were all police officers. In her announcement of the charges, she stated, "these accusations of these six officers are not an indictment of the entire force." "...[T]he actions of these officers will not and should not, in any way, damage the important working relationships between police and prosecutors as we continue to fight together to reduce crime in Baltimore. Thank you for your courage, committee and sacrifice for the betterment of the community."

Throughout the Baltimore upheaval, she consistently praised the courage of those demonstrating peacefully for justice and the dedication and courage of the police for protecting the city "from those who want to destroy it."

Mosby was criticized for speaking to the demonstrators in her statement: "'To the people of Baltimore and demonstrators across America, I heard your call for 'No Justice, No peace,'" she said. "Your peace is sincerely needed as I work to deliver justice on behalf of this young man." But a prosecutor speaking out to calm her city surely is doing the right thing. She was criticized for telling Freddie Gray's family that "no one is above the law." But surely that is a principle that every prosecutor is sworn to uphold.

She will be under intense pressure from police and much of the public. The habit of deference to the police, the willingness to condone behavior so long as the "blue line" of police stays unified, exists in Baltimore as well as across the nation.

Baltimore's Mayor as well as U.S. Representatives. Donna Edwards and Elijah Cummings defended her integrity and the process. She will need greater support as she moves forward with the case.

The riots in Baltimore, the demonstrations across the country, are sparked by police abuse. But the police are placed in an impossible task of trying to keep order in communities like Sandtown, scarred by desperate poverty and deep despair; with joblessness, boarded up homes, closed plants, crushed hopes leading to drugs and too often violence. Black lives matter is not simply a demand for equal treatment from police and the criminal justice system. It must be a call for jobs, for schools, for hope.

Marilyn Mosby can't provide that. But her decisive action gives people in Baltimore some hope for justice, and officials and people across the country an example to emulate. Her act is not simply about this instance of police brutality. It symbolizes the progress towards "liberty and justice for all" that we desperately need.

Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is president and founder of Rainbow PUSH coalition.

## Visual Voice



### A response that only feeds the cycle

As I have observed the ongoing responses to unethical and immoral practices of those hired, elected, commissioned, and appointed to serve the communities through providing protection, enforcement of laws, appropriation and allocation of resources equitably, and give wholesome and healthy leadership and representation to the greater communities; I am deeply moved with mixed emotions.

I hear the non-verbal cry of those in pain and I feel the hurt

of those afflicted by that same pain demonstrated through unhealthy practices. I listened to the reports that offer understanding and it is important for us to know that understanding will never justify, rather it should compel our awareness to the reality of relevant needs that may have been over-sighted. It is most unfortunate that crimes have been committed by protestors or individuals seizing the moments. Yet, it is likewise unfortunate and unregrettably more painful to experience the loss of loved ones to criminal acts by those in the various plateaus of communi-

tions knew nothing of. The cancer of this disturbing reality is that those who thought they were making a difference were accessing themselves to that cycle that will hold them captive through the next generation. Sad though it may be, the void of the male figure in shaping that next generation will contribute significantly to the furtherance of these community disruptions and the filtering into that pipeline to prison.

**The Reverend Alonzo Bragg**  
Hallsboro, North Carolina

## Your Voice

ty service.

The news within hours may report that looters have been arrested and they are charged and adjudicated rather quickly. The details of their history, usually painted and showcased as negative are made public and rerun for days. But the events surrounding the crime of those uniformed persons are somehow preserved and protected from the same, and the community bears no change in their perception of those who protect and serve.

Now we are reliving those moments past generations told us about, and present genera-

## Matters of Opinion

### No better time to end racial profiling

**F**reddie Gray, 25, was racially profiled and then chased down by the Baltimore police officers. He subsequently died as result of police action taken after what the mayor called an unjust arrest. But the Gray tragedy is not an isolated case. It is symptomatic of a criminal justice system gone mad with racism and bigotry.

This deadly scenario of racial profiling and the use of fatal police force against Black Americans continue to increase across America with blatant disregard for precious value of life. Yes, Black Lives Matter all the time everywhere.

Congressman John Conyers (D-Mich.) and Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.)

have once again introduced a bill designed to make racial profiling a federal criminal offense. It's called The End Racial Profiling Act of 2015 (H.R. 1933). If police officers knew that they could face federal imprisonment for committing acts of racial profiling, this law would have a definite impact toward reducing these racist

practices. The growing public demonstrations in Baltimore and across the nation are indications that something substantive needs to change. Even with the calls for better police training and the proposed transition to more community based policing will not work effectively as long as racial profiling by police officers is openly permitted without punitive consequences.

Conyers stated, "This is a systemic issue plaguing men of color in America, stigmatizing them from youth throughout adulthood. The bill introduced by Sen. Cardin and I would make for the first time, use of racial profiling a federal offense. By ending use of racial profiling in police tactics and prioritizing community relations, we can cultivate community focused; smart policing that rebuilds trust in law enforcement."

Of course with a Republican-led Congress, it will take significant bipartisan support to get the Conyers' bill passed.

Senator Cardin represents the state of Maryland and this is the state that the whole world is now watching and waiting to see what will be the outcome in Baltimore of the Freddie Gray case. Cardin emphasized, "Tragic events in Baltimore and New

York, North Charleston and Ferguson, and elsewhere around the country have shown us that federal legislation finally ending racial profiling is essential."

It has been 50 years since the infamous Watts riots in Los Angeles that were also triggered in part by racial profiling and hideous acts of police brutality. So have we learned anything about this issue in the past 50 years?

The direct answer is that our society is still in a state of denial of its racial problems that are deep seated and rooted in the systems of racial injustice, poverty and economic inequality.

The current attempts to divert attention away from the unjust racial profiling actions and deadly brutality of the police in Baltimore against Freddie Gray to speculation about whether Gray broke his own spine and crushed voice box in a so-called self-inflicted rage is a classic example of how the police always criminalizes their victims. Police officers guilty of brutality always in the aftermath attempt to demean the character of those they have brutalized. Keep in mind Gray was deemed suspicious at first by the police only because of how he looked. In other words, the fact that Gray was racially profiled ultimately led to his death at the hands of police.

We must, therefore keep marching and keep demanding equal justice. We must continue without apology to shout as loud as we can that "Black Lives Matter." The case of Freddie Gray as well as all the other recent cases of racially-motivated police brutality must remain in our collective national consciousness and activism until justice is done.

We should definitely express our support the Conyers-Cardin bill. Racial profiling should not be tolerated and must be made a crime by law. Changing laws and enacting The End Racial Profiling Act, however, are the right steps to be taken, but that will not be the complete journey towards equal justice and fairness. All forms of racial injustice must continue to be challenged. The ultimate goal is to have a non-racial society and an inclusive democracy where race or ethnicity will not be a discriminating factor. We still have long ways to go.

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## Crisis provides for opportunity

**T**his is a time of crisis and opportunity for America. The racial profiling and killing of unarmed black young men and the resulting protests and civil disturbances have created a crisis for America, but also given us an opportunity. It has given us an opportunity as a nation to

once again try to deal with the continuation of racism and inequality. After years of neglect it has once again illuminated not only the unequal treatment of African Americans by our police and criminal justice system, but also illuminated the economic inequality that still impacts African Americans due to centuries of systemic racism. The median wealth of white households is 13 times higher than the median black household, according to an article in the Huffington Post. Will our national and state leaders seize this opportunity to have a national discussion and bring about structural change

that will make our society more equal? Almost fifty years ago the Kerner Commission famously reported that we were becoming "two nations, one black, and one white, separate and unequal". The events of this past year have shown us that although we have made progress, this assessment is still true. Will we take the opportunity to do something about this or will we let that opportunity fade?

This is a time of opportunity here in Wilmington as well. Our community reflects many of the same problems we see around our nation. A recent study done by UNC-Chapel Hill researchers found that in Wilmington black drivers were twice as likely to be stopped as white drivers and even more likely to be searched. Indeed, of 20 North Carolina cities Wilmington was second highest in the state behind Jacksonville.

Our police chief as well as other police officials around the state have argued that numbers don't tell the whole story, that these stops and searches are taking place in high crime areas that are also African American. They also want to focus attention on the victims of crime in these

areas, who are overwhelmingly black. All of this is true. Numbers don't tell the whole story. And we should indeed be concerned about the victims of crime. However, this study does coincide with anecdotal evidence from young black men around our city who have complained of unequal treatment by police. I think we need to take the study seriously and use it as an opportunity to improve police/community relations. The best way to reduce crime and have less victims of crime is to create good police/community relations.

Some steps are already being taken by the Wilmington Police Department. There are plans to implement cultural sensitivity training among local law enforcement. Also some police now have body cams and the department is open to increasing that number. However, there is more to be done. We need to reinstitute the New Hanover County Human Relations Commission. This commission could advise local officials on racial issues and offer our community the opportunity to have real discussions on race relations. It could have sub-committees that look

into allegations of discrimination be it in the area of police/community relations, housing or other aspects. There is already discussion among city and county staff about putting together a Human Relations Commission, though we don't know its form yet. We need to also do what we can do to fix our broken unequal school system. We need to create more economic development opportunities for our area that will create jobs. As a local public official I will continue to do all that I can to help make these changes. It is also important for the African American community to take a look at itself as well, and see what we can do as parents, role-models, teachers, preachers, etc. to get crime out of our community.

Americans don't like to talk about racism. It is something we wish would just go away. But in order to get it to go away we have to confront it. This is an opportunity. Let us take advantage of it. **Dr. Sheridan is a member of the Wilmington's City Council and Professor and Chair of the Department of Public and International Affairs at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.**

**"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."**  
**--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**

## Jobs nightmare in Baltimore 'hood

**W**hat happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up  
like a raisin in the sun?  
Or fester like a sore -

And then run?

Does it stink like rotten meat?

Or crust and sugar over -

Like a syrupy sweet  
Maybe it just sags  
like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

When Langston Hughes wrote of a dream deferred in his 1951 poem, "Harlem," he captured the frustration of a people who had deferred dreams and swallowed hope time and again. Were he writing the poem today, he might have titled it Sandtown, highlighting the neighborhood that was home to Freddie Gray.

Sandtown-Winchester is described as blighted and neglected, an urban food desert,

### TO BE EQUAL

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defined as people living more than a mile from a supermarket or large grocery store, with a population that is mostly poor and unemployed. According to the website fusion.net, more incarcerated people come from the Sandtown census tract than anywhere else in Maryland.

Freddie Gray and his sisters won a 2008 lawsuit against a landlord that had high levels of toxic lead paint on the walls. Four years later, in 2012, more than 7 percent of infants and children under six had elevated blood lead levels.

The data about Sandtown at least partly explain the frustration, anger, and uprisings that have happened in the wake of the murder of Freddie Gray. People who are ignored can watch their dreams dry up or sag, or, as in the case of Baltimore, they can simply explode.

I won't make excuses for the destruction of property, but if the young people who took it to the streets were Bostonians during the 1773 Tea Party, they may have been described as patriots. Instead, protesters

were described as "thugs and criminals," with at least one news anchor confusing her news reading work for commentary, described the protesters as "idiots."

When I saw the protesters throwing rocks at police officers, and saw flames rising from the streets, I thought of the uprisings that took place after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Frustrated and angry people took it to the streets then, destroying billions of dollars worth of property. Some of the areas that burned in 1968 took decades to recover from the violence. At the same time, the uprisings riveted attention to the poverty and unemployment that too many residents experienced.

More than half of the young African Americans who want to work can't find a job. The numbers are higher in Sandtown. The situation might be improved if Jobs Corps programs were more available to Sandtown residents. There are two Job Corps locations in Maryland (and 125 in the

nation), but the Jobs Corps has been under scrutiny and constantly being threatened with extinction.

Job Corps offers a free education and training program that helps low-income young people (16-24) earn a high school diploma or GED, learn about careers, and find employment. Established in 1964 as part of the Economic Opportunity Act, it was reauthorized in 1998 as part of the Workforce Investment Act. About 60,000 people are trained by Job Corps each year; 60 percent of them find work when they finish the program; another 15 percent choose to continue their education.

Job Corps has cost between \$1.5 and \$1.7 billion in each of the past 10 years, with appropriations rising between 2005 and 2011, then falling after 2012. Congress says its FY 2015 budget will increase defense spending and cut domestic spending by about \$14 billion. They'll cut prekindergarten

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## Police reform needed now

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and shooting at him with his stun gun, when that failed to stop him, he used his gun to fire eight shots at Scott's back, killing him on the scene.

Weeks later, in a West Baltimore neighborhood, witnesses used cellphone video to capture parts of Freddie Gray's arrest. Police say the 25-year-old was arrested after making eye contact with the police and then running away. Gray can be heard screaming in pain as he's being dragged into a police van. While the mystery of what happened in the van has yet to be solved, we do know that his encounter with the police left him with serious spinal cord injuries. He died of those injuries a week later.

This unjust treatment of our nation's Black and Brown citizens by law enforcement officials sworn to dispense justice should stir, if not shock, our collective conscious. These heavy-handed, sometimes fatal, police tactics should inspire outcry from all corners of our country - and the world.

But we can't leave our frustrations - and our fight - at the doorstep of outrage. Our challenge is to make the Scotts and Grays of this nation the rarest of exceptions, not the fatal rule. Anger has its place, but it is in action - strategic, comprehen-

sive action - that we will begin to attack the cancer of police misconduct.

In light of the most recent deaths, and our nation's desperate need for solutions during this state of emergency that calls for action, and an action plan, I want to reintroduce the National Urban League's 10-Point Justice Plan for police reform and accountability, calling for:

1 Widespread Use of Body Cameras and Dashboard Cameras

2 Broken Windows Reform and Implementation of 21st Century Community Policing Model

3 Review and Revision of Police Use of Deadly Force Policies

4 Comprehensive Retraining of All Police Officers

5 Comprehensive Review and Strengthening of Police Hiring Standards

6 Appointment of Special Prosecutors to Investigate Police Misconduct

7 Mandatory Uniform FBI Reporting and Audit of Lethal Force Incidents Involving All Law Enforcement

8 Creation and Audit of National Database of Citizen Complaints against Police

9 Revision of National Police Accreditation System for Mandatory Use by Law Enforcement To Be Eligible for Federal Funds

10 National Comprehensive Anti-Racial Profiling Law

The rage that has spilled out onto so many of our streets since the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson last year makes it clear that the issue of police-involved killings is one that will not be easily swept under a rug of unawareness and indifference.

When we, as a nation, address the problem of police officers using deadly force, particularly against people in communities of color, we know that we are saving lives - perhaps our own - and shaping a more just system of justice for all. When officers are held accountable for using excessive force - as they have thankfully been held in the cases of Scott and Gray - we are encouraged and know that change is possible, but our work does not end there.

To deliver on the promise of fair treatment by law enforcement for every American, we: citizens, community stakeholders, policymakers and politicians, must all commit to play our part for the long haul to right the historic wrong of the unequal treatment of people of color by police under the law.

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### BLACKONOMICS

## Baltimore: Another horror movie re-run

**T**he movie we are watching in Baltimore is a re-run and a sequel. The price of admission has always been too high, but we continue to pay the exorbitant price, anyway.

As the opening line in the old TV show, "Dragnet," proclaimed, "The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to protect the innocent." In today's society, that second

line should say, "The names have been changed to protect the guilty."

My 11-year-old nephew, since the age of five or six, has been reciting, verbatim, the words from his favorite movies. He knows the directors, the release dates, and the bios of the stars in those movies. He has seen his favorite movies many times over. He reminds me of Black people, as we watch the same movie over and over, except we do not remember the vital information contained in the movie, and we even forget who the main characters were and the roles they played.

The latest movie being run in Baltimore is a sequel to the ones we watched in Ferguson,

Mo. and Staten Island, N.Y. It is a rerun of what we saw in Los Angeles, Cleveland, and North Charleston, S.C. How many times are we going to pay the price of admission to see the same movie without memorizing the lines and learning from them? How many times must we go through the same experience before we change our response to it?

Some very interesting and pitiful responses (reviews) have come from some of the "leaders" in Baltimore in the aftermath of Freddie Gray's death. We knew what the politicians' reviews would be; they are always true to form. But the older folks, who decry the violence as "insulting" and "disrespectful" to Freddie's family, are even more disingenuous. They seem to have forgotten about 1968 when their generation, and maybe even some of them, burned down buildings and looted all across this nation, in the aftermath of MLK's assassination. Were their actions deemed insulting and disrespectful to King's family? If so, did that stop them?

The self-righteousness I hear from those in my generation about the youth who are doing the same thing they did in the 1960s is unfortunate. Where were they before the looting and burning started in Baltimore? Were they busy teaching the youth that what took place in the 1960s was

detrimental to their neighborhoods, as they now like to say to TV news reporters? If they have not, until now, passed on those lessons to younger folks, their words ring hollow today.

Some of the sanctimonious comments being made by my generation very strongly suggest that even though we have seen this movie many times, we are content to watch it again without having shared its lessons. Is it because we are ashamed of ourselves now? Do we think we are better than our youth today? We should be bringing the generations together rather than separating them and acting like we have not been where they are.

Amos Wilson said, "The violently oppressed react violently to their oppression." He also said, "Just as power corrupts, powerlessness also corrupts." This is the main plot of our 21st century version of the 1968 movie. Same theme, different characters. Why do we only react to what young people do, rather than work with them every day by giving them alternatives to prevent their negative behaviors? It irks me to see our grown men saying, "They need jobs." Well, create some jobs to give them. It's so sad to hear our adults crying out, "They need education." Well, provide them with education. Our youth see many of us as weak and impotent when it comes to protecting them.

We have the resources to

provide everything we say our youth need. What must they think of our words, our prayer sessions, our news conferences, our political speeches, and our tepid efforts now to stop and correct their behavior, when we have not used our resources to take care of them? Our answer is to run to those who don't care about them and beg for jobs, food, education, and everything else they need.

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### CURRY'S COMMENTS

## Baltimore is not Ferguson

**B**altimore is not Ferguson. That was evident by opposite official reactions to the death of an unarmed African American male killed at the hands of local police in the respective cities. At the time of Michael Brown's death last year in Ferguson, Mo., the city with a two-thirds Black majority was governed by a White mayor and a White city manager, had only one Black on the 6-member city council, and had a White police chief who directed a department that was 94 percent White. Equally telling, less than 12 percent of voters turned out to cast a ballot in 2012.

Though also predominantly Black - 63.7 percent - Baltimore has a Black mayor, police commissioner, state's attorney and president of a city council that is 60 percent African American. The police force is 48 percent Black.

After the death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert P. McCulloch mangled his grand jury presentation - perhaps deliberately - that resulted in the grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson, the White officer who fatally shot Michael Brown.

As the New York Times pointed out, the St. Louis County Prosecutor strayed from customary behavior by, among other things:

- o Convening the grand jury for 25 days over three months instead of the usual one;
- o Calling 60 witnesses, possibly confusing jurors, instead of only a few that are usually called;
- o Allowing Wilson to testify for four hours, without being cross-examined, though most potential defendants do not usually testify before a grand jury and
- o Taking the unusual step of not making a recommendation to the grand jury.

So, no one was surprised that the jury of nine Whites and three Blacks voted not to indict Darren Wilson.

In Baltimore, things were different. First, voters had ousted the incumbent state attorney by electing Marilyn J. Mosby over Gregg L. Bernstein in the Democratic primary. Though on the job less than four months, the 35-year-old Mosby made the courageous decision to charge six Baltimore police officers with crimes that included murder and manslaughter instead of conveniently shifting that responsibility to a grand jury.

Mosby made her decision several hours after receiving the medical examiner's report that concluded that Gray's death was a homicide.

At a news conference, she said: "The findings of our comprehensive, thorough and independent investigation, coupled with the medical examiner's determination that Mr. Gray's death was a homicide that we received today, has led us to believe that we have probable cause to file criminal charges."

She also said, "To the people of Baltimore and the demonstrators across America: I heard your call for 'No justice, no peace.' Your peace is sincerely needed as I work to deliver justice on behalf of this young man."

Shortly after Mosby announced her decision, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, also an African American, said she was "sickened and heartbroken" by the charges outlined by Mosby. She said, "To those of you who want to engage in brutality, misconduct, racism and corruption, let me be clear: There is no place for you in the Baltimore City Police Department."

The fact that Rawlings-Blake and Mosby were in a position to act boldly was possible only because Black voters put them in office. You can't reasonably hope for that kind of outcome when only 12 percent of the voters turn out for an election, which was the case in Ferguson.

But don't get it twisted: Having Blacks in office or voting in large numbers do not guarantee justice will be done. Blacks vote in respectable numbers in New York City yet the White officer, David Pantaleo, was never prosecuted in the choking death of Eric Garner.

In Baltimore, the state's attorney's investigation revealed that many of the early assertions made by the police department, under the supervision of Black Police Commissioner Anthony Batts were inaccurate. Even worse, of the six officers charged, three of them - Sgt. Alicia White and Officers William Porter and Caesar Goodson, Jr. - are African American.

Goodson faces the most serious charges of second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter. He was driving the van that transported Gray and was accused of not placing the suspect in a seatbelt for his safety.

Porter was told twice that Gray was in need of a medic, but never called one, according to the prosecutor. He was charged with involuntary manslaughter, second-degree assault and other charges. White arrived on the scene after Gray had been placed in the police van. But she, too, was accused of failing to summon a medic. She was charged with involuntary manslaughter, second-degree assault and misconduct in office.

The other officers - Edward Nero, Garrett Miller and Lt. Brian Rice - were charged with, among other things, second-degree assault.

Clearly, having Blacks in key positions is no guarantee that justice will be served. But it certainly increases the odds of that happening, as we have seen in Baltimore.

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### MALVEAUX



**In Loving Memory Of**  
Mrs. Edna Price Pearce  
December 25, 1904  
May 10, 1995

Sadly missed by your daughter,  
Linda A. Pearce  
Happy Mother's Day



**A Mother's Day Memory Of**  
Mae Rachel Freeman

A woman who was a lot of things,  
for a lot of people. For us, she was  
"Mom".

Children, Rodney,  
Darnell, Sharon, Elise and Missy



**Happy Mother's Day**  
Retha Barhill

We miss you dearly  
Your devoted daughter

Nolan B. Pittman  
Grandchildren



**Vivian White-Waddell**  
August 21, 1932 - May 15, 2006

**Our Mother's Crown**  
Heaven lit up with a mighty presence,  
as the Angels all looked down.  
Today the Lord was placing the jewels  
Into our mother's crown.  
He held up a golden crown,  
as our darling mother looked on.  
He said in His gentle voice,  
'I will now explain each one.'  
The first gem, He said, 'is a Ruby,  
and it's for endurance alone,  
for all the nights you waited up  
for your children to come home.'  
For all the nights by their bedside,  
you stayed till the fever went down.  
For nursing every little wound,  
I add this ruby to your crown.'  
'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby,  
for leading your children in the right way.  
For teaching them the lessons,  
That made them who they are today.'  
'For always being right there,  
through all life's important events.  
I give you a sapphire stone,  
for the time and love you spent.'  
For untying the strings that held them,  
when they grew up and left home.  
I give you this one for courage.'  
Then the Lord added a garnet stone.  
Till place a stone of amethyst,' He said.  
'For all the times you spent on your knees,  
when you asked if I'd take care of your children,  
and then for having faith in Me.'  
I have a pearl for every little sacrifice  
that you made without them knowing.  
For all the times you went without,  
to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'  
'And last of all I have a diamond,  
the greatest one of all,  
for sharing unconditional love  
whether they were big or small.'

It was your love that helped them grow  
Feeling safe and happy and proud  
A love so strong and pure  
It could shift the darkest cloud.'  
After the Lord placed the last jewel in,  
He said, 'Your crown is now complete.

Happy Mother's Day

Husband: Richard Waddell, Jr.  
Children: Patricia A. Waddell, Eleanor M.  
Waddell, Richard B. Waddell, III,  
Carolyn Waddell-Mack, Atty.  
Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)  
Grandchildren: Reginald E. Waddell, Rodney L.  
Waddell (Latasha), Richard Waddell, IV, Samuel  
T. Waddell, Jillian N. Waddell, E. Michelle  
Waddell, Jordan C. Waddell, Krystal L. Mack,  
Gordan E. Burrell  
Great-Grandchildren: Rodja, Ja'Mez, Ja'Quirion,  
Zoei, ZaTori and Kailynn



**Happy Mother's Day**  
Mrs. Vicki Robinson Pridgen  
Sunrise: October 27, 1954  
Sunset: July 10, 2004

Love,  
The Family



**Happy Mother's Day**  
Mrs. Virginia Mae Miller

Mother,  
You will always be loved and missed.  
We never would have imagined that trying to  
live without you would be so difficult.

Love you,  
Jessie "Pokie" Miller and Jada Miller



**Lula Waddell Cleamons**  
"MaMa Lula"

April 5, 1913 - March 1, 1998

You can only have one mother  
Patient kind and true;  
No other friend in all the world,  
Will be the same to you.  
When other friends forsake you,  
To mother you will return,  
For all her loving kindness,  
She asks nothing in return.  
As we look upon your picture,  
Sweet memories we recall,  
Of a face so full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all.  
My mother was a precious gift  
from our glorious Lord above,  
but the Lord chose to take her  
and give her all His love.  
I miss her more than anything,  
especially this time of year.  
There's something about Mother's Day  
that always brings a tear.  
Sweet Jesus, please take a message,  
To our dear mother up above;  
Tell her how we miss her,  
And give her all our love.

Happy Mother's Day

Son, Richard Waddell, Jr.

Grandchildren: Patricia A. Waddell,  
Eleanor M. Waddell, Richard B. Waddell,  
III, Carolyn Waddell-Mack, Atty.  
Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)  
Great-Grandchildren: Reggie, Rodney  
(Latasha), Richard IV, Samuel, Michelle,  
Jillian, Krystal, Jordan, and Gordan,  
Great-Great-Grandchildren: Rodja, Ja'Mez,  
Ja'Quirion and Zoei, Ja'Tori and Kailynn



**Happy Mother's Day (Muh)**  
Carrie Evans  
Sunrise: October 14, 1925  
Sunset: December 30, 2008

Not a single day, hour, or minute goes by  
that we cease to think about you! We want  
to wish you a Happy Mother's Day here on  
earth, to you in Heaven. We love you, we  
miss you, we will keep you close to our  
hearts.

Loving and missing you your children,  
grandchildren, great grandchildren  
and great great grandchildren



# Remembering Mom through recipes

BY JANET THARPE  
OF JANET'S NOTEBOOK

With Mother's Day Sunday, I've found myself thinking more and more about my mom and grandma. I learned how to cook by watching them. I'm lucky enough to have handwritten recipes my mom jotted down through the years.

When I find myself reminiscing, I tend to pull out those old recipes and start cooking. Looking around Just A Pinch, it seems I'm not the only one who thinks of mom when in the kitchen.

"These are very tasty and the muffins were a hit with the family," shares Pat Duran. "I thank my grandma for this recipe... my mom saved [it] for me along with many others."

Pat's Lemon Date Muffins have a lovely combination of flavors due to the lemon juice, zest and dates. You get a nice zing of flavor from the frosting on top too. These super moist muffins will pair perfectly with your morning cup of coffee.

Jessica Harrington's Grandma's Secret Apple Brownies belong smack-dab in the delicious intersection of breakfast and dessert... the two most important meals of the day! "My grandmother used to make these all the time for me when I was young," says Jessica. "She finally gave me the recipe and I have been making them since!"

In each bite, you get a small piece of apple, with a bit of cinnamon and a hint of the orange juice. Perfection! They smell terrific while baking, look great and taste even better.

"Growing up as a kid through adulthood, mom would make this recipe," remembers Lynda Loose. "She would call and invite us over because she was making creole - that is all she would have to say."

Lynda's Mom's Shrimp Creole recipe has the perfect amount of seasonings. Sautéing the celery, onion, okra and shrimp in bacon fat adds a smoky flavor you'll subtly taste through the

entire dish. Southern comfort food at its finest.

"This Mexican Red Table Salsa (Salsa Roja de Mesa Mejicana) dates back to my great-grandmother's time, I am sure even further back," explains Juliann Esquivel. "This sauce has been passed down for generations - it's timeless and delicious."

Packed with big flavors, I've been known to snack on this from time to time. I like a bit of heat, so this salsa is perfect for my palate. But, you can easily just add one jalapeno (or even leave it out) and it'll stick pack a punch of flavor.

"Another recipe from my boyhood," exclaims Paul Bushay. "My brothers and I would always ask for this when we had picnics or backyard barbecues." Paul's Esther's (My Mom) Potato Salad recipe is the potato salad for the dill pickle fan.

Not only had I never tried preparing potato salad this way, but I'd never even heard of it. What a pleasant surprise! The dill adds a freshness to the dish. I highly rec-



**GRANDMA'S SECRET APPLE BROWNIES**

ommend you pick up some dill pickle relish the next time you're at the store and add this to your summer cookout menu.

Cindy Eggleston's Cindy's Tipsy Beef Chili has a great combination of flavors. "This recipe was passed from my mother, to my sister, [then] to

me and each time one of us added a little something different," says Cindy. "My husband suggested the beer and it just seemed to add that little extra kick, along with the tequila of course."

Adding beer to chili is a great way to punch up the flavors... the tequila helps there

too! Red and green peppers add a colorful crunch to the dish. Serve with a side of cornbread and watch everyone dig in.

To me, a recipe is like a memory. Maybe this Mother's Day, I'll get in the kitchen with my son and share a few memories with him.



**Happy Mother's Day**  
**Annie Marie Session**

The moment that you died my heart was torn in two one side filled with heartache, the other died with you. I often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane, with tears upon my cheeks.

Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, but missing you is heartache that never goes away.

I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain.

Until the joyous day arrives, that we will meet again.

-Unknown

Loving you always,  
Netta, Andre, Adriena, Retha,  
Mike and the grandchildren



**Lila R. Lacewell**  
**December 23, 1939**  
**September 4, 2014**

**Happy Mother's Day**

**Love your family**











**Ezmas Marscine Carmichael**  
**Ezmas Juanita Carmichael**  
**Julia Carmichael Johnson**  
**Wanda Faye Carmichael**

**In memory of our mothers**

In that "great getting up morning" then we will all be connected again. We will be able to hear their voices, feel their touches and laugh together. Today, is another motherless Mother's Day without our loved ones and it is rough but yet it brings a smile to our faces because it gives us a new look on the lives of our mothers, sisters and aunts and the void it left when each departed from our physical world. Yes, we know that the Lord continues to provide for our needs but the pain is still there even after all these years.

Marscine, Juanita and now Wanda, if only you could hear and answer to the many times that we called out to you and know that within our hearts and minds that you are near to us. When the wind blows we feel a kiss, when the rain falls we feel the teardrops and when the sun shines upon us we feel the warmth of your love and tender touches.

There is an external chain that was broken but there is an internal chain that will always be there until we take our last breath. Over the River Jordan, you are waiting for us to cross and be reunited with you and our Lord. Continue to rest in peace and know that you are out of turmoil of the present world.

Submitted by the family

## New Hanover County

Laney High School will host their 6th annual Slam Jam event on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. This year's Slam Jam, entitled "A Celebration of Life Event" will focus on teen suicide prevention. The Slam Jam panel will be working with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: "Out of the Darkness" Walk (held Saturday, May 9th) and Coastal Care "It's Ok to Ask About Suicide". The day of the Slam Jam, during fourth block, students will participate in an expo called the "Love your life event." The expo will include booths with fun, educational activities along with informational booths.

On Thursday, May 7th, Fuzzy Peach Night. Laney has partnered with the Fuzzy Peach in Porters Neck to host a fundraising night; 15% of the proceeds will be donated towards the Laney Slam Jam.

On Saturday, May 9th, "Out of Darkness" Walk. 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration; walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Laney High School, 2700 North College Road. Monday, May 11th-Wednesday, May 13th, Week of Awareness with activities and speakers. Wednesday, May 13th, "Love Your Life" Expo at 2:00 p.m. in the breezeway of Laney. Wednesday, May 13th, Slam Jam at 4:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of Laney.

New Hanover High School Class of 1975 will be holding their 40th Class Reunion from July 16th-17th. If you or someone you know is a member of the Class of 1975 please contact Laura Trieece at 910-392-5538 or Debbie Brown at 910-398-2749 by May 10th.

The Saint Augustine's University (College) Alumni meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the Covil Farm Road Clubhouse at 7300 Covil Farm Road in Wilmington. All graduates, persons who attended, and friends of St. Augustine's University are invited to attend. Call Angie at 910-620-7978 for more information.

The Williston Class of 1966 is planning their 50th class reunion. We are reaching out to all who graduated, were supposed to graduate or started out with us, but may not have graduated. We consider all as members of our class. We need contact information to invite you and inform you of plans and to get your input. Please email contact info to justanother tiger@bellsouth.net. You may also contact our president, Abdul Shareef at 910-612-0983.

**Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group**, a Chapter of US TOO International next meeting is at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2015 in Classroom C of New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 3121 S. 17th Street, Wilmington. All interested men and their spouses are welcome. Survivors will be present and a range of subjects are open for discussion, including active surveillance or watchful waiting. For information, call George at 910-792-9953 or Hank at 910-799-5478 or Carl at 910-512-0770 or email Wproscasupportgp@aol.com. A great national source is: [www.ustoo.org](http://www.ustoo.org).

## Pender County

Pender County Public Library in Burgaw is offering a 45 minute program titled DNA and Genealogy: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, on Thursday, May 14th at 10:00 am. The library is located at 103 S. Cowan St. The speaker Jennifer Daugherty will share about the various companies offering DNA tests and the similarities and differences in their reports. She will also share ways how the DNA reports may help and not help in genealogy research. The program is presented free of charge and does not require pre-registration. For more information please call 259-1234 or visit the library.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## Congratulations Dominique Yost



**DOMINIQUE D. YOST**

Dominique D. Yost will be graduating from UNCC -Charlotte on May 9, 2015.

Congratulations Dominique!

Love your family!

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### HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## People are marching

People are marching from Birmingham 1963 to New York 2014. Thousands of people participated in a peaceful manner, walking and holding hands. We will make our voices heard.

Thousands recently marched in New York. What does it tell us? You cannot stop us because we are going to win.

This is our season for more real possibilities. Little accomplishments can grow into power. We want more African Americans to join us today or as soon as possible and immigrants as well. You are a American citizen.

While marching in one specific place, many things are happening in other places.

Recently, in a large parking lot, there were two cars

which were almost identical. A lady with a shopping cart walked up to one of the cars with keys and tried to open it several times, but the keys did not work. Just then, she heard a strong voice saying, "You get away from my car!" The lady said apologized. "Oh, I'm so sorry. I made a mistake." They did agree that both cars were almost identical. She drove away peacefully with a strong feeling that it would never happen again because she knew she was not a person that would steal.

With thousands of people marching together one cannot tell what each person is thinking. One out of ten could be thinking of better educational program for African American boys. I have the information that there are schools in Brunswick County that do not want Black boys in the classrooms. In many cases, gifted children's educational possibilities are destroyed because their skin is Black

and for other social reasons.

Many changes are taking place in today's society. When children have problems, parents should talk to their children and get to the root of the problem and then plan for the next step. Way too many of our young people are walking around full of anger and carrying guns and other weapons parents do not know about.

Many people say there is no hope for our children. Many times we see those who, after following some path of self destruction, trying to make some serious changes in their lives. We must be able to understand that they can be helped. More Black male leaders are needed in our society. Better job opportunities that lead to a better way of life for our young people. There is the possibility that with better educational opportunities and the proper guidance, we can perhaps reduce the number of gang members, get

them more jobs so they can buy their own transportation, perhaps we can get them more interested in religious services and sports. We need to show them something better than being in prison the rest of their lives. Marching with the group for justice is the place for me.

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.

## Congratulations Donte' McGuire

Congratulations to Donte' McGuire, for receiving his Masters Degree in Education from North Carolina State University!

We are so proud of you and wish you much success as you continue your educational journey at the University of Maryland. Love, Terri (Wife) Mom & Dad (Missy & Derrick) Keon & Meski Jalen Derrick Zyire & Kyree

Congratulations to Donte' McGuire for earning his Masters Degree in Education from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. Donte' also received the "Ebony Harlem Award of

Dedication" and the "Kathleen Ruppe Service Award". Much love and blessings as you travel to the University of Maryland to pursue your Doctorial Degree this fall.

Lots of Love,  
Your Grandma- Christine Stokes McGuire  
Uncle Christoff & Layla

Congratulations to Donte' McGuire for earning your Masters Degree! Blessing as you travel to the University of Maryland to study for your Doctorial Degree.

We Love you,  
Aunt Rosa, Aunt Nettie and family  
Tyrone, Dennis, Kim & Family

Congratulations- cousins from Philadelphia and Raleigh



**DONTE' MCGUIRE**

## Town Creek Vision Corporation dedicates ballpark in memory of Mary S. Jenkins

BY JOSEPHINE GRADY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Saturday, May 2, 2015 was an emotional yet exciting day for hundreds of people in the Snowfield Community of Leland North Carolina when Town Creek Vision Corporation dedicated their Ballpark in memory of a great community legend. Mary S. Jenkins, known to many as Ms. Mary or Mama.

Mary who died last March 2014, was a native of Brunswick County, started a softball career many years ago in this same community. She was a leader to many young boys and girls that are now men and women that needed a mentor and/or nurturer. She spent countless hours during the week for over 50 years pitching, catching, and coaching softball. After her death, the Vision Center unanimously voted that the park should bear her name.

Therefore, on Saturday, May 2, 2015 many of her friends and family came to celebrate the 1st Annual Mary S. Jenkins Softball Tournament and Fun Day! Teams from the surrounding areas came to help make the tournament successful. The Town of Navassa won 1st place in the tournament. There were soloists, groups, choirs, and praise teams from far and



**MARY S. JENKINS BASEBALL PARK**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

near that participated as well! The adults and children alike enjoyed the festivities, vendors and bounce house. Town Creek Vision is a non profit organization that was formed

years ago to help the young and young at heart to have a better life in the community.

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**Management and Staff**

BY CYNTHIA E. GRIFFIN  
OF OUR WEEKLY

(NNPA)- While the graduation rates of most student groups in the state rose in 2014, the numbers for African American pupils stayed flat, at 68.1 percent, unchanged from the year before.

This compares with the graduation rate among English learners, which increased 2.2 percentage points from the year before and is now at 65.3 percent, and for Hispanic/Latino students, who had a rate of 76.4 percent, up 0.7 percent the year before.

The new data was released by Superintendent of California Public Instruction Tom Torlakson for students who started high school in 2010-11. Overall, 80.8 percent graduated with their class in 2014, up 0.4 of a percentage

point from the year before. The California graduation rate has increased substantially since the class of 2010 posted a 74.7 percent rate, said the state department of education.

"Our record high graduation rate is great news, especially since it is occurring at the same time we are raising academic standards," said Torlakson. "This is more evidence that the dramatic changes taking place in our schools are gradually helping to improve teaching and learning in every classroom. We have raised academic standards, started online testing, given local districts more flexibility in spending, and provided more resources to students who need it most."

Torlakson also said he believes the extra resources flowing into schools have helped schools add staff and

reinvigorate many programs intended to help students graduate. In addition, he said, the collection of more precise data has put a spotlight on graduation rates, helping teachers and administrators adjust instruction for all students, but particularly for those most in danger of failing or dropping out.

The cohort data track graduation rates, dropout rates, and students in a third category: Those still working toward graduation who have not graduated or dropped out. Along with the rise in the graduation rate, the state's dropout rate also rose slightly to 11.6 percent in 2014, up 0.2 of a percentage point. By comparison, the percentage of students still in school but who have not graduated declined 0.5 of a percentage point from the year before and stands at 6.9 percent.

The drop out rate for Black students edged up slightly from 19.7 in 2012-13 to 20.3 percent in 2013-2014.

The new graduation and drop out rate results came one day after the announcement that California finished sixth in the nation in the percentage of high school graduates from the class of 2014 who passed an advanced placement exam with a score of three or better (the lowest score needed to obtain college credit.)

Although Torlakson is touting the overall upward trend in graduation rates, the numbers for African American students remain problematic. They are slightly ahead of English Language learners with a rate of 65.3 percent and special education pupils who hit 62.2 percent. However, their numbers trail most other student subgroups including

migrants (75.8 percent).

For one African American educator, the answer 'why' requires a look inward.

Chris Hickey Sr., Ph.D., director of Each One Teach One for Academic Access, suggests what African American students need is a success-going culture that encompasses school, home and the community. This collaborative effort requires parents to go to their child's school and rather than blame them for the problems, and ask "What can I do to help?"

Hickey, whose educational organization offers free S.A.T. prep classes and parenting workshops, believes that parents need to go to their offspring's schools to volunteer in a way that does not directly involve their child. "Maybe you can go and help the theater department prepare for a play or help the athletic department even

though your child does not play a sport or act."

When parents do this, Hickey says, school becomes part of the home and parents become part of the school community and students begin to feel an obligation to do well in school. This makes the relationship between parents and schools become much less adversarial, said the educator, who remembers as a student in the second graduating class of Locke High how the school and the community were strongly connected.

Hickey is convinced that teachers and schools want students to meet high expectations, and students want to feel good about their accomplishments at school. He also stresses the need for parents to lead the charge to help schools where African American pupils go, reconnect with the community.

## Hundreds help clean up after Baltimore riots

BY STACEY M. BROWN  
OF THE BALTIMORE TIMES

(NNPA)- BALTIMORE - Students from Morgan State University, local teachers, individuals who were out of school because of the closings and members of several fraternities methodically began cleaning the city after a violent night of rioting and looting.

In all, about 3,000 individuals- many joining the efforts on an impromptu basis- worked from dusk until dawn to help Baltimore reclaim its Charm City moniker and to let the world know what Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake meant when she said, "We Are One Baltimore."

"We thought it was most important to let the community know that people are out cleaning," said Kaeshawn Stewart, a Baltimore resident

and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. "This is encouraging to the community and it's giving the community hope because we've had many come by and say thank you."

Anita Wade, a school teacher and a member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, worked arm-in-arm with Stewart as they cleaned a lot across from a playground and immediately around the corner from the flash point of activity at North and Pennsylvania Avenues.

Despite a low-hanging police helicopter and sounds of bullhorns and demonstrators clashing with police, Wade said cleanup efforts were important, particularly to set a positive example for young people.

"There are so many issues that are not being addressed, but our children need to see this [cleaning effort]," she

said. "It makes things a little better."

With a burned and destroyed CVS store, a multi-million dollar senior center destroyed and pure chaos serving as a most unfortunate backdrop, many residents displayed the spirit of true activism.

Melanie Diggs, the branch manager for the Pennsylvania Avenue branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library helped to keep as many as 30 individuals safe as demonstrations turned to riots and the local CVS store was looted and burned.

With a broom and a dustpan in his hand as he helped clean on Tuesday, April 28, Robert Stokes shook his head when asked about the effects of the riots: "You look around and see unemployment. Filling out job applications and being turned down

because of where you live and your demographic. It's so much bigger than the police department," he said. "This is a powder keg that's waiting to explode." But, Stokes and others attempted in earnest to diffuse that time bomb, simply by joining the efforts to show city pride, strength and solidarity by cleaning and otherwise lending a helping hand.

Baltimore City Public Schools were closed Tuesday due to the previous night's violence and many students had nowhere to go. A sign outside of Red Emma's Book Store and Coffeehouse told students, "This is a safe place for Baltimore's youth."

Storeowners provided free lunch to all city children as efforts to restore peace and a sense of normalcy began.

CVS manager Haywood McMorris still lamented the



PHOTO BY LARRY MORGAN/MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
**Morgan students are on their way to assist with the clean up of community in aftermath of riots.**

fate of his store and told reporters that the destruction hurts those who work there and the residents of the area.

"It didn't make sense, we work here and this is where we stand, and this is where people actually make a living," McMorris said.

## Black families must focus on asset building

BY CHARLENE CROWELL  
NNPA COLUMNIST

(NNPA)- As the wealthy few continue to prosper, the rest of the nation is caught in a financial tug-of-war between stagnant wages and a rising cost of living.

**Charlene Crowell**  
In communities of color, chronic unemployment and underemployment and a host of other social ills are added burdens to an already challenging economy.

These and other disturbing trends were the focus of the recent Color of Wealth Summit, conceived and convened by a national research organization, the Insight Center for Community Economic Development and a solution-oriented social change nonprofit, the Center for Global Policy Solutions. The two-day conference engaged prominent thought leaders to propose solutions to the growing racial income and wealth divide that has come to characterize America's economy.

According to Maya Rockeymoore, its president and CEO, "Most organizations and policy makers focus on improving income and income supports such as safe-

ty net programs. While this approach is vital, it is not enough to build economic security for vulnerable families over a lifetime. To achieve true security for vulnerable families, asset building must be part of the strategy. Through wealth, families can have the financial resilience they need to sustain themselves in the event of a job loss or illness. Wealth also gives families the resources to invest in their future and realize their dreams. A truly transformational economic security strategy should focus on both income and wealth."

Recent research confirms how hard it is for families that lack adequate earnings, to make it from one payday to the next. While the idea of saving is valued, for too many consumers nothing is left once basic living expenses are met.

According to the most recent report of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress:

- Median net worth in Black households fell by more than 40 percent from 2007 to 2013. White households during this same period saw median net worth drop 26 percent;

- Median weekly earnings of Black college graduates working full-time and their White counterparts showed that the Black grads' annual earnings were \$12,000 less;

and

- Overall, the Black median earnings of \$34,600, is nearly \$24,000 less than the same measure for Whites.

"The same groups of people who have historically been left behind are growing in number and population," observed Angela Glover Blackwell, a summit participant and founder and CEO of PolicyLink. "It is critical that we support asset-building programs and policies that create and protect opportunities for all families to save and invest in themselves, their futures, and their communities."

Historically, homeownership has been the gateway to building wealth and assets. Unfortunately, the nation's foreclosure crisis altered wealth-building for millions. According to the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, nearly 14.8 million foreclosure notices were filed from

January 1, 2007 to May 31, 2013.

By late 2014, according to the 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 current homeownership level is the lowest since 1993.

For Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-Mo.), a summit

keynoter, the discussions provided a timely connection between his work in the House Financial Services Committee and the conference's agenda.

"[T]he collapse in home values during the Great Recession hit Black households especially hard. At a time like this, we need more affordable housing and a stronger safety net," said Cleaver. "Both in the House Financial Services Committee and in the Congress as a whole, we have more work to do to increase opportunities for families around the country."

According to Cleaver, FHA's lowering of mortgage insurance premiums earlier this year, is one example of a government initiative that will bring consumers "closer to the keys of their own home." An estimated 90,000-140,000 buyers will be assisted this year.

While most Black and Latino homebuyers have had their mortgages underwritten by government-backed programs such as FHA, VA and USDA, the greater challenge has been access to private sector conventional mortgages that over the life of a loan are far cheaper than the government-backed offerings.

The annual Home Mortgage Disclosure Act report (HMDA), quantifies by race and ethnicity mortgage lending and denials for mortgage loans. For 2013, the most up-to-date report, the data clearly reveals that while conventional mortgage originations rose slightly from 2012 to 2013, nationwide Black consumers, who are more than 13 percent of the population, received only 2.3 percent or 36,903 loans. In 2012, the same data point was even smaller, with only 26,500 such loans.

Earlier research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), a summit co-sponsor, revealed that many homebuyers of color were steered into higher-cost, sub-prime loans - even when they qualified for cheaper ones. After analyzing 50,000 sub-prime loans, CRL concluded that Blacks and Latinos were almost a third more likely to receive a high-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.

"Proving that when families receive responsible mortgage loans, they are able to build a financial safety net that they can access during challenging times," said Nikitra Bailey, a CRL executive vice-president.

"There are a number of wealth gaps that are troubling," said John A. Powell, director of the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at the University of California at Berkeley. "One is the gap between the very rich and everyone else. Another is the gap between people of color and their White counterparts. What is not appreciated is that needs to be explored is the relationship between these gaps."

The policy answer to that keen insight will determine whether this and future generations will be able to reasonably accomplish what our parents and forefathers did - a better quality of life.

"America will be a people-of-color nation by 2042, and addressing the racial wealth gap is necessary to ensure sustained economic growth for all Americans," stated Blackwell.

Ever-widening wealth gaps are not a Black, or White, or Latino problem. Nor can the dilemma become more fodder for partisan bickering. It is an American problem that deserves a response equal to its challenge.

Concluded Powell, "Our lives, our economy and our democracy are at risk."

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**Mr. Roderick Dale Braye**

Roderick Dale Braye, son of Lydia Davis Braye and James C. Braye was born on October 6, 1952 in Norfolk, Virginia and died on April 27, 2015 at St. John Medical Center, in Westlake, Ohio. Funeral services were held at Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Basilica Shrine of St. Mary.

Roderick was a graduate of Seoul American High School in Seoul, South Korea. In 1970, he was admitted to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, as an Army ROTC Scholarship winner and a Notre Dame Scholar. While at Notre Dame, he edited the yearbook and was selected to be the Cadet Commander of the Army ROTC Regiment. He graduated with honors in 1974, and he received one of six Regular Army Commissions. During his four years of military service, he served in the Infantry and the Adjutant General's Corps, attaining the rank of first lieutenant.

Upon leaving the United States Army, he chose a corporate career in multinational companies. He rose to the position of Vice President of Human Resources in such organizations as Johnson & Johnson, Continental Grain, Pepsi-Co, US Cellular, and Beatrice Foods.

Roderick attended the Kellogg School of Management, where he earned an MBA degree. Next, Roderick decided to employ his considerable skills in the consulting field where he founded his own consulting company, The Braye Group. He provided Human Resources expertise in organizations and corporations of the Cleveland, Ohio area. Foremost among the organizations where he served in this capacity was the Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve in Westlake, Ohio. He was consulting there upon his untimely death.

Roderick is survived by his parents, James and Lydia Braye; sisters, Pamela Elaine Braye and Brenda Laraine Braye-Chadwick (Eric); brother, Jamison Byron Braye; daughter, Megan Elizabeth Braye, son James Roderick Braye, and their mother Anita Roberts Braye; nephew Ethan James Jackson; niece, Lydia Patricia Jackson; two aunts; several cousins; and special family friend Audrey Deanna Moore. Roderick was predeceased by his brother Michael Wayne Braye (Ruby). Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Ms. Iyna Denise Johnson Harper**

Iyna Denise Johnson Harper was born on January 30, 1955 in Gulfport, Mississippi. Her life on this Earth expired on April 29, 2015. She was the oldest daughter of Magdalene Durr and Abraham Johnson (deceased). Memorial services were held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at St. Stephen AME Church.

Iyna's early Christian education began at St. Stephen AME Church where she participated

in Sunday School, Junior Usher Board, Junior Choir and also as a Junior Missionary. After being educated in the New Hanover County School System she attended Shaw University and moved to New Jersey a few short years later.

Miss Iyna (as she was affectionately called) spent the earlier part of her life providing for her family as a microfiche technician. She lived in New Jersey for over fifteen years before moving back to Wilmington. When she returned she joined Ekklesia United Holiness Church where she became a faithful and dedicated member. She also served as the Corresponding Secretary for a number of years.

She leaves to cherish her memories her three children, Brandon Johnson (Dionne), Makeda Robinson and Mikhael Johnson (Stephanie) all of Wilmington, NC. Eleven grandchildren, Andrea Strand, Toyah Johnson, Alima Morgan, Imani Johnson, Lemek Robinson, Issachar Robinson, Kiara Johnson, Jeziah Robinson, Conscious Ivory, Coznyk Ivory and Mikhael Johnson, Jr.; as well as two great grandchildren; her mother Magdalene Durr Johnson and her sister Althea Johnson. She is also survived by six aunts and uncles: Richard Boyd of Salinas, CA, Chellie Wright of Harrisburg, PA, Zollie Durr of Morriston, FL, Nanie Ware of Milwaukee, WI, Minnette Durr and Marcella Daniels (Edward) both of Gulpot, MS. Four nieces and nephews, Cedric Goodson (Shilon), Saidah Goodson, Oba Goodson and Ife Goodson. Two special friends Angela Ballard and Glenda Tate. Additionally she had a host of special cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews and a multitude of friends and extended family. Known as a giver to anyone that came across her path she will be greatly missed. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Mr. David Anderson**

David Anderson, Sr., age 68, died at his home in Wilmington, North Carolina on Sunday, April 26, 2015 with an eleven year battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

David was born on October 16, 1946 to Laddie and Lucille Anderson in Bishopville, South Carolina. He received his formal education through the South Carolina Public School System and later moved to Wilmington, North Carolina where he lived for forty six years. He worked various jobs before retiring from Corbett Packing Company.

David was happily married to his lovely wife and caregiver Icie Mae for forty eight years. David was a member of Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church.

David was preceded in death by his three brothers George Murray, Eugene Anderson, Joseph Wilson and grandchild, David Anderson III. He is survived by his wife Icie Mae

Anderson of Wilmington, NC; children Leo Anderson (Kimberly) of Smithboro, Maryland, Janie Mae Anderson of Wilmington NC, David Anderson Jr. of Austin, Texas and Cleveland Anderson of Durham, NC; grandchildren Raphael Anderson (Anah Leah) of Fayetteville NC, Ciara Anderson of Austin, TX, Devon Nelson, Cherelle Anderson, Chanel Nelson of Wilmington, NC and Marcus Anderson of Austin, TX; great-grandchildren Jade and Jasmine Anderson of Fayetteville, NC and Malachi Nelson of Wilmington, NC; siblings Bessie Lee Williams of Sumter, SC, Lilly Mae Lawson of Sumter, SC and Laddie Anderson Jr. of Hampton, VA; a special nephew, Robert Anderson of Sumter, SC; special nieces Mary Wilson and Dorethea Williams of Sumter, SC, sister-in-laws Mary Lou Wheeler of Sumter, SC and Adele Wilson (Ted) of Denton, TX; special daughter Evelyn Adger-Bryant; and special friends Velma Spencer and Peggy Nixon. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Mable E. Dudley**

Mable E. Dudley, 70, of Leland died Saturday, April 24th. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 29th at Holy Covenant United Holy Church, Leland. The burial followed in church cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net). A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Robert Stukes, Jr.**

Robert Stukes, Jr., 50, of Wilmington died Thursday, April 30th at NHRMC. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9th at New Covenant Holiness Church. Viewing will be one hour prior to service at the church. Burial will follow in Mt. Ararat AME Church Cemetery, Wilmington. Online condolences may be made at [www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net). A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Elaine Rosa Grady Nix**

Elaine Rosa Grady Nix, 80, of Castle Hayne, NC died Monday, May 4th at her residence. Funeral services will be held 12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9th at St. James AME, Castle Hayne. Burial will follow in John's Chapel Cemetery, Castle Hayne. Visitation 6-8 pm Fri. Davis FH. Online condolences may be made at [www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net). A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Laura F. Hill**

Laura F. Hill died Saturday, April 25, 2015. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at St. James AMEZ Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Laura Fennell Hill, daughter of the late Mr. Wade Corbett and Annie J. Fennell of Sampson County, was born on December 14, 1934. Laura was educated in the Sampson County Public School System.

She was a chef for many years. Laura found Christ at an early age. She was a faithful member of St. James AME Zion Church for many years. Laura had several church duties which she performed diligently. Laura loved her family whom she cared for, counseled and encouraged. She was married to Sgt. Owen Hill who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents and her husband, Laura was also preceded in death by two daughters, four sons and one brother.

Laura leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Edith Stokes (Williams) and Laurine Robinson (Rayfield) all of Wilmington, NC and Mittie Fennell Burns (Jimmie) of Durham, NC; sons, Joseph Fennell and Josep Thomas Hill both of Wilmington, NC; stepsons, Landon Bryant (Elizabeth), Joe Henry Bryant (Connie) and Alton Jones; twenty-three grandchildren; thirty-eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Catherine and Shirley of New Jersey; one brother, Jessie Fennell (Gloria) of New Jersey; aunt, Dale Fennell of New Jersey; special cousins, Mr. Raymond and Gretchen Corbett of Castle Hayne, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including special friends, Jerome Bryant, Posey Johnson, Charlie DeArmond, Cindy Fisher, Rosita Liadi, Johnnie McDonald and Thomas Bullard. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Janice Elaine Robinson Bellamy**

Janice Elaine Robinson Bellamy died Thursday, April 23rd at NHRMC. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at New Beginning Christian Church. Burial followed at a later date in Gadsden, Alabama.

Janice was born in Gadsden, Alabama to the late Mrs. Janie Bell Robinson Brown and Hayward Robinson, Sr. on November 3, 1953. She confessed Christ at an early age at New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. JK Cameron. Later she joined in fellowship with the Call to Worship Outreach Ministry, International, in Wilmington, NC under the leadership of Apostle Dr. Yushonda Midgette, where she was a devoted Mother of the church and member for 12 years, until her demise. She was united in holy matrimony to the late Mr. Gregory Bellamy, Sr. on June 9, 1977, in Gadsden, Alabama. They were blessed with four loving and devoted children.

In addition to her parents, Janice was preceded in death by her sister, Priscilla Robinson and brothers, Howard Robinson, Jr. and Bobby D. Pearson. She leaves to cherish her memories: four loving and dear children: daughter, April Denise Bellamy; sons, Gregory Lavon (Tasha) Bellamy of Augusta, GA, Jonayhan Mario (Reva) Bellamy and Jarrell Alonzo (Toccara) Bellamy all of Wilmington, NC; twelve grandchildren, Jas'Avia Marcus, Aiyana Bellamy, K'Onna Williams, Janiece Middleton, Jessie and Jamerit Roberts, Zah'nay Williams, Jezreel Bellamy, Jerial Bellamy, Jaquae Williams, Nakia Nowell and Jeshurn Bellamy; sisters, Sonya (Derrick) Fowlkes, Tena

Williams, Stephanie (Charles) Burton, all of Gadsden, AL, Kathy Nichols of Rome, GA, Diane McClusky of Detroit, MI and Henrietta Brown Reed of Anchorage, Alaska; brothers, Kenneth Ray (Judy) Robinson, Wade (Sandra) Turner and Clifford Lee (Celatine) Robinson; a very dear chosen sister, Vicki Giles Shack; godmother, Ella Mae Giles whom she loved dearly as a second mom; god sisters, Mary Thomas and Faye (Ellis) Parker; god brother, Ollie Tomas; sisters-in-law, Cynthia Ann Robinson, Doris (Earl) Wilson, Minnie (Johnnie) Peterson, Dorene (Donnell, Jr.), Linda (Julius) Rhodes and Redhilia Riggins; as well as a host of special family and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Iries Guidell McCrae**

Iries Guidell McCrae died Saturday, April 25, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Iries, a much loved and devoted son and friend will continue in our hearts and minds. He was a fashion aficionado, music collaborator and celebrity blogger. His blog, Jaylovesit.com was read throughout the world and included such readers as Lil Kim, his favorite artist. To his over 4000 Twitter followers, he was a constant breath of hope and inspiration. His life was dedicated to spreading truth and love. Iries graduated from EA Laney in 2001. While at Laney he participated in student government, drama and was awarded Homecoming King. After high school he attended Barton College, the finished with a B A in Communications. Upon graduation he began his career with T-Moblie, but quickly excelled through the ranks to other companies such as Clearwire and finally as a senior business analyst with Esecureit. Iries was beginning a new career venture as an entrepreneur in Waya Big Productions, LLC with partners, Andrea Williams and Malik Ciecte. Although we will miss seeing his smile, his presence will remain in our hearts and souls, with love.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Cynthia Johnson "Mommy" and father, Robert McCrae (Barbara); his partner and best friend, Detreon Roberts; grandmothers, Marian Johnson (maternal) and Beatrice Jennings (Paternal); six brothers, Lamont J. Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Carlton Johnson, Taimak Sobers, Russell, Jr. "NuNu" Sobers and Chaz Johnson; five sisters, Monifa Johnson-Miller, Tamika James, Jordan Memorial Chapel.

Shytonia Brown, Mechelle Howard, and TaNisha. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Margie Inge**

Margie Inge died Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at International Embassy of Holiness. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Lillian Farrow Lowery**

Lillian Farrow Lowery died Thursday, April 30, 2015 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Cape Fear Congregation of Jehovah's Witness. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Norma J. Terry**

Norma J Terry died Sunday, May 3, 2015 at home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday May 8th at Gregory Congregational UCOC. Burial will follow in Wilmington National Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Lonnie Conyers**

Lonnie Conyers died Sunday, May 3, 2015 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Thank you**

The family of the late **Joelle Rhodes McIntyre** would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy, words of comfort and prayers extended during our time of bereavement in the passing of our sister.

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## New Hanover County

**Bowens Chapel**, 2nd and Meares Street, will hold their spring revival 7:30 p.m. nightly from Monday, May 11th- Friday, May 15th. For more information call 910-763-5060.

**Chords Across America** will hold a celebration dinner for Ms. Lillian Wilson on Sunday May 17th at 4:00 p.m. The church will also host the Singing Aires of Jacksonville, NC on Sunday, May 24, 2015.



## Religious Briefs

**Life Changing Ministries**, 4875 New Centre Drive, will hold a lecture on Nutrition from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19th. The speaker will be Dr. April McAlpine. For more information call Elder Hazel Miller at 910-352-5048.

**Mt. Zion AME Church**, 1111 No. 5th Avenue will hold their pastor's appreciation programs, "Showin Some Mount Zion Type Love" from Wednesday, May 13th-Friday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The guests will be Reverend Geraldine Dereef and Macedonia AME Church, Burgaw, NC, Reverend Anthony Richburg and Salvation & Deliverance Church, Leland, NC and Reverend Wayne Johnson and St. Stephen AME , Wilmington, NC. Contact the church office for further information at 910-762-2660.

**St. Mark F. W. B. Church**, 1801 Castle Street, will host their 39th Session of The Northeast Old Original Free Will Baptist Mid-Year Conference services nightly at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 12th- Saturday, May 16th. The speakers will be as follows: Bishop Tommy Nesbitt, Tuesday, May 12th; Pastor Quan Stewart Wednesday, May 13th; Elder Lorenzo Edge, Thursday, May 14th; Elder Charles Bryant 11:30 a.m. and Bishop A.H. Hartsfield at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 16th. Gospel singing at 3:00 p.m.

**St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church**, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will hold May Day 2015 along with Rachel & Joy on May 9th from 11:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. There will be singing, jazz, gospel rap, food, face painting and games. Vendors are welcome for \$25.00. For more information please contact Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon (910) 540-4406 or Rachel Dixson (910) 431-0551. The church will hold their Walk A Thon 2015, "Walking Tall to Build Our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and their 2nd Annual Tailgate Party to follow from 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. All proceeds are for St. Phillip AME Zion Church's Fellowship Hall remodel. For more information contact Dr. Mary C. Nixon at 910-540-4406 or Sister Aimee Brown at 910-368-3605.

**The Education Committee of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church** will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Breakfast and Silent Auction on Saturday May 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Carrie Ballard Fellowship Hall of the church. The theme is "Woman of God, Joy in the Journey".

## Brunswick County

**Christian Chapel Missionary Baptist Church**, 155 Christian Chapel Road, will observe their annual Women's Day service at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Marie Howard Griffin. The theme for the service will be "A Woman That Feareth The Lord, She Shall Be Praised."

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will hold their Women's Day Celebration on Sunday, May 10th at 11:00 am. The special guest will be Elder Andrena Harriel of Fayetteville, NC.

**Holy Covenant United Holiness Church**, 204 Sunnybrook Way SE, will hold a concert featuring Melvin Evans Jr. and company on Saturday, May 16th at 3:00 p.m.

**Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church** will hold their Youth Revival beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly from Wednesday, May 6th- Friday, May 8th. Minister Charity Williams will be the guest speaker.

**Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church** is sponsoring Leland's Got Talent: Apollo Style. The Homecoming Committee is currently registering individuals who would like to showcase their talent. Please call Johnson Chapel at 910-371-0037 and leave a message for LaShonna Dyson or 910-431-31009 to register.

## Pender County

**Hills Chapel M.B. Church**, 2521 Little Kelly Rd., Rocky Point, NC will celebrate Mother's Day/ Women's Day during their 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 10th. The guest preacher will be Reverend Mary King of Greater Six Runs Missionary Baptist Church.

## Sampson County

**Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church**, 4442 Bonnetsville Road, will hold their NC Theological Seminary Awards Night on Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. Louie Boykin of Baldwin Branch Missionary. The United Voices of Baldwin Branch choir will provide the musical ministry.

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

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Oh, the places you will go!

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

What a glorious and beautiful morning! The meeting of the Senior Citizens' Fellowship was opened with greetings and remarks by Minister Doris McQuillian. She introduced the speaker for today. Our speaker was Sister Deborah Ringwood. Her topic was "Oh, the places

you will go!" She opened with a dynamic prayer. Thank you for that delightful motivation taken from a Dr. Seuss book. Comments and remarks and expressions were made.

Reverend Clifford Barnett came with a warm and inspiring welcome. Thank you so much, Reverend Clifford Barnett! You are awesome! We love you!

Minutes were read by our secretary, Sister Mildred

Ellerby. Thanks again for the great job you always do. It was now time for the "Callers" Report. Sister Gladys Taylor had the most members present today. Thanks to all the callers and the members for being here today.

Announcements were made. "Smiles" were given by Sister Mary Martin.

Thanks again for the great job you always do. Laughter is good for the soul. We love you.

We touched and held hands for our closing song, "Bind Us Together." The closing prayer was offered by Reverend Clifford Barnett. The meeting was adjourned.

There were forty-nine present.

Thought for Today: When something bad happens, you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## To dads of the future

My Fellow Seniors:

After a few years in NYC, I came home to visit the family while my husband was at sea. As I was trying to put my



Ruth Johnson

eleven month old daughter to bed, she kept throwing the covers back and popping up laughing. After a while my brother came to the door and said "You'd better lay down in that bed girl." When she heard his deep mas-

cule voice, she obeyed immediately. I was glad she obeyed him, but I was mad because she didn't obey me.

I saw this over and over as my children grew up. I had to beg them to put away their toys, but when the ship was in and their dad was home, he only had to tell them once. When he took them to the playground, all the neighborhood children would fall in line at his command. Their mothers were there with them, but they didn't seem to mind at all. He was in his Navy uniform, so they gave him all due respect.

If you hope to be a dad someday, you could start by playing the role of big brother. You will get a lot of respect from the children in the neighborhood. When you start to mentor little children, you are learning to be a man, which is the same as learning to be a dad.

When you have children of your own, you will have to provide food and shelter, but that's not what it's all about. Being a dad is not a biological thing. It's not about conception and it's not about money. It's just a life-long process of doing the right thing. If you

have always been a good friend, you will naturally be a good dad.

When things go wrong, whether it's mental or physical, if you can show a child how to fix it, his eyes will light up in a way that will make you feel like the sun is shining in your heart. And whether he is your child or not, you will know the unspeakable joy of what it feels like to be a dad. You will be molding human hearts, and there is no greater job on earth.

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

## Heroines of Jericho

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Saturday, August 9, 2014 a Heroines of Jericho was created in Wilmington, North Carolina. The grand officers from various parts of North Carolina came for this special event and it was a very momentous occasion. Heroine Denise King, Grand Most Ancient Matron presided over this creation. A beautiful fellowship occurred afterwards over a variety of delicious foods and drink.

There was not a Heroines of Jericho in Wilmington, and in order to participate (membership), you would have to travel to Raleigh or to

Jacksonville, North Carolina.

It was a dream of Sister Geraldine Armstrong to organize a court here, in the Port City of Wilmington--and she did! THE SCARLET ELECT NO. 21, HEROINES OF JERICHO of North Carolina Grand Court, Prince Hall Affiliated.

The Heroines of Jericho, THE SCARLET ELECT NO. 21, traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina on Friday, February 13, 2015 where they were presented with their official "charter", by Heroine Jean M. Smith, Grand Most Ancient Matron.

This marvelous occasion was held at the North Carolina York Rite

Convention-2015, Prince Hall Affiliated, February 11-14,2015, held at The Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

The chartered members (Heroines and Companions): Geraldine Armstrong, Alphonso Robinson, Carolyn Hedgepath, Wayne Perkins, Karen McIntyre, Carolyn Washington, Dorene Crumpler, Evelyn Bryant, Eva Battle, Johnnie Mae Pridgen, Nadine Jordan, Joni Callahan, Linda Moore, Teresa Keaton, Barbara Lewis, Sherma Switzer, Pamela Simpson, Teresa Batts, Tora Jacobs, Brenda Williams and Marsha

Williams.

The Executive Board Meeting was held Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Grand Lodge Building, 101 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina. The annual general conference will be held at the Nashville Hilton in Nashville, Tennessee on July 4-8, 2015.

A very special thanks to Heroine Jean M. Smith, GMAM for her continuing support and concern.

Special thanks to Companions Henry Tindall, GMWJ and William Smith, GVJ; Heroines: Louise Hobbs, Grand Lecturer and Wytonnia Arrington, Grand Assistant Lecturer.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Honor Thy Mother"

"And God spake all these words, saying I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Exodus 20:1 "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12

Mother: One who gives birth to or raises and nurtures a child;

A female parent; A woman who holds a position of authority or responsibility

Honor - Recognition of one's right to great respect

"Men may work from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done!", Old Proverb

Mother's Day is a national holiday observed on the second Sunday in May of each year for the appointment of honoring mothers. Looking at the history of Mother's Day, we find that Mother's Day was first proclaimed in 1870 in the United States. Julia Ward Howe called for it to be observed each year at the national level in 1872. The original idea behind Howe's Mothers Day was a call for Pacifism and disarmament by all the women. Later, Anna Jarvis, followed by her daughter, launched a quest to get wider recognition for Mother's Day. As the

custom for Mothers Day celebration spread, its focus shifted from pacifism and reform movement to a general appreciation, and admiration of mothers. Later, on May 14, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

Here we are today, still observing Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. While commercialization has taken over the initial concept of Mother's Day, many sons and daughters look forward to making phone calls, attending church with mothers, writing letters, and even sending gifts, cards, and flowers to their mothers to recognize their right to respect at this time of year.

While history credits both Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis with initiating the concept of Mothers Day celebrations, we still must refer to the Word of God where we see the original concept of "motherhood" was and still is, God's idea! In Genesis 3:20, scripture shows us that the first woman recorded in history biblically speaking is Mother Eve, because she was the mother of all living. In Genesis 4:1, after Eve conceived and bore her first child, a son named Cain, she said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." Being the first "mother", we must take note of her knowledge, spiritual insight, and understanding, that while Adam, her husband, gave her the seed for that first baby, the Lord God, being the Creator and

giver of Life, was the source of her blessing and the fruit of her womb."

When God created Eve, he gave her a womb, and built her with the capacity to conceive, carry to term, and give birth to a child, a living soul. He also embraced her with enough strength, and courage to nurture, nourish, and love her child, as only a mother could do. Motherhood is one of the high callings of God, that comes straight from the heart of God.

When God gave his Law to his servant Moses for the people of God, in Exodus chapter 20, each and every law was given for their own good and posterity. When he referenced to bringing them out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage, today's church can relate to our deliverance out of sin and bondage into the kingdom of His dear Son, Jesus Christ.

In Exodus 20:12, God said, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." God's Word is eternal and His promise is true. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" We should all take heed to this commandment, that we may enjoy a long and fulfilled life.

If God has placed a special woman in your life who has birthed, raised, or nurtured you, why not seize the opportunity to honor her in some special way? Life is short and in order to live and die with no regrets, we must seek to hear and obey God's Word to the best of our ability. When your mother is dead and gone, God will remember what he promised and will bless you for your obedience to His Word and faithfulness to Him. If she is still alive, do yourself a favor and love and honor her, because God said to do it! He will make it good! Tell Somebody..Happy Mother's Day!!!

Prayer\_ Father , we pray for all mothers who have birthed, raised, or nurtured biological or spiritual sons and daughters. We pray your blessings upon each and every one of them....For Your Glory! In Jesus's Name..Amen.

*"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 PWE Pastors Wives Empower-ment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!"*

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **James Winslow Harrington, Jr.**, late of 911 North 6th Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on before **July 16, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of April, 2015

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator  
Estate of James Winslow Harrington,  
Jr.  
Craige & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Ruth B. Williams**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of August, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of May, 2015

Donald N. Williams, Executor  
105 Apple Rd.  
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Courtney Foster Chase**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of August, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of May, 2015

Timothy Lee Chase, Executor of the Estate of Courtney Foster Chase  
7181 Carolina Beach Road  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Betty Owens Evely**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of August, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of May, 2015

Gary R. Owens, Executor of the Estate of Betty Owens Evely  
623 Timber Lake Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Carlynn F. Shepard**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **10th day of August, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of May, 2015

Paul Adolph Freeman, Executor  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420  
Fax No.: 910-762-4176

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES****NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
**Caitlin Lee Muehlenkamp,**  
Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Caitlin Lee Muehlenkamp**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **July 20, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of April, 2015.

Michelle D. Muehlenkamp  
Administrator of the Estate  
of Caitlin Lee Muehlenkamp  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Barbara Grabicki**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of April, 2015.

Marilyn Manna, Administrator  
1159 Willow Pond Lane  
Leland, NC 28451

April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Donald Fred Sorenson**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of April, 2015.

Lori Covington Sorenson, Executor  
322 Pemberton Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Nell Wallace McArver**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of August, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of May, 2015

Thomas P. Wallace, Executor  
105 Sunset Drive  
Stanley, NC 28164

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M., OR THEREAFTER, IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 24 NORTH THIRD STREET, ROOM 301, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

A COPY OF THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, ALL BRANCHES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ON THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY WEBSITE:  
[www.nhcgov.com/Budget](http://www.nhcgov.com/Budget)

Teresa Elmore  
Clerk to the Board  
of County Commissioners

May 7, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES****NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
FILE NO. 15 E 540

Anthony Zitney, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Anna Patricia Trutna**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 5725 Oleander Drive, STE C-3, Wilmington, NC 28403 on or before the **30th day of July, 2015** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of April, 2015.

Lottie M. Thomas, Executor  
202 Cherokee Trail  
Wilmington, NC 28409

April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2015

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

Having qualified as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of **Evelyn Laura Ireland**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of April, 2015.

Ginger Louise Hontz, Co-Executrix  
1860 Talbot Ct.  
Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
Janice Lee Ireland West, Co-Executrix  
144 Gasper Ct.  
Clayton, NC 27527

April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2015

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
(IFB)**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF**  
**THE CITY OF WILMINGTON****NORTH CAROLINA (WHA)****Solicitation No.: RFY15.01****INVITATION FOR BIDS****REPLACEMENT, REPAIR****AND MAINTENANCE SER-****VICE FOR****HVAC UNITS AUTHORITY-****WIDE**

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) Central Office located at 1524 S. 16th Street is soliciting for sealed bids from interested contractors to provide the above.

Project Manuals will be available on our website beginning Wednesday, April 29, 2015. You can download the project manual at [www.wha.net](http://www.wha.net), click on business opportunities.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any information in the proposal process.

Laurette Corbyns, Procurement Manager  
Contracts/Purchasing

April 30, May 7, 2015

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on the 19th day of May, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at 1515 Nun Street; 1011 North 5th Avenue; 520 North 11th Street; 14 South 3rd Street; 617 South 9th Street and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street, 2nd floor during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7836.

Steve L. Harrell  
Community Services Director

The City of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs or activities.

All requests for appropriate auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability or need for a non-English-speaking interpreter, must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting.

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mary D. Haywood**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of April, 2015.

Lottie M. Thomas, Executor  
202 Cherokee Trail  
Wilmington, NC 28409

April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2015

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

Having qualified as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of **Evelyn Laura Ireland**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of April, 2015.

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Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
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Clayton, NC 27527

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE  
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
14 SP 510**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Alexandria R. Traynham f/k/a Eleanor T. Callum to William L. Ellison, Trustee, dated March 21, 2007, and recorded in Book 5159, Page 933, New Hanover County Registry.

David L. Ray, Substitute Trustee,

See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5805 at Page 2749 of the New Hanover County Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Alexandria R. Traynham f/k/a Eleanor T. Callum, dated March 21, 2007, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 5159 at Page 933 ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, David L. Ray, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 14th day of May, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. at the place where public auctions are held at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a physical address of 3205 Monticello Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and in Exhibit 1 attached hereto, which description is incorporated by reference herein. The sale may be held up to one hour after the time stated herein.

**EXHIBIT 1**

All of Lot 30 in Heatheridge Subdivision, Section 5, as the same is shown on a map recorded in Map Book 33 at Page 245 in the New Hanover County Registry, TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO all of the rights, covenants, easements, conditions and restrictions contained in the Declaration recorded in Book 1315 at Page 1130 and following pages in said Registry, and all amendments and supplements thereto, and being the same lands described in the deed recorded in Book 1863 at Page 706 in said Registry.

The real property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed or the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the real property being offered for sale and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recording of the Deed of Trust. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

In the event that the real property to be sold is residential real property with less than 15 units, subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is Alexandria R. Traynham f/k/a Eleanor T. Callum.

Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty-Five Cents (\$.045) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This the 16th day of April, 2015.

s/ David L. Ray  
David L. Ray, Substitute Trustee  
131 Racine Drive, Suite 201  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
(910) 251-9900

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

April 30, May 7, 2015

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
File No. 14-SP-998**

IN THE MATTER OF FORECLOSURE OF THE DEED OF TRUST AT ATRIUM AT MIDDLE SOUND LAND, LLC

Debtor,  
TO: Alan M. Solana, Substitute Trustee  
Date of Deed of Trust: November 19, 2004  
Original Grantor/Borrower: Atrium at Middle Sound Land, LLC  
Original Trustee: MTNBK, Ltd.  
Beneficiary: TD Bank, N.A. successor by merger with Carolina First Bank  
Deed of Trust: Deed of Trust dated November 19, 2004 recorded in Book 4575, Page 606, New Hanover County Registry

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Alan M. Solana, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on **May 20, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.** at the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina, the following described real property (including the house and any other improvements thereon):

BEING ALL of TRACT 2 as shown on that map entitled "Survey for HALL FAMILY TRUST" recorded in Map Book 40 at Page 43 of the New Hanover County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description;

LESS AND EXCEPT all that certain tract of land containing 1.76 acres as the same is shown on a map recorded in Map Book 47 at Page 60 of the New Hanover County Registry, which was conveyed to Gateway Wilmington, LLC by deed recorded in Book 4580 at Page 538, New Hanover County Registry; and

LESS AND EXCEPT all that certain tract of land described as Lot 1 containing 40,013 square feet on that certain plat entitled "Division for Atrium at Middle Sound Land, LLC" made by James A. Lewis, P.L.S., dated June 2006, recorded in Map Book 50 at Page 127, New Hanover County Registry, which was conveyed to CDA Properties, LLC by deed recorded in Book 5236 at Page 334, New Hanover County Registry; and

LESS AND EXCEPT all that certain tract of land described as Lot 2 containing 43,502 square feet on that certain plat entitled "Division for Atrium at Middle Sound Land, LLC" made by James A. Lewis, P.L.S., dated June 2006, recorded in Map Book 50 at Page 127, New Hanover County Registry, which was conveyed to Bojo Ogden, LLC by deed recorded in Book 5452 at Page 1857, New Hanover County Registry.

The sale will be made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, restrictions and easements of record and assessments, if any. The sale may be conducted in one or more parcels.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is Atrium at Middle Sound Land LLC.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale, a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, or the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Trustee tenders to the bidder a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at the time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statute §§ 45-21.30(d) and (e).

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 45-21.16A(b), you are hereby notified that an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court. Furthermore, any person who is occupying the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving this Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement upon ten (10) days written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of the rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

Date and Hour for Sale: May 20, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Place of Sale: New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.

The Notice of Sale hereby given is in satisfaction of the requirements of the aforementioned Deed of Trust and the requirements contained in the North Carolina General Statute § 45-21.17 with respect to posting or publishing of notice of sale.

This the 21st day of April, 2015.

Alan M. Solana, Substitute Trustee  
1650 Military Cutoff Road,  
Suite 200  
Wilmington, NC 28403

If you are under the protection of the bankruptcy court or have been discharged as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is given to you pursuant to a statutory requirement and for informational purposes only and is not intended as an attempt to collect a debt or as an act to collect, assess or recover all or any portion of the debt from you personally.

This the 21st day of April, 2015.

Alan M. Solana, Substitute Trustee  
1650 Military Cutoff Road,  
Suite 200  
Wilmington, NC 28403

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April 30, May 7, 2015

May 7, 2015

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## ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality  
TV Talk  
By  
Marquesa  
LaDawn



Real Housewives of Atlanta served up some Olivia Pope

Before I discuss Part I of the big RHOA reunion, I need to talk about how they looked:

-Porscha - She's a beautiful lady with a body any woman would kill for. Still, the look did not work at all. Why? Ill-fitting, strange and sort of desperate. The side boob did not work but I liked her makeup and hair.

-Kandi - It seemed too homemade, my girl has got bank, she just needs to look the part. Too much boob, it was overwhelming, she needed a better fit. The hair and makeup looked great.

-Kenya - I have to say, she looked hot! Although, her dress has been done by everybody. Her makeup was flawless.

-Phaedra - Old School look with a taste of country. I don't think it worked. I heard one podcaster say, she wears appliances as jewelry. I think she dressed well most of the season, but not the reunion.

-Nene - One of her best looks! I loved her hair and jewelry. The suit fit her body very well. I was really proud of her look.

-Claudia - What happened to my favorite new housewife? She looked too simple, not splashy enough. I was bored to tears.

-Cynthia - The Farrah Fawcett hair was my favorite of the night. From the waste up, she rocked it. From the waste down, not so much. I can appreciate an A-line skirt, it just looked odd with the top.

The reunion gets a C+ grade, mostly because of Nene's favorite quote, "You are right, I am wrong." Nene you were paid to do a job, bring it. You do not have to act crazy but we the fans expect you to participate. I have a feeling next week (Part 2) things will change.

At least, I hope they do for Porscha's sake. She struggled with providing strong arguments and this challenger shined at the reunion. She could not justify making a statement about Peter cheating among many other not so gifted arguments. But, I must give her credit for outshining Demetria, as a minor housewife. She's on the couch at the end and Demetria, isn't.

Another standout this season, my girl Claudia. She's mastered the perfect argument, which shut down Nene multiple times this season. At the reunion, she continued. Once you throw Kenya and Cynthia into the mix, the other ladies are powerless. Heck, I might as well add Kandi, she has a voice this reunion and it's refreshing. She called Nene out on not being a good friend.

By the way, Kenya lost the argument trying to shame Porscha about her family history. (Porscha's father was a historical figure in the Black community). She looked silly since she fights just as dirty. Come on Kenya, stop waiting for an apology regarding the fight last reunion; it's not going to happen.

I can't ignore Phaedra and the emotion she shows that a lot of folks do not believe. I get that she's going through a hard time with her husband in prison, but keeping her boys away from their father is not a great decision.

On a positive note, the ladies looked great and it was entertaining, but I need more steam in Part 2.

There was a lot of steam in NYC with The Real Housewives of New York.

The cougar thing continues, but fireworks are ahead because a rule being broken. You see, Carole is fooling around with Luann's niece ex-boyfriend of 20-something, who is part of the staff. The rule? You know it: Do not mess around with your friends' staff.

Cougar town continued at Bethenny's birthday party. I must admit, it got kinda weird. Between, Sonya's young man and his young friend and Luann's young man, it was raining well, very young men. Bethenny not only danced on the tables, she excluded the other housewives, another rule broken, I think. You know B, she couldn't care less. It was her birthday.

Later in the week, a few of the housewives met for lunch and Heather begins to tell B about Kristen's feelings being hurt regarding not getting invited. B shut her down in the rudest way. She later admitted on her Bravo blog that she was a bit too harsh.

Another person who needs to own her rudeness is the new housewife, Dorinda. She treated her boyfriend like he was the bottom of her shoe, for uh, giving an opinion. She was trying to justify keeping him away from her daughter who does not approve of their relationship. This same daughter, 20-something, called her mom's boyfriend fat, though she didn't seem too pernickety.

In spite of all the drama, ruden-ness and broken rules, they are back and hotter than ever!

Before I go... A quick update on RHOBH star, Kim Richards... After running out of the room, her kids followed and forgot about the microphones. Her son admitted that she still drinks and makes pills. She was busted on live TV. The good news, she's going to rehab.

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