Serving Southeastern North Carolina since 1927 and an outgrowth of R.S. Jervay Printers established in 1901

THE WILMINGTON
JOURNAL

News from the African American perspective without fear or favor

VOLUME 88/NO. 23 | JUNE 4-JUNE 10, 2015 | FIFTY CENTS

OUTside Looking IN

OUR VOICE

GEORGE CURRY

"Black boys do more than run"
GUEST EDITORIAL
By George Curry
PAGE 4

ATTENTION WILLISTONIANS!

Confirmation cards are being mailed this week for all of those persons attending the 4th of July 100th Anniversary Celebration whose checks were received by April 30th. It confirms that we are expecting you and it also provides a schedule of events, their location and the time the activity begins. For those interested in singing with other former glee club members and Community Choir members for Sunday's service, please call Betty Waterman at (910)763-1655 or Monnie Swepson at (910)409-2417 for the rehearsal schedule.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE

BERNEST HEWETT

NAACP State Mother of the Year

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, we attended the NAACP State Mother of the Year Contest. My contestant was Mrs. George Bellamy, escorted by Mr. Bellamy. She came in 5th place out of contestants from sixty North Carolina counties. I was very proud of her, and I was proud of .church family, Piney Grove, for helping her to get there. We need

Please see **BRUNSWICK**/*Page 2*

Litigation mounts as GOP voting schemes challenged

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With the 2016 presidential and gubernatorial elections literally knocking on the door, legal wrangling over the status of North Carolina's voting laws and districts will be front in center over the next few months, in hopes that if there are changes, they can come in time for the upcoming election year.

On June 1, a pre-litigation letter was sent to the NC Board of Elections, NC Dept. of Transportation Secretary Tony Tata, and Kelly Thomas, the commissioner the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), "...alleging that the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles is failing to meet its voter registration obligations..." under the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993, otherwise known as the "Motor Voter" law.

That letter - sent by attorneys for Action NC, Democracy North Carolina, the NC A. Phillip Randolph Institute and several state residents - cited "...clear evidence that the DMV is violating its legal requirement to provide voter registration services and transmit registration information to election officials."

As a result, since 2013 when Gov. Pat McCrory took office, thousands of people across the state who thought they had been properly registered to vote at their local DMV office, as required by law, were not.

"[I]n the 2014 General Election, numerous individuals who thought they had registered to vote at the DMV were forced to cast provisional ballots because their names were not on the voter registration rolls," the letter maintained. "For instance, in Mecklenburg County, out of nearly 880 provisional ballots cast, 157 (nearly 18%) were cast by individuals who said they had registered at the DMV."

Democracy North Carolina, a nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy group, alleges that many of those provisional ballots were then not counted. According to a report from the progressive website Daily Kos, which broke the story several weeks ago, not only has the problem surfaced at the DMV, but there has been"...a substantial drop in voter registrations submitted from public assistance agencies [across the North Carolina] since the beginning of 2013. According to the State Board of Elections, in 2012, 41,162 registration applications were submitted from pubic assistance agencies. In 2013, this number dropped to 18,758 and in 2014, it dropped even further to 13,340."

NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber held a press conference shortly after the report, challenging Gov. McCrory to address the allega-

Please see **SCHEME**/*Page 2*

JAZZ FESTIVAL COMING TO OCEAN CITY BEACH

PHOTO BY JOHN DAVIS

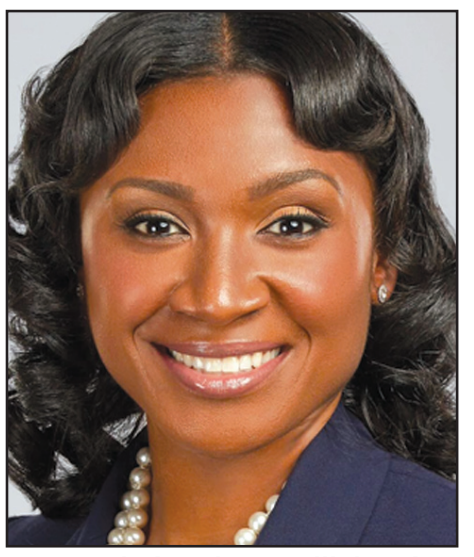
Ocean City Beach, North Carolina is an historically Black beach located in Onslow County that was founded and developed by African-Americans in the 1940s.

BY LARRY RENI THOMAS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

OCEAN CITY--The Sixth Annual Ocean City Beach (NC) Jazz Festival will be held on Friday, July 3, 2015, and Saturday, July 4. 2015, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. both days. Scheduled performers on Friday, are Fayetteville, North Carolina resident trumpet smooth jazz sensation Willie Bradley; North Carolina Central University Jazz Studies Department professor, vocal instructor and Durham, North Carolina-based vocalist supreme Lenora Zenzalai Helm Hammonds, and Duke University Jazz Studies Department chair, professor and well-known, excellent, sturdy bassist, former Fayetteville, North Carolina resident, Durham, North Carolina-based, John Brown, with his quintet. The Friday performance will also feature the dynamic, he-of-serious-chops, Baltimore, Maryland-based, world-known, pianist Cyrus Chestnut, who was on the bill last year (2014) and who is back by very popular demand.

Saturday's lineup is just as super, smoking and top-notch. The Saturday show will feature Fayetteville, North Carolina-based veteran, hard-working, blissful-sounding saxophonist Reggie Codrington and his exciting group; South Carolina native. NCCU Jazz Studies Department graduate, hot, much-in-demand saxophonist

Please see **FESTIVAL**/*Page 2*



Dr.. Tashni Dubroy will be first woman to the lead the HBCU in its 150 year history.

Shaw University appoints Dubroy next president

SPECIAL TO
THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

RALEIGH - Shaw University appointed Dr. Tashni-Ann Dubroy as its next president Saturday. The Historically Black University's Board of Trustees selected Dubroy to replace interim president Dr. Gaddis Faulcon beginning August 1.

Dubroy is deeply familiar with Shaw. She attended Shaw as a student, was the Chair of the Natural Sciences and Math Department for three years and served as Special Assistant to the President for the past year and a half. In addition to her

Please see **DUBROY**/*Page 2*

Dr. Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. is new UNCG chancellor

SPECIAL TO
THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

GREENSBORO, N.C. Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., Dean of the Luskin School of Public Affairs at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), was elected Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) by the Board of Governors of the 17-campus University of North Carolina last month. Gilliam, 60, will assume his new duties September 8.

Acting on behalf of UNC President Tom Ross, who is recovering from shoulder surgery, UNC Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Junius Gonzales placed Gilliam's name in nomination today during the board's regular May meeting. Gilliam succeeds Acting Chancellor Dana Dunn, who has led the institution since Linda Brady began medical leave in March following heart surgery. Brady served as chancellor of the university for seven years. Dunn returns to her previous position as Provost and executive vice chancellor of UNCG.

In recommending Gilliam to the Board of Governors, Ross said in a prepared statement: "In a stellar career that spans three decades, Frank Gilliam has distinguished himself as a faculty member, researcher and top-notch

Please see **GILLIAM**/*Page 3*

DR. FRANKLIN D. GILLIAM, JR.

THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

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

WE ACCEPT

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

Opinions expressed by columnists in this newspaper do not necessarily represent the policy of this paper.
The Wilmington Journal cannot accept yard sale and dinner sale announcements as briefs. These are considered advertisements. Community and religious briefs are designated for public service announcements, which are free and open to the public.
All news must be submitted two weeks in advance by Fridays at 5 p.m. There is no charge for submitting briefs, news and photos. All briefs will run for a maximum of two weeks.
Please send news near the event date. Briefs/news cannot be taken over the phone. Photos and stories may also be emailed to us at wilmjournnews@aol.com. News, but not photos, may be faxed to us at 910-343-1334. Photos may be picked up after appearing in the paper. The publisher is not responsible for the return of unsolicited news, pictures or advertising copy unless necessary postage accompanies the copy on a self-addressed envelope.

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

BRUNSWICK

Continued from Page 1

our churches and communities to work hard for the uplifting of each other. We need to support our NAACP that we might build it for our people, our children, and our future. The battles we fight have to be fought in unity. No one person will win. One person can make a difference, but together we stand! Divided we fall! We must fight for the poor, the sick, the elderly, Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, and the ones who don't have voices to speak for themselves. We thank you for your support. Let it continue.

The Brunswick County Black Leadership Caucus will have its annual June affair June 6, 2015, at 5:00 p. m at St. James Community Center. Come out and support the Caucus. There will be scholarships awarded that night. Donations are $50.00 per ticket.

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

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

Tell them you saw it in The Wilmington Journal

Today's Black News Is Tomorrow's Black History

SCHEME

Continued from Page 1

tions, or face a lawsuit in 90 days.

Lawyers for Demos, Project Vote and the Southern Coalition For Social justice, reiterated the legal threat.

Meanwhile twenty-seven North Carolina voters filed suit in federal court last week, challenging nine Senate and 19 House voting districts drawn by the Republican-led NC General Assembly. This new litigation, which claims that the 2011 maps are unconstitutional because black voters were "stacked and packed" into several majority-minority districts" requests a three-judge federal panel to review the redistricting maps, and then the federal court to order the state Legislature to redraw the lines in time for the 2016 elections.

This new lawsuit comes after the US Supreme Court last March ordered the NC Supreme Court to review the 2011 redistricting maps, suggesting that just like Alabama, race was the driving factor in determining new voting districts. The state High Court is scheduled to take another look at those maps in August.

In July in Winston-Salem, a federal court judge will hear arguments at trial regarding the 2013 voter ID restrictions passed by the Republican-led Legislature and signed by Gov. McCrory. The US Justice Dept., now under North Carolina native US Attorney General Loretta Lynch, is a co-plaintiff along with the NC NAACP and others in the suit against the Legislature, hoping to overturn what many say is the most restrictive voting law in the nation, before the 2016 elections.

Again in August, a state court will consider another challenge to the voter ID law, which alleges that requiring photo identification to cast a ballot is "a new qualification" that discriminates against black voters and is a violation of the North Carolina Constitution, which does not require photo ID.

In October, two more cases challenging redistricting are scheduled to be heard. The first, scheduled for October 13th, is a lawsuit against the state's congressional districts. The second takes on North Carolina's legislative districts

FESTIVAL

Continued from Page 1

Marcus Anderson, and on Saturday night, The John Brown Quintet returns again with the highly-acclaimed, intense-playing, first-class gui**tarist** Mark Whitfield, who will be making his first appearance at the Ocean City Beach Jazz Festival.

Doors open at 4:00 p.m. The event will be held in the courtyard of the Ocean City Beach Community Center, 2649 Island Drive, North Topsail Beach, NC 28460 (behind the Wade Chestnut Memorial Chapel).

Ocean City Beach, North Carolina is an historically Black beach located a stone's throw from the Atlantic Ocean that was founded and developed by African-Americans in the 1940s, and is one the oldest beaches on the North Carolina coast. The festival is a perfect way to continue the strong legacy of Ocean City Beach as one the best family-oriented places to be to have fun in the sun. It has fast become one of must-see summer music events that music fans from far and near flock to for a show that features first-class performers. The Ocean City Beach Jazz Festival is the place to be and it just gets better and better every year. But who should be surprised because Ocean City Beach, North Carolina is and will always be in a class all by itself.

No picnics or coolers, please. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available for purchase on the premises. Bring lawn chairs.

Proceeds to benefit The Ocean City Beach Citizens Council.

The 6th Annual Ocean City Jazz Festival is supported, in part, by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of Department of Cultural Resources.

For tickets, transportation package from Fayetteville and shuttle from Wilmington and more information go to: http://www.oceancityjazzfest.com and see ad below.

DUBROY

Continued from Page 1

education at Shaw, Dubroy has a PhD in chemistry from North Carolina State University and an MBA from Rutgers.

Dubroy's experience is not limited to academia, though. With experience as an entrepreneur, nonprofit founder, chemist and corporate manager, Dubroy has the type of well-rounded profile it takes to lead a university in a fast-growing city.

"Shaw needed a president with a fresh vision to take us in a new direction," said Board of Trustees Chairman Joe Bell. "At different points in history, different types of leaders are needed and for Shaw, this is the time for someone with a solid business background. An entrepreneur. A solid academic. Dr. Dubroy is all that and more," he added.

One of Dubroy's primary selling points for the Board of Trustees was her varied and practical experience outside of academia. Dubroy says she will lean on that experience to help Shaw and its students by helping them "connect with all the companies right here in downtown Raleigh and find paths to employment." Similarly, Chairman Bell felt she was the right choice in part because she can "help Shaw connect with donors, alumni, and corporate sponsors."

Dubroy understands the need to move Shaw forward while respecting its past and the opportunities provided by its location in downtown Raleigh, one of the fastest growing cities in America. "I am committed to leading Shaw University to greater heights without losing sight of our rich heritage," said Dubroy, adding, "I will begin my tenure by listening to the faculty and staff, the alumni, the donors, and the community."

"I love Shaw and I am honored to be its next president," Dubroy said, adding "for the past 150 years, Shaw has developed a rich tradition of preparing students to take on the world and I am thrilled to be entrusted with maintaining that tradition."

Join the brothers of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Team ILA 1426, Team Danny Mitchell and several others for an afternoon of golfing and prizes.

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd ANNUAL
Dolores F. Moore Scholarship Fundraiser
&
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hosted by: Wilmington Ten Foundation for Social Justice, Inc.

Date: Saturday, JUNE 13, 2015

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Magnolia Greens Golf Plantation
Leland, N.C.

Cost per player: $75.00
Cost per team(4 players): $300.00

Tournament registration is available on website

To become a sponsor, or to register a team, Contact us @
wilmingtontenfoundation@gmail.com
Donations are also accepted via web, or may be mailed to:
WTFSJ, Inc.
P.O. Box 12570
Wilmington, N.C. 28405
www.wilmtenfoundation.org
a 501c3 organization

GOSPEL JOY - The LIGHT
still *Winning Wilmington In Love!*
WWIL 1490 AM

a listener-supported ministry
www.CarolinaChristianRadio.org
PO Box 957
Wilmington NC 28402-0957

Gospel Joy

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NOW HIGHER THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE

[RALEIGH] For the first time in almost a year, the jobless rate in North Carolina is actually higher than the unemployment rate across the nation. According to state Commerce Dept. officials, the jobless rate in North Carolina rose .1 percent from March to April to 5.5 percent, while the national average, which actually dropped, was 5.4 percent. Experts say a large number of people are coming back into the labor market after being unemployed for a while, causing the slight uptick between March and April.

UNC BOARD DROPS KKK LEADER'S NAME FROM BUILDING

[CHAPEL HILL] The name of Ku Klux Klan leader William Lawrence Saunders will no longer grace a building on the UNC - Chapel Hill campus. The school's Board of Trustees, in a 10-3 vote last week, changed the name of Saunders Hall to Carolina Hall after growing student protests forced the board to act. Saunders was an 1854 graduate of UNC, a colonel in the Civil War, a North Carolina Secretary of State, and the leader of the KKK in the state. His name was placed on a UNC campus building in 1922. There was no indication as to when the name change will take place.

SEVERAL DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST NCCU

[DURHAM] A string of legal complaints alleging job discrimination at North Carolina Central University in Durham continued this week when attorneys for a white business school assistant dean filed documents with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, claiming that she was the target of racial discrimination, and told that she should work at a majority white institution. The UNC Board of Governors was also named in the EEOC complaint. Last week, the former chief of staff to NCCU Chancellor Debra Saunders-White filed suit in Durham Superior Court, while two other former members of the business school filed federal lawsuits, all claiming to be victims of racial discrimination at NCCU. Two of the plaintiffs are white, one is Cuban. An NCCU spokesperson said the complaints are "unfounded allegations," and that the school would "vigorously and aggressively" defend itself in court.

NC APPEALS COURT SLAPS BACK REPUBLICAN MOVE TO END TEACHERS' TENURE

[RALEIGH] When the Republican-led NC General Assembly passed a law in 2013 effectively ending teachers' tenure, that was unconstitutional, ruled the NC Court of Appeals this week. The three-judge panel said that the law "illegally" repealed the contract and property rights of educators who had passed up more lucrative positions. They joined teaching on the promise of tenure if earned, and to retroactively take that from them was a violation of their constitutional rights.

FEDERAL APPEALS COURTS GREEN LIGHTS LAWSUIT AGAINST GOP-DRAWN WAKE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS

[RALEIGH] The 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that a federal judge erred when he threw out a lawsuit challenging redrawn Wake School Board voting districts. The appellate court ordered that the suit go on to trial in federal court. The Republican-led NC General Assembly redrew the district lines after Democrats swept five seats on the board in 2011. The new lines were drawn to assure that Republicans could reclaim the majority on the board. A federal judge threw out a lawsuit claiming that the new lines were a violation of the constitutional one man-one vote principal. The appeals court ruled that the argument had merit, and should proceed to trial.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

GILLIAM

Continued from Page 1

administrator. He has taught and held senior leadership positions at one of our nation's best known and most respected public universities. And at each step along the way, he has proven himself to be an engaged and effective leader who promotes openness and collaboration, strategic thinking and creative problem-solving, and a real-life commitment to academic excellence and community partnership. UNC Greensboro is fortunate to gain a leader with this wealth of talent, passion and commitment."

Since 2008 Gilliam, a longtime UCLA professor of public policy and political science, has been Dean of the Luskin School of Public Affairs. As dean, Gilliam has focused on establishing UCLA Luskin as a leader in finding solutions to society's most pressing problems - from juvenile justice to drug policy, from child welfare and health care reform to transportation and the environment. He also secured a $50-million naming gift for the school and has launched new campaigns to elevate its mission of public service. Under his leadership, it has launched major administrative and educational initiatives ranging from an ambitious centennial fundraising campaign and strategic planning initiative to programs in global public affairs, leadership, digital governance, and inequality. The school's active research centers include the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, the Institute for Transportation Studies, the Center for Policy Research on Aging, the Luskin Center for Innovation and, coming August 1, the new Institute on Inequality and Democracy.

"During the university's comprehensive search process, Frank emerged as a committed and determined leader who holds the special combination of skills, talents and experience required to effectively guide UNCG's future growth," said Susan Safran, UNCG Board of Trustees chair and chair of the Chancellor Search Committee.

A native of Bloomington, MN, Gilliam earned a bachelor's degree in political science (1977) from Drake University and holds master's (1978) and doctoral (1983) degrees in the field from the University of Iowa. Early in his academic career, he taught at Grinnell College and the University of Wisconsin-Madison before joining the UCLA faculty in 1986 as an assistant professor of political science. Twice nominated for UCLA's Luckman Distinguished Teaching Award, Gilliam also has taught at the University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, and was a Visiting Scholar at Brandeis University. In addition, he taught at Fisk University, Middle Tennessee State University, and with former Vice President Al Gore at Columbia University.

"Frank Gilliam is an accomplished higher education leader whose experience at a highly regarded public research university positions him well to move UNC Greensboro forward along its trajectory of success and accomplishment," said Acting Chancellor Dana Dunn. "His background demonstrates that he is an inclusive collaborator, a focused visionary and an engaged leader. I'm very excited about UNCG's future under Frank's leadership."

Gilliam's research interests include strategic communications and its effects on shaping public policy; electoral politics; and racial and ethnic politics. He is married to Jacquelean Gilliam, executive director of Scholarships & Student Support Initiatives and Campus-wide Initiatives at UCLA. They have two children: Ariel Gilliam, 22, who will graduate from UCLA in June with a degree in history; and Franklin D. "Trey" Gilliam, III, a junior at University High School in West Los Angeles.

WALKER TAYLOR AGENCY, INC. INSURANCE "THAT'S ALL" WILMINGTON, N.C.

RECYCLE

THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

BY SPREADING THE NEWS

Pass along your old

WILMINGTON JOURNAL

newspapers for others to enjoy.

Godwin Communication, LLC

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

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

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

Our Voice

CURRY'S COMMENTS

Black boys do more than run

I recently attended my grandson Austin Ragland's graduation from pre-school in Buford, Ga. Yes, you read correctly - pre-school. It's never too soon to begin celebrating academic achievement, as his graduation from pre-school attests. So, PaPa was excited about going to Austin's graduation ceremony and seeing him don a cap and gown for the first time to receive his "diploma."

In addition to wanting to support every significant event in Austin's life, PaPa realizes, to borrow a phrase from Jesse Jackson, that he has more yesterdays than tomorrows. I don't know how many such celebrations I'll be around for, so the sooner we begin celebrating, the better.

George Curry

At 5 years old, Austin is extremely smart. He read more books than anyone else in his age-group and thanks to his parents, learning is fun to him. He frequently wants to practice his site words, even on weekends, without being asked and loves reading to Grammy.

I was expecting to hear some reference to Austin's quickly developing intellect at his graduation, but was I ever disappointed. Miffed is a more accurate description. Naw, I was pissed.

When it was Austin's turn to receive his diploma, he had been instructed to run to the front of the room, which he did.

"Austin Ragland - as you can see, he's our best boy runner," the presiding teacher said. "He's really fast. Give me a hug."

I said beneath my breath, "He does more than run." And the more I thought about it, the angrier I became.

Let's be clear: Austin's pre-school has done a wonderful job providing him with a firm educational foundation. I believe his teachers are good-hearted, caring individuals who have Austin's best interests at heart. Still, I find it troubling that of all the things they could have said about Austin, they chose to focus on his speed.

To be fair, they did the same things to some of Austin's White classmates - one boy was praised for his athletic skills. So, I don't view it as conscious racism. But I don't know Austin's White classmates, I know him. And I know how critical it is to highlight brain over brawn.

Fortunately, Austin is a good athlete - he plays basketball and soccer - and he's an excellent student. But his parents and grandparents want him to know that what he does academically is far more important than what he does on the basketball court or soccer field. In my grandson's case, he will definitely get that reinforcement from his family. But I fear some of his friends might not receive the message. And that's why it's so important that educators be aware of the messages they are consciously and unconsciously transmitting to young Black boys in particular.

As education consultant and prolific author Jawanza Kunjufu observes, "Visit a kindergarten class and observe Black boys in action. They're eager, they sit in the front, they're on task. They love learning."

But by the time they are in the 9th grade, they have absorbed a different message, one where academics are not valued as much as they should be.

Kunjufu explained, "Boys don't drop out in the 12th grade. They physically drop out in the ninth grade, but they emotionally and academically drop out in the fourth grade."

A contributing factor, according to Kunjufu, is the composition of the teaching force.

"Can you imagine African Americans may be the only group expecting someone else to educate their children?" he wrote. "White female teachers constitute 83 percent of the U.S. elementary teaching force. African American students are 17 percent of public school students nationwide, but represent only 6 percent of the teachers.

"Unfortunately, African American males constitute only 1 percent of the teaching population. There are schools without one African American male academic teacher. They are employed as custodians, security guards, and P.E. teachers. Often schools will hire an African American male to be assistant principal which translates into being in charge of all male behavioral problems."

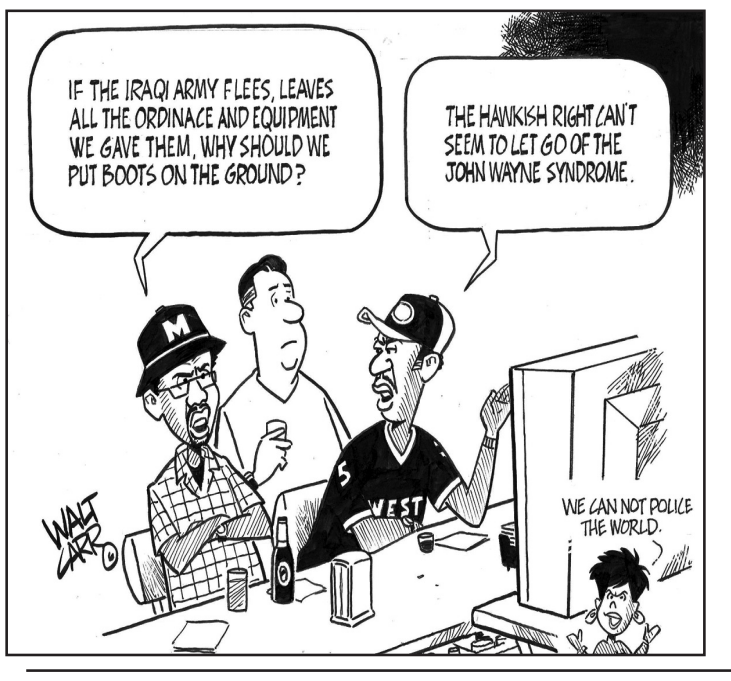
Make no mistake about it, Black girls, who are suspended or expelled from school at higher rates than White girls, also deserve special attention and should not be ignored in the rush to create new programs and opportunities for Black boys and men. Still, visit any college campus and you'll notice the severe underrepresentation of Black males.

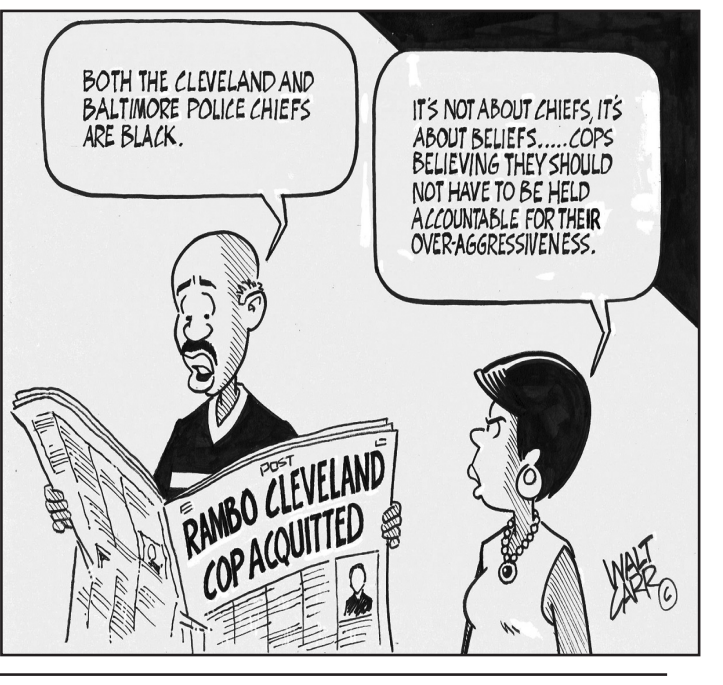
After the graduation ceremony, one of the administrators told Grammy that Austin will be attending a challenging kindergarten in the fall and volunteered, "He'll probably be placed in the gifted class."

To me, sharing that with the audience would have been much better than merely proclaiming that he was the fastest student in the class. He was also one of the smartest and that should not have been overlooked.

George E. Curry, former editor-in-chief of Emerge magazine, is editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service (NNPA) and BlackPressUSA.com. He is a keynote speaker, moderator, and media coach. Curry can be reached through his Web site, www.georgecurry.com. You can also follow him at www.twitter.com/currygeorgeand George E. Curry Fan Page on Facebook. See previous columns at http://www.george curry.com/columns.

Visual Voice





Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Shrinking middle class squeezes African Americans, Latinos

They teach our children, drive our buses, clean our streets and deliver our mail. They staff the government and make it run. Their public-sector jobs are at the heart of the middle class, particularly for African-Americans and Latinos. And they are in steep decline.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

One of five African-American adults works in government employment. This is a higher percentage than either white Americans or Latinos. It isn't surprising. Freed of segregation, African-Americans came into our cities just as manufacturing jobs - the traditional pathway to the middle class - were headed abroad. Government employment offered secure jobs, decent pay and benefits, a chance to buy a home and lift your family.

Women also flocked to public service jobs, which offered greater professional and managerial opportunities.

But in 2008 when the economy collapsed, state budgets were savaged. Tax revenues plummeted; spending needs soared. Deep cutbacks in regular programs followed. No one will be surprised to learn that African Americans lost jobs at a higher rate than whites, often because of seniority.

Now, in the sixth year of the recovery, the economy has inched back, unemployment is down. But employment in the public sector hasn't bounced back. The new jobs being created pay less and offer less security than the jobs that were lost. And this has devastating effects on the African-American middle class, the very people who have worked hard, played by the rules, and sought to get ahead.

The Economic Policy Institute estimates that since 2007, there are 1.8 million missing jobs in the public sector. Moreover, across the country, conservative Republican governors have assaulted unions and sought to curb collective bargaining, erase teacher tenure, and dramatically cut pensions and other benefits.

The loss of jobs and cutback on wages exacerbated the housing collapse. We've learned that banks and other predators targeted black neighborhoods like Prince Georges County in Maryland. They marketed shoddy mortgages, leaving those with good credit paying higher rates than they could have and those with no credit betting it all on the assumption that housing prices would never fall.

Many report on the decline of the middle class, which has fallen backward over the last decade in both median income and wealth. More than 8 of 10 Americans, according to a Pew Poll, now report that it is harder to maintain their standard of living than it was 10 years ago.

And African-Americans and Latinos got hit the hardest. The race gap has widened, not narrowed, in this century. The New York Times reports that 50 percent of African-Americans now are low-income households, along with 43 percent of Latinos - a category that has been growing since 2000.

In Illinois, the nonprofit Corporation for Enterprise Development reports that more than one in three households suffers a "persistent state of financial insecurity." Again, African-Americans, Latinos and single women with children fare worse.

Numbers like this numb. We know the reality. But we seem in denial. When Baltimore blows up, the spotlight is put on the police and their practices, as it should be. But police forces across the country are ordered to keep order in communities racked with unemployment, homelessness, drugs, guns, collapsing schools, impoverished families and crushed hopes. The best-trained, more empathetic police officers in the country would have a hard time fulfilling that mission.

This country cannot stay in denial. We have to have a bold plan to rebuild high poverty neighborhoods from Chicago's South Side to Appalachia's valleys. Across the country we have work to do - from rebuilding 100-year-old water systems to creating the rapid transit

JACKSON

continued on Page 5

America's true crime problem

It's getting to be difficult to recall a week when, thanks to public exposure of videos, or tweets, text messages or emails, we've not seen another shocking example of police mistreatment of Black or Hispanic citizens under questionable circumstances.

Lee A. Daniels

Consider that, and then ponder these words about Black Americans and the criminal justice system: "There is too much crime and too little justice in the lives of black Americans today. But while the problem of crime is widely shared in the United States, the problem of injustice is not."

And these words which closely follow them: "It is a paradox that black Americans, who suffer from crime disproportionately, have mixed feelings, at best, regarding its support of and confidence in the criminal justice system as it operates today."

And, finally, these: "The only way out of this paradox is to address the problems of crime and injustice simultaneously: changing the nature of the courts, criminal punishments and law enforcement agencies and their agents, while honestly acknowledging the scope of the crime problem and working for peace in Black America."

No, you won't find those words in the agreement signed recently by the Department of Justice and the city of Cleveland requiring an extensive reform of the city's widely-criticized police force. Actually, they were written 20 years ago by criminal justice scholar Christopher E. Stone, then head of the nonprofit Vera Institute for Justice, in the 1996 edition of the National Urban League publication, The State of Black America 1996. Stone, a founder of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, in New York City, is now president of the George Soros-funded Open Society Foundations.

But they are as relevant today as then because the use of social media has undeniably revealed that some significant segment of cops - largely White ones but also some Black and Hispanic ones, too - view Black Americans not as citizens to protect but easy marks to prey upon.

What's also been made clear, via a growing stack of Justice Department investigations of small-and big-city police departments, is that this predatory attitude and behavior, has long been part of the "culture" of policing itself.

For example, one of the high-ranking Miami Beach, Fla. cops charged last month with exchanging 230 emails filled with racist and sexist jokes and pornography, told a local news channel last year when the emails first surface, "That was the culture back then. It was just guys emailing each other. There was a good ol' boy mentality back then."

What that "aw shucks" pose tried to obscure was both the vile nature of the emails and that "back then" covered the years 2010 to 2012.

Who would expect officers with these attitudes to treat citizens of color fairly? Polls have long shown that Black Americans don't.

The Justice Department's scathing report on the management and practices of the Cleveland police force is the latest to show that police department's racist practices toward Blacks and Hispanics is also both a cause and effect of bad policing: of the unnecessary and excessive use of deadly force and lethal force; of retaliatory beatings and the unnecessary use of Tasers, batons and chemical sprays; of the mistreatment of people who are mentally ill; of the use of poor tactics in dangerous situations that put officers and innocent civilians at risk; and of a lack of proper training and supervision of its officers.

The findings largely repeat those of a Justice Department investigation done a decade ago during the Bush administration that let Cleveland officials off the hook with a voluntary pledge to change departmental practices.

The new agreement requires specific measures to correct the deficiencies. Most important, it mandates the creation of a 13-member community police commission to oversee the reform effort. That body will have 10 members representing a cross-section of the Cleveland community and one member each from the Cleveland Patrolmen's Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Black Shield Police Association.

Of course, the commission has much contentious work ahead of it in trying to solve the problems of the Cleveland police force. But the Justice Department's involvement in forging the agreement, and those of other communities bedeviled by egregiously racist police practices, underscore the fact that reforming bad police departments requires the combination of federal government oversight and local government oversight and local-community oversight.

That requires that the right people be in charge of the Justice Department - which means having the right people in charge of the White House - if there's to be any chance of solving the nation's true crime problem: a criminal justice system built substantially on injustice, particularly racial injustice.

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

The **BLACK PRESS USE IT *or* LOSE IT!**

Justice is not blind

When racist attitudes, either conscious or subconscious, are combined with the discretionary powers that law enforcement officers have, the result is a differential outcome, with African Americans more likely to be the targets of "blind justice."

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Most of our politicians and leaders are exploiting subconscious racism, and pandering to explicit racial fears. Even worse, they are rewarded when they say they are "tough on crime."

Soledad O'Brien documented some of these attitudes in her most recent "Black In America" series. Included was an interview with a young Black man was stopped more than 100 times as he stood outside his college. Of course, he'd done nothing wrong, but police officers, "doing their duty," felt free to harass him.

In a more telling segment, two young men, one Black and one White, staged the "stealing" of a bike to show how members of the public responded to watching the apparent theft. The young men were dressed similarly - T-shirts, casual pants, caps. People walked by as the White guy did everything he could to break the lock on the bike, including using a chain cutter. One even offered to help him take "his" bike, even though he acknowledged it was not his.

Within moments of the Black man approaching the bike, White people, one or two of whom called 911, surrounded him. As opposed to the benign response the White guy got, the Black guy was simply assumed to be a criminal.

How does this play out on the streets and with officers of the law? Police officers use their discretion selectively. A Black man (Eric Garner) selling loose cigarettes is manhandled, arrested, and dies when he is choked and cannot breathe. Most have seen the video by now, and wonder why Daniel Pantaleo was not charged with any crime, even though he used an illegal chokehold on Garner.

Pantaleo could have told Garner to move on, or he would risk arrest. Instead, Pantaleo and his posse of lawless cowboys chose to kill the man. Would a White man be similarly treated, or did unconscious racism play into the callous way Eric Garner was treated?

During the late 1990s, Mayor Rudy Giuliani's "stop and frisk" policies resulted in African American men being stopped more than five times as frequently as Caucasians, even though these frisks led to nothing more than the humiliation of Black men, some simply coming off the subway or walking down the street. Hispanic men were stopped about three times as often as Caucasians. White men were stopped and frisked less frequently than others. Unconscious racism? Discretion? The law sanctions both.

Stop and frisk incidents increased dramatically with no concomitant increase in crime. However, since New York Mayor Bill Blasio took office, the number of stop and frisk incidents has dropped by almost three quarters, again with no

MALVEAUX
See this page

JACKSON
Continued from page 4

that will connect people to jobs to moving to clean energy - and we have an entire generation of young people desperate for work. We have corporations stashing trillions abroad to avoid paying their fair share of taxes. Billionaire hedge fund operators pay a lower tax rate than their secretaries. We need rebuild America and put people to work. The cost of losing another generation to despair will be far greater than the cost of investing in them on the front side of life.

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

Blacks need to join discussion on the economy

One's worldview or social perspective is mainly informed by a matrix of different socioeconomic and political circumstances. A polling of Black America about the current "recovery" of the economy of the United States would produce a dramatically different set of responses from the polling results of White America That is because the vast economic inequality between Blacks and Whites in the U.S. today appears to be escalating.

Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

According the latest reports from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the steady overall pace of the recovery of the economy continues grow and expand. Yet while there was a .7 percent decline in the economy for the first quarter of 2015, the forecast for the remainder of 2015 looks very favorable and profitable, especially for those who are already wealthy.

I have always believed that Black Americans should become much more aware of the economic trends that are affecting the U.S. economy as a whole. Too often we get left out of the national discussion concerning the economy because we do not consistently articulate the overall daily national economic interests of 45 million Black Americans.

While it is important to continue to cite the fact that the current annual Black American spending in the U.S. economy totals more than $1.2 trillion, how do we really leverage that fact to help empower Black American families and communities to get out of poverty? Economic productivity is not just about how much a person or a group spends. Economic productivity is also about how much a person or a group produces, invests, and leverages to achieve sustainable financial development and empowerment.

The wealth gap between Black and White Americans continues grow wider. The U.S. Census Bureau reported in 2011 that the median White household had $111,146 in wealth holdings, compared to only $7,113 for the median Black household. Four years later, that gap has widened to the point that it is now being called the "racial wealth gap."

The state of Black America's economy has to be a priority issue that is addressed in every municipality and in every state where Black Americans are concentrated. This also needs to be addressed as well at the federal level not once a year but every day of every month in each of the four quarters that the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is determined and debated. The GDP, as defined by the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, is the value of the aggregate production of goods and services in the United States and that is adjusted for price changes.

Black American economists and professionals in the financial services arena should formally issue on a quarterly basis a report on the Black American GDP. Do not misunderstand what I am calling for and the reason for doing such a report routinely each quarter. This is not just about statistics. This is about the need to make the national economic debate more inclusive of the economic interests of the Black American community.

We are grateful to the National Urban League for its annual report on the State of Black America that is published each year. Its 2015 report, State of Black America® - "Save Our Cities: Education, Jobs + Justice,"that documented the facts that economic inequality between Black and White Americans was rapidly increasing across the nation. Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League, emphasized, "Black America is in crisis - a jobs crisis, an education crisis and a justice crisis." I agree with Morial and I would add that Black America's crisis today is also an economic crisis.

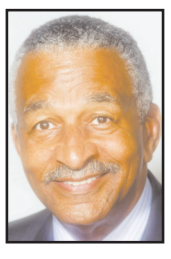
We should remain vigilant and not let the disparities or the increasing economic inequalities break our spirit. We have been through hard time before today and we will face hard socioeconomic times in the future. Our ancestors did not let racism, injustice and inequity break their collective and individual determination to make progress even in the face of brutal and institutionalized oppression. Our struggle and labor for economic equality will continue in America and throughout the world. Let's keep pushing forward to advance the social and economic progress of Black America.

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

BLACKONOMICS

Media colors coverage of race

Discussions in the news media (I'd rather call it the "Views Media") regarding the use of the word, "Thug," are intriguing to say the least. The mayor of Baltimore, the president, and some in the media used the term during the unrest that followed the killing of Freddie Gray. Less pejorative words, or no description at all, were used for those who committed similar acts of violence in Lexington, Kentucky, after their basketball team lost, those who fought the cops during the May Day riots in Seattle, and now the motorcycle gangs in Waco, Texas, even after nine men were killed in what some "views" people called a "melee."



James Clingman

Remember post-Katrina New Orleans? The media described Whites as "finding" food in stores; Blacks were said to have "looted" food.

It is interesting how media folks use different words to portray groups of people. History is replete with examples of this duplicitous media response to criminal events by Black people versus White people.

A glaring example is the following observation by Frank W. Quillan in 1910: "When a Negro commits a crime the newspapers always emphasize his race connection by such headlines as 'A Big Black Burly Brute of a Negro' does such and such, and the whole race gets a share of the blame; while if the crime is committed by a white man, race is not mentioned, and the individual gets the blame."

Little has changed in over 100 years.

Another more contemporary juxtaposition appeared on CNN during the weekend of May 23. A judge in Cleveland ruled that a police officer who jumped on the hood of the car, in which a Black couple had already been fired upon 122 times by 12 officers, was justified when he fired 15 additional bullets into the car. In the same news show, Poppy Harlow reported on a White female police officer in Omaha, Nebraska, who was shot and killed in the line of duty.

After hearing the relatives of the Black male victim say how great a person he was, how compassionate he was, how he was not carrying a gun and would never do that, and how he helped so many other people in his daily walk, Harlow never said a positive word about him in her response.

On the contrary, when she interviewed the friends of the female officer, after they described her in much the same manner as the Black man was described, one person even saying she was an "angel," Harlow responded by saying, "She even looks angelic." First of all, Harlow literally described how an "angel" looks (I don't know how she knows that), and then she ascribed her characterization to the White female.

This is no surprise to anyone who watches any of the "views" shows, but it also speaks to the pervasive disregard and lack of even a modicum of compassion for Black victims - even when they were fired upon 137 times by 12 police officers. It didn't matter to Harlow what the Black victim's relatives said. He was certainly not described as looking "angelic."

Now, let's take a closer look at Cleveland. Having recently written about the Tamir Rice case and the mayor of Cleveland saying Rice "caused his own death," my outrage has been heightened by the judge's conclusion in the killing of the two Black victims. He said the cop was justified in firing 15 more shots into the victims because it was "reasonable" to believe the threat had not been abated by the previous 122 shots. He also agreed that the cop was justified in believing his life was still in danger.

One officer involved in the car chase got on the radio and told the pursuing cops that the victims had no gun. Yet, the officer on trial said he was "scared to death," in fear for his life. Does it make sense that his extreme level of fear would cause him to expose himself to persons he thought were trying to kill him? He should have taken cover rather than jump on the hood of the victims' car.

It's that "Gorillas in the mist," scenario, that "super human strength" contention, and that "running from the police" thing again. These two victims were doomed from the start of that car chase. Unlike the numerous "angelic-looking" Whites that police pursue for miles, only to arrest them when they finally pull over, this Black couple gets 122 bullets fired at them and then 15 more for good measure.

Duplicitous utterances by folks in the media and the courts suggest that they think we are the stupidest people on earth. One last thought: Why do we chant "No Justice, No Peace," and then brag about how "peaceful" the march was, despite not having received justice?

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

Blacks must be part of energy debate

Numbers released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that income disparities among different ethnic groups in the U.S. remain pronounced. Median weekly earnings for Black males are just 75.6 percent of the median for White males, and Black females' earnings were 82.3 percent of the median for White females. Overall, African Americans are more than twice as likely to live in poverty as non-African Americans.

Matthew C. Whitaker

Those Americans - including many minority families - who remain below the poverty line face a sea of challenges, but one of the most important is the cost of household energy. This is a basic need - every family needs to heat and cool its home. So when we talk about energy policies in this country, we need to focus on the importance of affordability.

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a discussion in Charlotte, N.C. at the 2015 American Association of Blacks in Energy national conference, where we discussed some of the energy policy challenges of particular concern for the African American community. One such topic is renewable energy and how to foster its growth so that one day all consumers who want to make the choice to rely on clean fuels can. That we are fortunate enough to be at this point part of the energy policy debate is a testament to the innovation and cutting-edge technologies that this country is championing. Of course, any new opportunity brings challenges along with opportunities, and the dynamics behind the growth of rooftop solar panels specifically are no exception.

In fact, one rooftop solar policy that I spoke about at the conference is actually tipping the scales against minority and underserved communities like mine in favor of those who are more fortunate. That policy, called net metering, overcompensates rooftop solar users and essentially lets them bypass the cost of paying for the grid. This just does not work - the grid is something we all rely on to get our electricity. This includes those with rooftop solar panels that depend on the grid to get electricity when the sun doesn't shine. So when rooftop solar users cut and run from paying for the grid, everyone else has to pick up the slack.

Because of the economics of rooftop solar, "everyone else" in this case ends up being the less financially well-off. Just think about it - first and foremost, you've got to have a house. This automatically eliminates anyone who lives in community housing, rents an apartment, or lacks clear property rights. And, according to a 2008 study by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, approximately 75 percent of all residential rooftop areas in the United States aren't suitable for rooftop solar panels, because of climate, trees, and other constraints.

Finally, rooftop solar systems, which can run up to $40,000, are not financially feasible for many. Even to lease the panels, consumers must have a high credit score, which is yet another barrier.

So the cloudy reality with net metering is that it is a regressive policy, serving as a wealth transfer from the poor to the rich. Ultimately, this is an issue of social justice, especially if it leads to the creation of energy poverty zones. There are some bright spots when it comes to this issue, however. Arizona, for example, is leading the way by trying to institute a cost structure that ensures the fair integration of rooftop solar while also sufficiently supporting the grid.

The path forward is clear: through discussions like the one we had in Charlotte, and in various forums across the country, energy stakeholders have an opportunity to shape policies that are more inclusive of minority communities. The good news is that meaningful public policies changes really can smooth the economic outlook for Americans, and importantly, minority populations like ours. In today's economic environment, every fix counts.

Matthew C. Whitaker is ASU Foundation professor of history and founding director of the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, in the School of Letters and Sciences, at Arizona State University. He is also the owner and CEO of The Whitaker Group, L.L.C., an equity and inclusion, cultural competency, and human relations consulting firm. He can be followed on Twitter at @Dr_Whitaker. The views and opinions expressed by the author are his own and do not necessarily reflect the views, opinions, and official policies of Arizona State University.

MALVEAUX
Continued from This Page

increase in crime. It appears that whether stop and frisk occurrences are aggressive or gentle; the incidence of crime does not increase.

There are many occurrences where police can make discretionary decisions. First, they can decide whom to stop. Then, when they stop they don't have to arrest or frisk. A simple conversation that explains the reason for the stop will yield a more favorable outcome than wrestling someone to the ground, knee in his or her back, or handcuffing someone without explaining why.

Police resistance to the use of body cameras suggests these officers know that they are out of order in dealing with the public. Once someone is arrested, the police have the right to charge him or her with a minor crime or let them go. Finally, prosecutors can decline to bring charges. All of these decisions can be minimized or maximized, based on discretion.

Justice is not blind when police officers use discretion to stop one segment of the population to harshly mistreat and let the other population slide. If police officers wonder why there is antipathy and distrust toward them in the African American community, somebody needs to tell them that their use of discretion suggests that justice is hardly blind.

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. She can be reached at www.juliannemalveaux.com.

VOICE YOUR OPINION!

Write a letter to the editor!

Community Briefs

New Hanover County

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

Resource and Information Day for Veterans will be held Saturday, June 13th at S.E.O.M., 515 Ann St. Event 1, "Veterans Benefits and Enrollment", will be held from 9:00am- 3:00 pm. Event 2, " The Insurance Questions" with presenter Henry Brown of State Farm Insurance will be held from 1:00 pm- 2:30 pm and Event 3, "The Legal Questions" with presenter Ms. Erma Johnson, Attorney At Law will be held from 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm.

The Democratic Women of New Hanover County will meet on Thursday, June 11th at McAlisters Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Dinner and social time will begin at 6:00 pm followed by a business meeting at 6:45 pm. All registered Democrats are welcome. For further information call 910-395-4502.

The Saint Augustine's University (College) Alumni monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20th at 2:00 pm 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.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

NHCS Pre-K Centers receive Dedication to Education Bonus from NHC Smart Start

NHCS PHOTO

Future scientists at Howe Pre-K Center investigate the world around them.

ARTICLE CONTRIBUTED
BY NHCS

Howe and Johnson Pre-K Centers and the Pre-K programs at Castle Hayne Elementary School and College Road Early Childhood Center recently received the Dedication to Education Bonus from Smart Start of New Hanover County. The one-time $1500 bonus is awarded to childcare centers who have achieved a high educational rating on their star rated license. These funds are to be used for instructional resources for the school to continue to support high quality education for Pre-K students.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Florence Bruce: Age 101

Verniece Stanley

Florence Bruce was born in Bolivia, N.C. on May 22, 1914. She can tell how her father got the land. The deeds were kept by grandparents and given to him to keep as a young man. The land was located near a plantation. The owners were no longer living there. Most of the soil was good for farming.

There was a Mercy building near the road. The only thing Florence could remember about the building was that it was a shelter that was used on rainy days.

School was held in a little wooden church called Cedar Hill. Sometimes, the students would have to bring wood from home to help keep them warm in the winter.

They had to bring their food in a lunch box. Some did not want others to see what they had for lunch. There was a little bridge. It had to be crossed every day. Someone named it Pinch Gut Swamp. The signs were destroyed several times but were replaced each time. At last, it was named Piney Grove Swamp, and that was good.

Florence was proud to attend a better school and graduated with honors. Later, the principal recommended that she attend high school in Southport, N. C. She was sheltered with relatives and had to overcome many unpleasant living conditions, but she made it.

She is the only living graduate of the class of 1936 in, and around, Bolivia, N. C. She wanted a college education but was unable to attain such.

Ms. Bruce lives a very happy life. Sometimes, she uses her power chair outside. She loves watering her garden, caring for her chickens, and entertaining friends and neighbors who visit with her.

She believes that many opportunities are available today for our youth. She recommends that they take advantage of these opportunities and that they go on and accomplish the better things in life. She says that, with goals in life, one can accomplish anything. She wants others to be like her and live a long and happy life.

Ms. Bruce shares stories of perseverance and struggle at their home on the forty-eight acres of land that she has managed to keep in the family.

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.

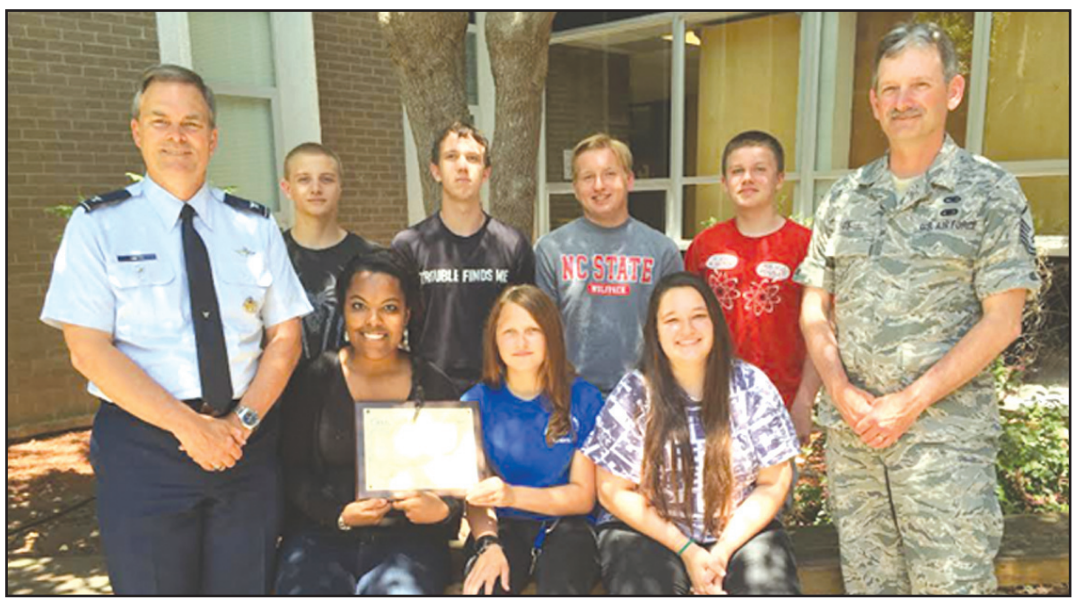
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
FLORENCE BROWN

Laney AFJROTC earns Distinguished Unit Award

ARTICLE CONTRIBUTED
BY NHCS

The Department of the Air Force's Headquarters Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corp (HQ AFJROTC) recently announced that Laney High School's AFJROTC has earned the Distinguished Unit Award (DUA) for 2014-2015. Laney's AFJROTC has received HQ AFJROTC award recognition consecutively since 2004. The Laney AFJROTC instructors are Col (Ret) T. Harrison Smith, Jr. and MSgt (Ret) Bruce D. See.

Less than a third of units worldwide were awarded this top level award. In order to receive the DUA, unit NC-802 was required to meet all headquarters tasking suspenses (deadlines), and average a minimum of 12 hours of community service per cadet. 135 cadets were enrolled during the fall and spring and completed over 1,900 hours of service. The DUA recognizes the personal growth and accomplishments of the cadets, contributions of their instructors as mentors, and the support of school leaders and staff members as well as many within the local community.



NHCS PHOTO

AFJROTC instructors Smith and See and seven cadets representative of Unit NC-802's 105 cadets: Left to right front row - standing -- Col (USAF Ret) T. Harrison Smith, Jr., sitting -- cadet Renee Clauson Rivera, cadet Samantha Jones, cadet Rebecka Owensby, standing MSgt (USAF Ret) Bruce D. See. Standing, Left to right rear row- cadet Christopher Fisher, cadet Seth Bates, cadet Cameron Parker, and cadet Aaron Heck.

Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place 4th Annual "Cruisin For Kids"

BY DARYL DOCKERY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On a beautiful night as the sun began to set and a light cool breeze in the air, the Henrietta Cruise ship set sailed on April 28, 2015 to help raise funds for (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place and celebrate 8 years of service in the community. The guest and supporters embarked upon a night of fun and entertainment under the stars as they boarded the Henrietta Cruise Ship while supporting an award winning non-profit youth program in Wilmington. As the ship made its way on the 2 hr trip along the Cape Fear River event festivities included food and refreshments, live-entertainment, silent auction, and special drawings. Other highlights included presentations and special recognition to "youth" advocates, business sponsors, and the events 1st "Cruisin for Kids" College Scholarship Award.

The entertainment was provided by The Healing Force of Winston Salem NC. The dynamic family of performers and educators offered a genre of traditional African Music, drumming, and dancing. Other entertainment included (S.W.A.G.) Save With Amazing Grace of Maxton NC. The youth drama team displayed a very powerful dance ministry that was both heartfelt and inspirational for everyone to enjoy.

The night festivities ended with a standing ovation to Ms. Talpha Everette, who was the recipient of the 2015 "Cruisin For Kids" College Scholarship Award. As the recipient, Ms. Everette received a check in the amount of $500.00. Ms. Everette is 18 years old and will attend UNC Chapel Hill in the fall. She plans to major in Global Politics with a minor in entrepreneurship. Ms. Talpha Everette is the daughter of Mr. Benjamin Jr. and Mrs. Rochelle A. T. Everette.

Since inception in 2007, (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place has responded to the needs identified by the courts, schools, parents, youths, and community leaders. The company's mission is to bridge the educational and social gaps that exist amongst youths, families, and communities. The "youth" organization has received local and state recognition for impacting the lives of at-risk children and families in New Hanover County. Recent program accomplishments include the NC Food bank' Top Honors for "Best All-Around" Program and "Community-Based" Program Award; chosen amongst 34 counties in Southeastern NC.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
L-R, Mr. John Wilder, Talpha Everette & Daryl Dockery

On behalf of WRAAP' Board of Directors, staff members, and volunteers we would like to thank the guest for joining us for a night of fun on the Henrietta Cruise Ship.

Special acknowledgements to the 2015 "Cruisin For Kids" event sponsors Cape Fear River Boats, Live-Oak Bank, Front Street Brewery, Past Present Future Digital, Church's Chicken, and UNCW Delta Sigma Fraternity-Zeta Omega Chapter for their outstanding show of support to help benefit at-risk children in the community.

If you would like to support the WRAAP' "Cruisin for Kids" fundraiser event or learn more about WRAAP please call 910-392-6007 or visit the company's website at www.nc-wraap.com.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
S.W.A.G.

Readers have requested that *The Wilmington Journal* publish its special edition on Thursday, July 2, 2015, rather than May 21, 2015, in celebration of its 88th Anniversary, the 100th Anniversary of Williston and in memory of Katherine Jervay Tate. We will honor the request. We invite everyone to participate in this celebration by purchasing advertising or joining us as a patron. For more information, please call Shawn Thatch at 910-762-5502. As always, we thank you for the support you have given to us through the years.
Management and Staff

HBCU EXPERIENCE
COLLEGE FAIR AND BATTLE OF THE BANDS
CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY
JUNE 6TH,2015
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Church's Chicken
4205 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403
Church's CHICKEN SINCE 1952

Art 1
HATS AND ACCESSORIES
FOR WOMEN & MEN
419 S. College Rd. Unit 34
University Landing
Wilmington, NC 28403
★★★ 910-791-0909 ★★★
MEN'S:
- FEDORAS
- GENUINE PANAMAS
HATS & CAPS
- DRESS HATS
- TIES & BOW TIE SETS
- ACCESSORIES
LADIES:
- FEDORAS
- SCARVES
- FASHION JEWELRY
- CHURCH HATS
HATS & CAPS
- ACCESSORIES
50%
SELECT GROUP OF LADIES CHURCH HATS

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams

In the early morning hours on Thursday, May 21, 2015, God dispatched an angel to the bedside of his servant, Elizabeth Williams, to accompany her home. She was given her wings. Funeral services were held Friday,May 29, 2015 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery.

She began her journey February 27, 1921 in Lamar, South Carolina. She was born to the late Douglas and Rosa Wright. She met and married her late husband, Marion Williams, in Lamar, South Carolina in 1941. She was blessed with five children.

In 1948, Elizabeth moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, where she joined and became an active and dedicated member of St. Phillip AME Church. She was affiliated with and actively served in the following organizations and positions: Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Senior Choir, Celestial Choir, President of Stewardess Board #3, Steward, Cub Scout Den Mother and the Willing Workers Club. She remained an active member and continued to attend church until her passing.

She was a very loving person who was always willing to give advice and discuss any topic regarding Jesus and/or the Bible. Her priorities were Jesus and her family.

Those who will miss and cherish her memory are her loving children: one son, Alfonso Williams (Rita) of Wilmington, NC; two daughters, Norma Jean Stewart of Washington, DC and Bernice James (Robert) of Castle Hayne, NC; seventeen (17) grandchildren, twenty-one (21) great grandchildren, four (4) great-great grandchildren, eighteen (18) nieces and nephews; a host of cousins, friends and two very special friends, Ms. Margie Charles and Ms. Lilly Ann Holmes.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marion Williams; one sister, Mildred Jacobs; three brothers, Thomas, Eugene and James; one son, Cornelius Wright and one daughter, Helen R. Fields.

Thursday, May 21, 2015 marked the end of an era. The last of Douglas and Rosa's offspring have gone to join them, leaving to esteem her memory, a multitude of family and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Marcus Clark, Jr.

Marcus Clark, Jr. died Thursday, May 21, 2015 at UNC-Hospital Chapel Hill, NC. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 27th at the ILA Hall Local 1426. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Marcus, affectionately called "Mookie", was born February 13, 1957 in Summerton, South Carolina, to Marcus Clark, Sr., and Minnie Ider Canty Clark. At a young age, his family moved to Wilmington, North Carolina. He attended New Hanover County Schools and worked various jobs and eventually retired from the City of Wilmington. Marcus was married to Terry Wise and from this union had two handsome sons, Marcus and Montrel. His love of his children and grandchildren was his passion. His family was his life love. His love for all eight of his siblings was unparalleled but he was always seen with his "Twin" brother, Willie. The two were well-known around for being in competition with each other, but each knew they were equally the same and had each other's back. They were affectionately called "Mutt" and "Jeff". Marcus always showed endless and unselfish love and was known as the family comedian, the life of all parties. Uncle Mookie as he was passionately called by his nieces and nephews and other extended family, was always approachable and loving. His closest friends also nicknamed him "Billy Dee Williams". If he wasn't Billy Dee he was David Ruffin from the Temptations.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one nephew, Carl J. Clark. He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Marcus Alonzo Clark and Montrel Jamar Clark; three grandchildren, Tanaya Clark, Marcus Clark and Amari Clark; stepson, Mekhi Evans; eight siblings, James (Clemontine) Clark of Castle Hayne, NC, Julia (Gustava) Russell of Queens Village, NY, Mary (Eddie) Keaton of Leland, NC, Willie Clark of Leland, NC, Dorethea (Robert) Bradley of Wilmington, NC, Charles (Betty) Clark of Charlotte, NC, Jerome (Delores) Clark and Minnie Ida Clark all of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Jacob (Girlene) Clark and Aaron Canty, all of Wilmington, NC; a special big brother, Leroy "Darryl" Canty; a host of nieces, nephews; aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends, including special friends, James "Batman" Batts, Joseph "Snooty" Harris and many spiritual brothers and sisters who stuck beside him with his trials. There are too many nut equally important friends who have impacted his life as he equally impacted their lives in more ways than one. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Sylvia Helena Torrence

Sylvia Helena Torrence died Friday, May 22, 2015 at Davis Health Care. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 28th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Sylvia Helena Torrence, daughter of the late Sylvia H. Willis, was born January 26, 1921 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Helena was the last member of the Willis Family, which resided at 713 Church Street, Wilmington, North Carolina; until the residence was sold to Saint Luke AME Zion Church.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her daughter, Burnette Graves; cousins, Carol Stewart-Lugo, Brenda Hamlett, Aisha Milliner, Sean Milliner, Zayn Milliner, Zuri Milliner, Nichelle Hayden, Thomas Pannell, Linda Atkinson, Teddy Atkinson; the McIntyre Family of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Wilmington, NC, her loving and devoted roommate, Mrs. Mary Williams; classmate in class of 1918 of Christianted, VI, Mrs. Lucynthia Marshall, Mr. Joe and Thelma Dickie and the New Hope Baptist Church Family. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jimmy Robinson

Jimmy Robinson died Monday, May 25, 2015. Funeral services 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.*

Shirley Ann Holmes Kealon

Shirley Ann Holmes Kealon died Monday, May 25, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Faith Temple COGIC. Burial followed in the Kealon Cemetery, Kelly, NC.

Shirley, daughter of the late Tommie Holmes and Clara Lee Williams-Holmes, was born on August 22, 1946, in Atkinson, NC. Shirley grew up in North Carolina and attended CF Pope High School. She relocated to New York in 1964. On March 13, 1965, Shirley was joined in holy matrimony to Gardner Lee Kealon, Sr. and through this union five children were born. In 1972, the family returned to North Carolina. Shirley attended Miller-Motte Business College in Wilmington, NC where she studied General Office Technology. She later pursued her studies in her calling as a minister where she earned her degree in Theological Studies. Because of her love for others she worked as a CNA for over twenty years at which time she never stepped out of her calling as a minister, evangelist, teacher, counselor and mighty prayer warrior. Her God given gift to deliver the word of God with authority and hold boldness, earned her the nick name "Heavy Thunder". Shirley was the founder of the House of Repentance Church in Wilmington, NC, where she pastored for several years.

She was preceded in death by four siblings, Macie Carr, William Frank "Jake" Williams, Daniel Majors and Bobby Lee Holmes; sister-in-law, Carolyn Munn Kealon and brother-in-law, Ellis Kealon. She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Gardner Lee Kealon, Sr., three daughters, Kecia Kealon-Samuel (Curley, Jr.) of Castle Hayne, NC, Chandi Kealon and Davri Kealon both of Wilmington, NC; two sons, Gardner Lee Kealon, Jr. (Victoria) of Chesterfield, VA and Kirby Lamont Kealon (Zorana) of Castle Hayne, NC; sixteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; three siblings, Claudia Newkirk, James Thomas Holmes, and Arthur Holmes; one god-son, Christopher Crawford; one god-daughter, Bethany Hankins; four sisters-in-law, Lenora Holmes, Mary Holmes, Carolyn Kealon; a devoted sister-in-law, Amanda Kealon; two brothers-in-law, Eugene Kealon and Horace Kealon; one aunt, Estella McCray of Brooklyn, NY and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and many who called her Mom. Pastor Shirley stood on the word of God and faith and would always proclaim "If you pray, you will stay". *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Morris Drye

Morris Drye died Thursday, May 28th at his residence. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Oleander Memorial Gardens. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

George Rollinson

George Rollinson died Saturday, May 30, 2015 at his residence. Visitation is 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 4th. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 5th at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Leverne Willis, Sr.

Leverne Willis, Sr. died Sat. at NHRMC. Visitation will be 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday, June 5th. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Gregory Congregational UCOC. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Orenthel Brown

Orenthel Brown 40, of Wilmington died Sunday, May 3, 2015 at home. The family will received friends on Sunday, May 10th at Davis Funeral Home. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Wayne Wright

Wayne Wright, 61, of Bronx, NY died February 16, 2015 in New York. Memorial services were held 12 noon Saturday. May 16th at Davis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Evelena Campbell Williams

Evelena Campbell Williams, 95, of Wilmington died Wednesday, May 20th. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at Davis Funeral Home. Burial was held 11 am Wed. May 27th at Wilmington National Cemetery. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Walter Raleigh Faison, Jr.

Walter Raleigh Faison, Jr., 91 of Wilmington died Sunday, May 24, 2015 at Davis Health Care. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net

Willie Dean Peterson Richard

Willie Dean Peterson Richard, 63, of Wilmington, died Monday. May 11th. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 23rd at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

George Shelton Evans, Sr.

George Shelton Evans, Sr., 99, affectionately known by all as "Daddy George" departed this earthly life on Monday, May 25, 2015 (three months shy of his 100th birthday) at Liberty Commons Nursing Facility. He was born on August 29, 1915 to Julius Evans and the acclaimed artist, Minnie Jones Evans on the Estate of Pembroke Jones. He lived and worked on the Estate until he met and married Martha Louise Green. They were married over forty years until her death in 1982. From this marital union seven children were born. George was the youngest and last living child of the acclaimed Artist Minnie Jones Evans. Brother Evans joined St. Matthews A.M.E. Church at an early age. He faithfully attended church services and activities until his health began to fail in 2006. He served on the Usher Board, Steward Board and was a Class Leader. He was employed with the local Lincoln-Mercury Dealership until his retirement. George was preceded in death by his parents, a loving wife, two brothers, two precious daughters and a wonderful great-grandson.

To cherish his memory he leaves one daughter, Minnie Evans Clauson of the City; four sons, George S. Evans. Jr., of Bronx, NY, Norris Evans (Louise), Gary Evans (Veola), and Rodney Evans (Kimberly), all of the City; nineteen Grandchildren, seventeen Great-Grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Ms. Alice Smith and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held 3pm Saturday, May 30th at St. Matthews AME Church, Wilmington NC. Burial followed in Mt. Ararat Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

John F. Wells

John F. Wells, 69, of Riceboro, Ga. formerly of Navassa, NC died Friday, May 22nd in Savannah, Ga. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, 520 N. 5th Ave. Wilmington. Burial followed with military honors in Moore Family Cemetery. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Needham H. Miller

Needham H. Miller, 93, of Wilmington died Sunday, May 24th at Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 30th at Davis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavis-

OBITUARIES
continued on page 9

In Loving Memory Of

Jonathan Q. Allen
Sunrise: June 25, 1989
Sunset: June 2, 2014

Thinking of you today,
tommorow and everyday.
With sadness in our hearts.
For a very special someone.
From whom we had to part.
We miss you Jonathan and
will always love our prince.

Love,
The Family

In Loving Memory Of

Sadie B. Pearson

If Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grow in Heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my mother's arms
And tell her they're from me.

Tell her I love and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.

Your children, grandchildren
and great grands

Subscribe today to *The Wilmington Journal* for only $50.00 for 2 years. Call us now at 910-762-5502.

Davis FUNERAL HOME Established 1944
Jordan Memorial Chapel
901 S. 5th Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-762-6181 or 910-763-2441
FAX: 910-763-2440
www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net
(Please visit our website for full obituaries)
"Specializing in Cremations and Traditional Burials"

ADKINS–DRAIN FUNERAL SERVICE

Peace of Mind ..... for you and your family

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

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

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

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

PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE AND PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Because We Care

Samuel Drain
Funeral Director

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

Connie Drain Greene
Funeral Director

John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

"A Temple of Service"

1895 *2015*

PROVEN in service
DIGNIFIED in care
SENSIBLE in price

120 Years of Continuous Service

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

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

William O. Boykin, Manager

Religious Briefs

New Hanover County

Freedom's Way Ministries, Inc., 1952 Dawson St., will hold their 13th Church Anniversary. Services will be held on Thursday, June 4th and Friday, June 5th at 7:00 pm. Thursday night the guests will be Apostle Davelon Carr and The Greater Yeshuwa Temple of Wallace, NC. Friday night Dr. Patricia Melvin and The International Embassy of Holiness of Wilmington. Bishop Garnett will close this celebration at 11L00 am on Sunday, June 7th. For more information contact Elder Robinson 910-262-5002.

Judah The House of Praise, International Embassy of Holiness and Uplifting Faith Ministries will hold Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 15th - Friday, June 19th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at International Embassy of Holiness, 76 Darlington Ave.

Ministry of Deliverance, 2162 Wrightsville Ave., will celebrate Apostle Willie J. Rhames 29th pastor's anniversary from Friday, May 29th- Sunday, June 7th. On Friday, May 29th, the sons and daughters of Apostle Rhames will be guest at 7:30 pm. June 1st- June 5th there will be various guest speakers nightly at 7:30 pm. Saturday, June 6th a banquet will be held at 5:00 pm at Robert Taylor Senior Dining Room. On Sunday, June 7th at 12:00 noon the guest speaker will be Apostle Billie Jacobs. For more information call Evangelist E. Washington at 910-274-7067.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., will hold their Annual Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 15th - Friday, June 19th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm nightly under the direction of Rev. Connie Armstrong.

St. Phillip AME Zion Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. Wilmington, NC (in the Wrightsboro community) will host the Wilmington District's 2015 Sunday School Convention. Friday, June 5th 7:00 pm: Welcome & Worship Service. Reception to follow. Presiding Elder, Rev. Alexander L. Jones & First Lady Mrs. Delma Jones Mrs. Pamela Evans, Christian Education Department District Director & Local Directors, Clergy, Laity, Dignitaries & Guests. On Saturday, June 6th at 9:00 am: Conference Business. 12:00 pm: Field Day & Outdoor Picnic. On Sunday, June 7th at 11:00 am: Worship Service and at 4:00 pm: District's Annual Baccalaureate Service for all Graduating Seniors on the Wilmington District. Reception to follow.For more information you may contact our Christian Education Director Mrs. Dentral N. Boykin at 910-200-4953 or Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon, pastor at 910-540-4406 or our church office 910-251-9892.

The Wilmington Cluster of Small Episcopal Churches (St. Mark's, Church of the Good Shepherd and St. Paul's) will hold Vacation Bible School at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Grace Street, from Monday, June 15th- Friday, June, 19th from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Preschool through high school students are welcome. A snack will be provided and transportation is available. "JUNGLE SAFARI" is the theme this year, teaching about God's wonderful creation and our response to it. All of our crafts will be made with recyclable material.

Bladen County

Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 4047 NC 242 Highway South, Elizabethtown, Shepherd's Support Ministry will on "Tea of Colors" Banquet on Saturday, June 6th at 5:00 pm in the Rev. G.F. Pone Fellowship Hall. On Sunday, June 7th, Family and Friends Day will be held at 10:00 am and on Sunday, June 14th Graduation Recognition will be held at 10:00 am.

Bryant Swamp Missionary Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC will hold their pastoral nineteenth anniversary of Dr. Thurman B. Everett from Wednesday, June 3rd- Sunday, June 7th. June 3rd guests will be Rev. Tyrone Watson, choir and congregation of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. June 4th guests will be Rev. Jerry McKoy, choir and congregation of Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church. June 5th guests will be Rev. Jerome Billups, choir and congregation of Greenville Baptist Church. Saturday, June 6th Singing Concert will be held at the Spaudling Monroe Cultural Center, 508 Martin Luther King Dr. at 5:30 pm. Featuring gospel groups and choirs including "Second Chance" of South Carolina and Mr. Ray Byrd and Group of Wilmington, NC. Sunday, June 7th at 11:00 am Rev. Sharon Thompson Journigan, choir and congregation of Integrity Ministries Outreach Ministry of Fayetteville, NC will be the guests.

Brunswick County

Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating its pastor's 25th anniversary. Saturday, June 6th at 5:00 pm a musical presentation will be held. On Sunday, June 7th at 11:30 am regular morning service will be held and at 3:00 pm service the guest speaker will be Rev. Michael Jackson of Davis.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

ATTEND THE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION OF YOUR CHOICE THIS WEEK

In Loving Memory Of

Loraine Patricia Raynor
"Little Mama"
Sunrise: June 7, 1943
Sunset: March 1, 2010

We love and miss you very much!

Michael Sr., Vanessa, Michael II, and Vianca Murray

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Summertime

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

On this great morning, we, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship, met for our birthday celebrations and for closing for the summer. Our greetings were the same because we are always glad to meet and greet, even though we miss each other. We were greeted by our President Eloise Purdie, while our committee, Mrs. Cherry Pearson and Mrs. Mary Green were taking care of the business with birthday people. Minister Doris McQuillan gave us a very grateful prayer and grace. We sang "Happy Birthday" to those celebrating. We had a great meal and fellowship.

One can never get enough of what her she doesn't need, but we got what we wanted with the nice gifts that were purchased. The shoppers must have had hard decisions in selecting them. When our names were called, we were so excited! Ms. Wilamena Love, Mrs. Mildred Ellerby, and Mrs. Shelia Ross were giving out the prizes.

Everyone was thanked for his or her participation in making our fellowship a success this season and was reminded to come back in September with the help of the Lord. Thank God from whom all blessings flow. We were dismissed with prayer by Reverend Aaron Moore.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Helping young people get ahead

My Fellow Seniors:

The one thing that we could do to help our young people move from poor to middle class would be to share our home for just a short while. If your children have moved out, and you have extra rooms, why not invite some young couple to come and stay a while as they are struggling to get a foothold. Of course, you would need the church to set it up. If you had rather live with someone your own age, that's even better. Two lonely seniors could move in together and let the young couple live in the other house.

Ruth Johnson

Without the high cost of rent, they could soon save enough for a down payment on a home of their own. It's a win win situation. Young people, if you start buying a home when you are thirty, it will be paid for when you're ready to retire, but, if you keep on paying the high cost of rent, someday you will be looking at all the money you poured down the drain when you could have been paying on a home of your own. Ask your church to serve as the matchmaker.

You should be aware that all of the baby boomers will be drawing social security in a short while. They are the largest generation ever, and they will live longer. So when they all start collecting, the government will be paying out more than it takes in. This means that your social security could be delayed, but, if you own your home, you could get a reverse mortgage, and you would be set for life.

Helping young people get ahead is a subject that is always on my mind. Besides that, I think of making a stronger community by bringing small churches together. In my visiting many local churches, I once heard a member stand up and thank a trustee for picking up the light bill when the church was unable to pay it.

I know of another church that cannot pay their pastor all that he was promised. I think he will be leaving soon because I heard it through the grapevine that the church is planning a celebration to commemorate his many years of service to the community.

If all reports are true, that church is already wishing him well, wherever God is leading him to go and, hopefully, someday God will lead our many local churches to become one Interdenominational Christian community undivided.

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

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church Children's Day to be held

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church, 1490 Village Road, Leland, NC will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. morning service.

The preacher for the morning is Minister Roderick J. Josey a 2015 graduate of Livingstone College. Roderick is the son of Broderick Josey and Annie Dingle and the grandson of Mr. James Josey and the late Ruth Josey.

We the Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church family along with the pastor Reverend Avery McAllister invite all to come and hear this man of God.

MINISTER RODERICK J. JOSEY

REVEREND AVERY MCALLISTER

TELL SOMEBODY

"Fear Not!"

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Sylvia Hooper

Fear: A feeling of alarm or disquiet caused by an Awareness of or expectation of danger. A state of dread or concern

Since God has not given us the spirit of fear, we don't have to receive it. Through Christ that strengthens us, we have the ability to overcome fear, and not be overcome by fear. Our minds should not be filled with all kinds of fears and phobias, because it is not the will of God that his children live in fear. He often tells us in his word, "Fear Not". Yes, we are living in perilous times, but as an act of our will and faith in God, we can decree, "I will not live in fear!"

There are all kinds of fear. Some fears are natural and logical. When your life or general well being is threatened, or the life and safety of family or loved ones is concerned, fear is a natural instinct. We should be careful as well as prayerful, yet not allow fear to grip our hearts and minds to the point we become prisoners of fear. We should use wisdom, caution, and common sense in carrying out our daily affairs, but still not be subject (and overcome) by the spirit of fear.

Psalms 11:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We are not to fear man, though he may be able to kill the body, because he cannot touch the soul. Matthew 10:28 says, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Luke 1:50 , "His mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation." We should teach our children the fear of the Lord as well. They are going to need his mercy to be upon them, and they should know to ask for it when they need it. Psalm 56:9-11 says, "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." When we walk by faith and not by sight, we trust God to do what he has promised, therefore, we are not afraid of what man can do. Psalm 118:6 Says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

Deuteronomy 10:12 says, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." If you fear the Lord, why not accept his personal invitation he is extending to you in John 3:16?

Prayer: father, deliver your people from the spirit of fear, that we may serve you freely. In Jesus' Name. Amen. Tell Somebody…Fear Not*!!!*

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jackson-ville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives 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!

OBITUARIES

continued from page 7

stewardship of his "Earth Angel", Barbara Jean Marshall to the family of John Frank Marshall and Lillie Etta Marshall Marshall and her nine siblings. The Down syndrome with which "Bobby" was born, entitled her to a very special place in our family and in the lives of everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. "Bobby's" education began in the days when there was no special education. So, she attended Williston Elementary School until it was determined that she had reached her potential. Then later, when the first day center opened for persons with delayed disabilities in the old fire station located at the corner of Seventeenth and Dock, Bobby was among the first clients to attend. As the need for such a facility grew and advanced, she attended the Workshop located at Thirteenth and Kidder. There she was given the opportunity to work for a salary and attend skills instruction classes thereby advancing her ability much further. Due to glaucoma, "Bobby" became legally blind. After her Mother's passing in 1985, "Bobby" moved to Cincinnati, Ohio to live with her older sister until 1995, when she returned to Wilmington. "Bobby" and her family never thought of her as being different, except that her disabilities made her more special and privileged. Though beset with multiple disabilities, "Bobby" functioned very independently until a stroke completely debilitated her one day after her birthday in February of 2012. Before the stroke "Bobby" out-danced everyone in Mrs. Johnnie Mae's dance aerobics class. She enjoyed bowling, bingo, art, and attending fitness classes. Since that time, "Bobby" and her family have been blessed with medical care and services of persons who have loved and treasured her as dearly as her family. After many, many, ER visits, doctor's visits to Dr. Persaud and Terry Ashby, PA and hospitalizations, of Wednesday, May 27, 2015, "Bobby" exhaled for the last time releasing her from the pains of the earthly life, but immersed in so, so much love.

Leaving behind her sisters: Minerva J. Brown of San Diego, CA, and Marguerite M. Brown of Wilmington, NC; nieces, Marion Taylor of Raleigh, NC, Eleanor Jackson, Cassandra Davis, and Rosalyn Hackworth of San Diego, CA, Peggy Messick and Florine McDougal of Raleigh, NC, Pamela Marshall and Gail Marshall of Wilmington, NC, Vivian West of Alexandria, VA, and Melissa Brown of Charlotte, NC; nephews, Donald Everett of Wilmington, NC, Alexander Brown, Jr. of Greensboro, NC, Terry Marshall of Miami, FL, and Freddie Marshall, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; dear sister-in-law, Rosa Marshall of Wilmington, NC; several grand and great nieces and nephews; and a host of many other loving family members and friends. Waiting to greet "Bobby" with opened arms and love, was God the Father, her earthly mother and father; her brothers, Samuel, John, Matthew, Willie, and Freddie Marshall; her sisters, Mildred Everett and Vivian Walker special nieces, Donna Brown and Vernell Smith and special nephews, Herman and Joseph Everett. "Bobby" is now absent from the body her loved ones have known, but forever present in our hearts, memory and daily thoughts.

Funeral services were held on Monday June 1st at Basilica Shrine of St. Mary, Wilmington, NC. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneral-home.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

CLASSIFIED

PLACE YOUR AD

...By Phone
910-762-5502
Monday–Friday
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
...By Fax
910-343-1334
24 Hours/7 Days
...By Email
wilmjournads@aol.com
24 Hours/7 Days

Rates: $19.00 Per Column Inch.
All Ads Are Payable In Advance Unless You Are An Established Advertiser.

FAX & EMAIL ORDERS:
Include the following information:
• *Full Name, billing address, and phone number*
• *Date(s) you want the ad to appear*
• *Name and daytime phone number of contact for any questions or clarifications*

We accept

LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

Smith Rowe, LLC is accepting subcontractor and supplier bids for the June 4, 2015 City of Wilmington, Gillette Drive Drainage Pipe Repair Project contract #DRA-IH-0615 no later than June 3, 2015. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a bid. Reply to 910-675-9796 or 6101 Diamond Shamrock Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429

May 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Albert Ray Pearsall,** 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 **14th 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 14th day of May, 2015

Ray Nell Eason Pearsall, Executrix
3311 Tipton Court
Wilmington, NC 28409

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
FILE NUMBER: 15 SP 335

In the Matter of The Estate of Loucinda Catherine Pack (New Hanover County File No.: 14 E 468)

To Heirs of Loucinda Catherine Pack, Joseph Lee Pack, Nancy Adeline Putnam Pack, Ruth Mae Pack Belt, Wilburn Earl Belt, and/or Joseph Belt:

Take notice that a special proceeding has been filed in New Hanover County to determine the heirs of Loucinda Catherine Pack. Loucinda Catherine Pack ("Decedent") died on January 4, 2014 in New Hanover County, North Carolina without leaving a will. The Decedent never married and had no children. The Decedent's parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles predeceased her. The Administrator of the Estate of Loucinda Catherine Pack seeks to determine the heirs of the Decedent.

All heirs of Loucinda Catherine Pack, Joseph Lee Pack, Nancy Adeline Putnam Pack, Ruth Mae Pack Belt, Wilburn Earl Belt, and/or Joseph Belt are asked to contact the Administrator of the Estate, Charlotte Noel Fox, 701 Market Street Wilmington NC 28401.
A hearing will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015, in room 222 of the New Hanover County Courthouse located at 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. If you fail to respond to this notice or appear on July 13, 2015, any judgment entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 19th day of May, 2015.

ESTATE OF LOUCINDA CATHERINE PACK
By: Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the Estate of Loucinda C. Pack
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Phone: (910) 815-0085
Fax: (910) 815-1095

May 21, 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified Executor of the Estate of **Laura Fennell Hill,** 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 **21st 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 21st day of May, 2015

Joseph Thomas Fennell Hill, Executor
616 South 2nd St.
Wilmington, NC 2401

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Betty F. Scavella,** late of 615 Queen Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before September 4, 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 26th day of May, 2015.
Charlotte Noel Fox,
Administrator of the Estate of Betty F. Scavella
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2015

AMENDED SUMMONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON
IN THE FAMILY COURT
FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON
2014-DR-10-1650

LaTreece A. Stoney,
Plaintiff, **vs.**

TyShawn D. Joye,
Defendant.

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: TYSHAWN D. JOYE

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above captioned matter, a copy of which is herewith served on you, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscriber at 3821 Chisolm Road, Johns Island, South Carolina 29455, within the said thirty (30) days, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, then judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the said Petition.

This 21st day of May, 2015

LaTreece A. Stoney, Plaintiff
3821 Chisolm Road
Johns Island, SC 29455
(843) 377-5400

May 21, 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
15 E 589
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLES MONROE CARTER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Charles Monroe Carter,** deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of the deceased to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Humphries & King, P.C., 616 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the J**une 25, 2015,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate or decedent shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of May, 2015.

Jeanne S. Carter
JEANNE S. CARTER, Executrix
THE ESTATE OF CHARLES MONROE CARTER
c/o Mark S. King, Attorney at law
Humphries & King, P.C.
616 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James E. Boyce,** late of 8412 Fazio Dr., Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before the **August 24, 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 18th day of May, 2015.

Sarah Burger, Executor of the Estate of James E. Boyce
Craige and Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Jane Horrell, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mary Jane Horrell,** 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 **August 13, 2015,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of May, 2015.

Catherine Horrell Johnson
Executor of the Estate
of Mary Jane Horrell
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Annie Dailey Sherman,** 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 **14th 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 14th day of May, 2015

Nell Pollock, Executrix
103 Little Creek Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Harold John Streff,** 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 **14th 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 14th day of May, 2015

Virginia Streff Patrick, Administratrix
1916 Jeffrey Stokes Dr. NE
Leland, NC 28451

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Lisa Jean Epply,** deceased of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before **September 4, 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 4th day of June, 2015

Anna E. Gemel, Administrator
910 North 5th Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401
Chiaki Ito, Attorney
113 B Dock Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Ancillary Estate of **James C. Dougall, Jr.,** deceased, New Hanover County 15-E-0369, late of Maricopa County, Arizona, gives notice to all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Alan M. Solana, Solana, Theriault & Gross, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, 1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC 28403, on or before the **14th day of August, 2014,** or this Notice will be pleased in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 14th day of May, 2015

Jay Conan Dougall, Executor
c/o Alan M. Solana, Attorney at Law
Solana, Theriualt & Gross, PLLC
1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Diane L. Marvin, deceased of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before **September 4, 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 4th day of June, 2015

Burnie D. Marvin, Executor
Of the Estate of Diane L. Marvin
103 Alexandria Court
Wilmington, NC 28412
Murchison, Taylor &
Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Rebecca Cash Furre,** deceased of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before **September 4, 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 4th day of June, 2015

Paul W. Cash, Administrator
217 Sutton Springs Drive
Garner, NC 27529

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Fiduciary Administrator of the Estate of **Ann A. Coley,** 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 **21st 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 21st day of May, 2015

Timothy Alford, Fiduciary Administrator
3105 Oakley Circle
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Collector of the Estate of **Linda Ellen O'Connell,** late of 109 North Kerr Avenue, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned in care of Charles Tighe, Esq. at Landfall Executive Suites, 1213 Culbreth Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405, on or before the **3rd day of September, 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 28th day of May, 2015

Danielle Marion, Collector of the Estate of Linda Ellen O'Connell
Charles M. Tighe, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Landfall Executives Suites
1213 Culbreth Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Jo P. Alford,** late of 101 Cedar Cove, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before the **August 24, 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 18th day of May, 2015.

Talmsi Schultz, Executor of the Estate of Jo P. Alford
Craige and Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 21, May 28, June 4, 11, 2015

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF PENDER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
14 SP 264

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA EVELYN MANLEY
TO: AVERY BRUNS, MADISON BRUNS & KENNETH EARL BRUNS

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled special proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is an order allowing the Executor of the Estate of Martha Evelyn Manley to sell real property located at 201 Oakmont Drive, Hampstead, Pender County, N.C. [also known as Lot 21 of Cross Creek subdivision] in which Avery Bruns, Madison Bruns and Kenneth Earl Bruns have or may have an interest.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than July 5, 2015. Upon your failure to do so, Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

Ray C. Blackburn, Jr.,
Attorney for Plaintiff
State Bar #10248
P.O. Box 895
Hampstead, N.C. 28443
910) 270-2022

May 21, 28, June 4, 2015

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
15SP000368

FOR THE ADOPTION OF: CHRISTIAN JOSE ELLESTON MUNOZ
BY: DAVID ALPHANSO ELLESTON
PETITIONING FATHER AND
DEBORAH ELAINE GREEN ELLESTON
PETITIONING MOTHER
TO: JOSE PENA MUNOZ
AKA JOHN DOE, RESPONDENT

Take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed by David Alphanso Elleston and wife Deborah Elaine Green Elleston on the 27th of May, 2015, with the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County in the above entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a male child born on August 20, 2007 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina. The birth mother's name is Davida Andrea Elleston. The name of the child to be adopted is Christian Jose Elleston Munoz. The nature of relief sought is an adoption.

Take notice that you are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than 40 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. You are required to make defense to this petition in order to participate in and receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of hearing. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon entry of the decree of adoption.

This 2nd day of June, 2015.

Law Office of Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for petitioners
NC Bar #10015
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910)763-7420

June 4, 11, 18, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of George Padezanin, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **George Padezanin,** 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 **August 13, 2015,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of May, 2015.

Bryan Michael Padezanin
Executor of the Estate
of George Padezanin
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2015

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contact DA00253 in Camden & Currituck Co.'s bidding on 6/17/15. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 6/8/15 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connected.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type1. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

June 4, 2015

SUMMONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON
LATREECE A. STONEY.
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE No 2014-DR- 10-650

LATREECE A. STONEY
PLAINTIFF
V.
TYSHAWN D. JOYE
DEFENDANT

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action. A copy of which is herewith served upon you. and to serve a copy of your pleading to said Complaint upon the subscriber at her office at 1525 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Suite 208, Charleston. South Carolina 29407, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof. Exclusive of the day of such service. A hearing will be held on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Charleston County Family Court, 100 broad Street, Charleston, SC , 29401. And if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This the 2nd May, 2015

SWOPE LAW FIRM. P.A.
Attorney For Plaintiff
1525 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Suite 208
Charleston. South Carolina 29407
843- 852-4925

June 4, 11, 18, 2015

EMPLOYMENT

Underserved Victim Advocate

Crisis intervention, direct services and outreach. Download Application from www.domesticviolence-wilm.org and mail with Resume to: Vacancy UVA, Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1555, Wilmington, NC 28402, postmarked by June 13, 2015. No calls or walk-ins please. EOE

HERE ARE OUR CARDS . .

Whatever you're looking for, consider these local businesses

FIRST

St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church
Reverend Dr. Mary C. Nixon
Pastor
St Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church
2913 Acorn Branch Rd.,
Wilmington NC 28405
Church: (910) 251-9892
Home: (910) 675-1250 | Cell: (910) 540-4406
Email: 3n1bailbondingco@bellsouth.net
Motto: Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Act 1
HATS AND ACCESSORIES
FOR WOMEN & MEN
Frank & Brenda Greene
Owner/Operators
(910) 791-0909
419 S. College Rd. Unit 34
University Landing
Wilmington, NC 28403

EAGLE ISLAND FRUIT & SEAFOOD
"Biggest Little Store You Ever Saw"
LIVE BAIT & TACKLE
762-1193
Highway 421 North
Wilmington, NC 28401

CHOICES
Design, Copy & Print
713-B PRINCESS ST., WILMINGTON, NC 28401
Family-Owned & Operated Since 2007
Banners
Booklets
Brochures
Business Cards
Color Copies
Excellent Quality... Economical Pricing!
Car Magnets
Flyers/Ads
Postcards
Programs
T-Shirts
Monday-Friday 10 am - 6 pm
910-763-1366
VISA MasterCard
WWW.CHOICESDCP.COM

3-N-1 BAIL BONDING CO.
Owner/Operator
Mary C. Nixon
Bail Bonding Agent
Home 910-675-1250
Cell 910-540-4406
Office 910-675-3840
P.O. Box 12831
Wilmington, NC 28405
NC LICENSE #2473
NATION WIDE SERVICE

SAM'S RAPID RESPONSE Mobile Auto Repair
SAM NEWKIRK
•On site mobile repair
•All minor and major repairs
•Foreign and Domestic
•New and used tires
•Valet service
OIL CHANGE $19.95
BRAKES $40.00 + PARTS
1611 Castle Hayne Rd.
Building D5
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-233-7977

ANYTIME - 24 HOURS
A.M. - P.M. BAIL BONDING
Office 910-383-0610
Cell 910-512-0693
UNLIMITED BONDS
Patricia White

SIM'S QUICK RELEASE BONDING CO.
Delores Bunting
Home – (910) 675-1274
Cell – (910) 233-2897
Five Minutes Away
"Let My People Go"
"Don't Burn The Bridge"

OWEN METTS REALTY
We can help!
OWEN METTS REALTY
We specialize in the following services:
• Buying, selling, or investments real estate
• Real estate consulting services
• Loan modifications, foreclosure counseling
• Credit and budget counseling
•HUD Register Agent
•Estate Planning
NEW LISTINGS NEEDED
DO YOU WANT TO SELL OR RENT YOUR PROPERTY?
WE MAY HAVE A BUYER OR RENTER WAITING FOR YOUR PROPERTY
DO YOU WANT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY?
Please call us first
TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT
321 North Front Street • Phone: 910-763-3777
Cell: 910-297-6997
Email: ometts@yahoo.com
OWEN E. METTS, SR.,
Licensed Realtor/Broker, Certified Housing Counselor

Touch of Class Clothing
115 N. Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 362-4000
Come in and shop with us for your:
~Stacy Adams Suits
~Steve Harvey Suits
~In-House Suit Sales, starting at $79
~KANGOL HATS (added to our ever increasing hat inventory!!)
~Two-Piece Sets from $39
~Boys Suits/Boys Linen Sets
~Full line of men accessories
Business Hours
9am-6pm – Monday – Saturday
Under New Management--Henry and Queen McCloud

Peter Grear, Attorney at Law
272 N. Front Street, Suite 300
Post Office Box 2279
Wilmington North Carolina 28402-2279
Email: pgrear@grearlaw.com
Phone: (910) 763-4671
Facsimile: (910) 763-0925
Toll Free (800) 222-8009
Areas of Practice: New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick, Columbus, & Duplin Counties
Appointments only:
For cost and details: www.grearlaw.com
■ CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY
■ AUTO ACCIDENTS
■ WORKERS COMPENSATION
■ SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY
■ TRAFFIC TICKETS
■ WILLS & ESTATES
■ POWERS OF ATTORNEY
■ DEED PREPARATION
■ BUSINESS FORMATIONS
■ CREDIT REPAIR (Nationwide)
■ ELDER LAW

THE BENEFIT CONNECTION
We can help you!
We specialize in:
Health, life, disability, dental, group and individuals
Roth IRAs, 401-k's, 403-b's, annuities
Long term care and Medicare supplements
Regardless of your health or age
CALL US TODAY.
We can help you save money!
Personal and professional service for over 30 years.
The Benefit Connection
321 North Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910.763.3777 Phone
910.297.6997 Cell
Owen E. Metts, Sr., Licensed Agent
When experience matters, Call us today!
*Monday - Friday 9 am-5 pm * 910.763.3777*
We represent several insurance companies

LegalShield
Total access. Total freedom.
John Wilder
Independent Associate
Executive Director
Small Business & Group
910-297-0925 or 888-286-0168
Opportunity Info 512-404-2330
legalshieldassociate.com/wilderj
Identify Theft: America's Fasting Growing Crime!
Think you're not at risk? Unfortunately you are.
Do you...
hand your credit card to servers at restaurants?
sign your credit cards?
supply personal information over the internet?
keep your Social Security number in your wallet or purse?
leave mail at your home or business for the postal carrier to collect?
throw away mail with personal information without shredding it?
Have you.....
thought about writing or revising your will?
been audited by the IRS?
purchased a home?
been a defendant in a civil lawsuit?
signed a contract of any kind?
paid a bill you thought was unfair?
received an inaccurate credit report?
received a moving traffic violation you thought was unjustified?
had any type of legal question?
LEGAL EMPOWERMENT FOR YOUR LIFE
Your Family• Your Will• Your Money• Your Retirement•Your Car

"Trust me for all your life insurance needs... permanent, term, universal & retirement."
CALL ME
Henry B. Brown
Agent
2816-A South College Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28412
Bus.: 910-395-2300
Home: 910-794-9359
STATE FARM INSURANCE
State Farm Insurance Companies
Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois