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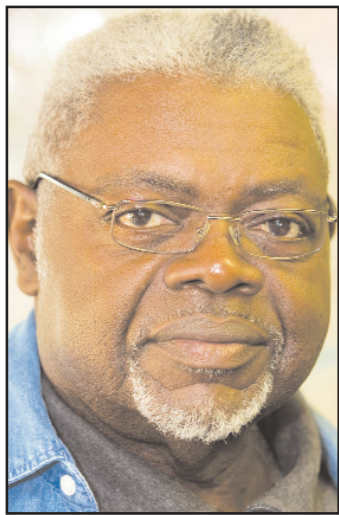
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COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

Annexation creates problems

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we are faced with a problem that's called annexation. This is good for gated communities and towns and people who want to control other people's lives. Yet, it is bad because it takes away the civil rights of people who don't want to live in gated communities or have other people telling them what color their houses can be, how many cars can be parked in their yards, where their boats can, or can't, be parked on their property, how many people can live in their houses, what kinds of flowers they can have in their yards, and more. I find that people in Brunswick County have been trapped into annexation without their knowledge, and they will get no benefits from it except that they can't live the way they want to live without the POA or HOA's coming in and out of their houses, telling them what they can, or can't, do. This is a sad problem for people who just don't want to live by, or for, annexation.

Annexation and zoning is not always good for people. It has a bad result for minorities, the poor, elderly and sick with the dues and restrictions associated with annexation. Some people like living freely of the confines of annexation. I for one live on a farm and have no problem raising my grandsons on the farm, free of annexation. This farm has been in the

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Supporters at a rally held in front of North Charleston City Hall in aftermath of North Charleston Police Officer Michael Slager being charged with the murder of 50-year old Walter Scott.

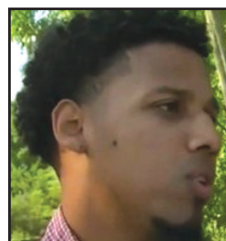
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Walter Scott was shot to death.



Michael Slager is charged with murder.



Feidin Santana taped the incident.

S.C. COP CHARGED WITH SHOOTING BLACK MAN IN BACK

BY BARNEY BLAKENEY
SPECIAL TO THE NNPA FROM
THE CHARLESTON CHRONICLE

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Leaders of local civil rights organizations had been taking a wait-and-see approach to the April 4 North Charleston police shooting death of 50-year-old Walter Scott, but voiced concern that Scott was unarmed when he was shot and that police said Scott had run away from the officer attempting to arrest him. Officer Michael Slager was charged on Tuesday with murder after a video of the incident revealed he wantonly shot Scott in the back.

The video shows Slager drawing his service weapon and firing eight times as Scott runs away, eventually falling after the final round struck him.

"We've lost another Black man shot by the police," North Charleston Branch

NAACP President Ed Bryant said on Monday before the video's existence was made public. "We have Ferguson right here," he said alluding to the nationally protested police shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson Mo.

Police had not released much information about the North Charleston incident. It was being investigated by the S.C. State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), which follows protocol in such incidents.

On Monday, North Charleston police said 33-year-old Michael Slager shot Scott after a traffic stop because of a faulty brake light. According to a police report made public Monday, Slager called for backup during a foot pursuit before saying he had deployed his taser. Later, however, he said shots had been fired and the suspect was down.

Scott was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS paramedics.

"My thing is Scott did not have to die," Bryant said Monday. "I think it is the unwarranted killing of another Black man."

North Charleston Police Chief Eddie Driggers agreed.

In a statement delivered Tuesday afternoon, Driggers said the video obtained by the victim's family that later was turned over to SLED revealed there was no struggle with Slager. It shows Scott running away from Slager and the officer drawing his weapon and firing at Scott's back multiple times.

Initially, Slager claimed that Scott had tried to wrestle the taser from him and use it against him before he shot Scott. Driggers said that version of the incident was proven to be inaccurate by the video that was

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KALEIDOSCOPE XXXII



WILMINGTON, N.C. CHAPTER OF LINKS, INC.

"Building a healthy legacy: Our prescription for the future"

BY CYNTHIA J. BROWN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Continuing its tradition of celebrating the arts, and raising awareness of civic and social issues impacting the African American community, the Wilmington N.C. Chapter of The Links, Incorporated presented its 45th annual Fine Arts Brunch, "Kaleidoscope XXXII" on Saturday March 28, 2015. The event began at 11 a.m. and was held in the Wilmington Convention Center on the Cape Fear River. Over 300 guests were in attendance. Music for the event was provided by the New Hanover

High School Steel Band. Ms. Rita D. Todd, Links Program Chair, served as Mistress of Ceremony welcoming all guests, and the Reverend Dr. Rachel Stephens led the audience in meditation and grace before the dining began.

This year's keynote address was delivered by Dr. Dolly Dessel Adams, eighth national president of The Links, Incorporated and former Episcopal Supervisor for the

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VICTOR AGBAFÉ

Cape Fear Academy senior accepted to all eight Ivy League colleges

Victor Agbafé, a senior at Cape Fear Academy, has received a letter of acceptance from all eight Ivy League colleges for the fall of 2015. Victor has also been named a Morehead-Cain Scholar at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and has been selected to receive a \$20,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Foundation.

Agbafé recently attended the US Senate Youth Program in Washington, DC as one of two student leaders from N.C. He is featured on this C-Span segment about the program at the 6:45 mark.

In addition to being an exceptional student, Victor is President of the Student Government, an athlete, a thespian, and a vocal performer.

Victor is still making his final decision about where he will attend college in the fall.

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Hewett family for well over 100 years (deed dates back to 1896), and most of the Hewett family live on it. There are no run-down houses or unsightly junkyards or unusable items on it which would be offensive to my elected officials. There should be a careful move before you take part in any kind of annexation. There are very few advantages to annexation for the average person. Towns make money on taxes collected by POA's/HOA's on memberships, but citizens sometimes get none of the benefits, not even water or sewer, club rights, golf clubs, or any of the other things that go with annexation to a town or community. We, as a free people, Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, etc., cannot stand idly by and be made slaves again!

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



LEFT--FASHION SHOW COMMENTATOR MARVA ROBINSON, TOP CENTER, MODEL WYLENE MAPSON, BOTTOM CENTER, MODEL KAREN DAVIS BRUNSON AND RIGHT, MODEL CEDRIC DICKERSON.



LEFT TOP--DR. RACHEL STEPHENS PRESENTS GIFT FROM AKAs TO DR. ADAMS. LEFT BOTTOM--DIANE GRAHAM (R) PRESENTS GIFT TO DR. ADAMS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AME CHURCH, AND RIGHT--GUESTS WITH CONSTANCE DRAIN-GREENE, 2ND LEFT.

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Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Ms. Patricia Waddell, Services to Youth Facet Chair of the local Links Chapter introduced Dr. Adams to the audience.

Dr. Adams is the wife of The Right Reverend John Hurst Adams, Retired Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Her speech focused on the challenges faced by today's youth and the responsibility of parents, grandparents, extended family members and the entire community to help them overcome obstacles to their success. She was born and raised in Louisiana, the only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moses Desselle. Her strong Christian upbringing and academic preparation established the foundation for her life as an effective educator, devout Christian, passionate civic leader and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She is a graduate of Xavier University Preparatory High School in New Orleans; she received the B.S. degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; the M.A. degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan; and the Ed.D. from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Deeply committed to community service, Dr. Adams has charted a course of service that

is aligned with her beliefs. As an educator, Dr. Adams has held a variety of positions: elementary teacher and administrator; college dean and professor at the University of Michigan, Wilberforce University, Albany State College, Paul Quinn College, and Howard University School of Law. She has also served as an adjunct professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Adams has also held outstanding leadership positions in community service organizations. She served for four years as national president of The Links, Inc., and The Links Foundation, Inc., five years as national president of the Black Women's Agenda, Inc., and board member for the United Negro College Fund, and the Southern University Foundation to name a few posts. Under her leadership as national president of the Links, Incorporated, the organization fulfilled a \$1M pledge to UNCF, the largest donation to UNCF by an African American organization. Ebony Magazine has cited her as one of the 100

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FORMER HILLSIDE PRINCIPAL RUNNING FOR STATE SUPT.

[DURHAM] A former principal at Durham's Hillside High School has announced that he is a candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, a post currently held by June Atkinson. Henry Pankey, a Democrat, is currently an assistant principal in Winston-Salem, where he's been for the past 10



STATE BRIEFS

years. He is best known for turning troubled schools around. He has worked at the state Dept. of Public Instruction, and says with at least half of the state's student population underperforming academically, Pankey believes he can help turn things around.

CHAPEL HILL SHOOTER WILL NOW FACE THE DEATH PENALTY

[CHAPEL HILL] The man police say allegedly shot three Muslim students in cold blood allegedly because of a dispute over parking spaces will indeed face the

death penalty if he is convicted, prosecutors said this week. Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, is accused of killing the three Muslim neighbors in his condominium complex execution style. Two of the victims were sisters, all were unarmed. Federal authorities are still trying to determine whether the victims' Islamic faith of a factor in Hicks targeting them.

NC LAWMAKERS WANT TO REPLACE STATUE OF WHITE SUPREMACIST WITH BILLY GRAHAM

[RALEIGH] State lawmakers want to honor the legacy

of evangelist Billy Graham by erecting a statue of him in the US Capitol, but to do it, they would have to remove the current figure of NC Gov. Charles B. Aycock. Aycock is credited with heavily investing in North Carolina's public school system, but he is also known as a white supremacist who was one of those behind the 1898 Wilmington race massacre. Each state has two statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C. Besides Aycock, North Carolina currently has a statue of Gov. Zebulon Vance erected there. Rev. Graham is

still living, but state legislators say they want to have everything in place so that when he does pass on, they can move immediately to honor him. Graham, who has a large white Baptist following, has admitted that he kept silent during the civil rights movement because he did not want to anger his base.

DUKE STUDENT WHO ALLEGEDLY HUNG NOOSE REMOVED FROM CAMPUS

[DURHAM] The Duke University student who allegedly hung a noose outside of a campus building

last week has been removed from the campus, and will face disciplinary action after a full investigation, officials there say. The student, who has not been identified for legal reasons, reportedly admitted to hanging a rope with a noose at the end of it. News of it brought students out demonstrating against the hate symbol, with many saying that it only strengthened the bonds of unity they have.

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recorded by a witness. "Surely some questions must be answered," said

Charleston NAACP President Dot Scott Monday before the contents of the video was made public. "It makes no sense that the officer could get close enough to someone running away and fight over a

taser and the man ends up dead. Tragically, another unarmed Black man has been shot by the police."

S.C. National Action Network President James Johnson said he was present

when the witness gave Scott's family the video, but did not know what it showed. At the time, he agreed that a lot of questions remained unanswered. "We're asking for transparency," he said.

That request was met Tuesday. "I knew the tape was damaging although I didn't know what was on it," Johnson said after North Charleston police held the press conference to reveal the

new development. "North Charleston police made a quick response and the right response," he said. "The arrest was the right thing to do. Now we hope the solicitor will prosecute."

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Most Influential Black Americans and Dollars & Sense Magazine named her as one of the Top 100 Black Business and Professional Women 1986 and 1987. Dr. Adams is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the N.A.A.C.P.

Following her dynamic and invigorating speech and call to service, Dr. Adams was presented with gifts from representatives of various organizations. They included Mrs. Constance Drain-Greene of the Wilmington, N.C. Chapter of The Links, Incorporated; visiting Links from across the state including representatives from the Fayetteville and Raleigh chapters; Dr. Rachel Stephens, President of the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (Alpha Psi Omega Chapter); and Ms. Diane Graham, N.C. Conference Branch President of the AME Church's Women's Missionary Society. Mistress of Ceremony Rita D. Todd recognized all members of The Links, Incorporated, visiting Women's Missionary Society

members, AME Church clergy and other dignitaries. Ms. Wendy Lofton, Health and Human Services Facet Chair in the local Links chapter directed the audience to free health materials and spoke briefly about future programming in the area of health awareness.

Last but not least was the Kaleidoscope Fashion Show, featuring commentator Ms. Marva M. Robinson. Fashions were furnished by Dillard's of Independence Mall and the show consisted of three scenes which included casual, business and evening attire. Wilmington, NC Chapter Links - Ms. Wendy Lofton and Ms. G. Wylene Mapson - coordinated the show. This year's Kaleidoscope fashion mannequins included Ms. Jammie Bitting, Mrs. Karen Davis Brunson, Ms. Angelia Clinton, Mr. Cedric Dickerson, Mrs. Angela Gray, Mr. Victor Gray, Ms. G. Wylene Mapson, Ms. Panza McNeill, Mr. Bernard Robinson and Mr. Jimmy Lee Thompson.

The mannequins not only modeled beautiful spring fashions for every occasion but they added flare in their strut down the runway!

The event closed with

remarks from chapter vice-president Mrs. Emma Jackson, in the absence of the local Links president, Ms. Dorothy DeShields. Although the morning began on a brisk note, Kaleidoscope XXXII warmed the chill in the air, and guests left with spring in their step and renewed hope for our

youth and the future of our community.

The Wilmington, N.C. Chapter of The Links, Incorporated extends sincere appreciation to all organizations and individuals that supported this event. Supporting organizations included Adkins-Drain Funeral Home,

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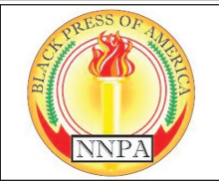
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Part I of a two-part series:

'First, You Cry': Black Press columnist battles for life after 'devastating' diagnosis

(TriceEdneyWire.com) -

For the past 22 years, Jim Clingman has published his cutting edge "Blackonomics" column in Black-owned weekly newspapers around the country. The column mainly pushes for economic justice, which he views as a core necessity for Black progress in America.



Hazel Trice Edney

But as this award-winning columnist, author of four books, college professor, entrepreneurship expert, speaker and businessman continues to fight with his pen, Clingman, a Cincinnati, Ohio native, is suddenly engaged in an unexpected and devastating personal battle. It is a battle for his own life - and quality of life.

Eighteen months ago, doctors diagnosed Jim Clingman with ALS, the gradually debilitating disease that leads to partial or total paralysis of the body and a most often two to five year lifespan after diagnosis. It is the ailment that has become known as "Lou Gehrig's disease", named for the professional baseball player that died from it in 1941 at the age of 37.

Many have learned of ALS from the so-called "ice bucket challenge" that has raised more than \$100 million to research the mysterious illness. Despite the popularity and positive results of the challenge, it can effectually belie the physical, emotional and mental suffering of those who have been diagnosed with it.

"We should not let the celebrity and the novelty overshadow the seriousness of this disease. It's a terrible disease," Clingman says in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. "It's a terminal illness. They just kind of throw up their hands and try to figure out what they can do to help you manage because there's no cure. People who know, know that it's devastating. People who don't know, they may ask what does that mean?"

According to the ALS Association (ALSA.org), here is what it means:

"Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed."

If that's too clinical, Jim Clingman, in his vintage, matter-of-fact style of communicating, makes it simple: "It's like having a stroke one neuron at a time," he says. "It's very slow. It's subtle. But it's determined. It's deliberate. It's a literal assault on your body. And every day you get up you do inventory: 'Let me see, is this still working okay? Is that still working okay?' And you know we have billions of neurons, so it's like a death by a thousand cuts. A

slow process, but a deliberate process."

So far, the creeping symptoms which he first noticed six years ago in 2009 with a weak foot that caused him to stumble when he tried to bowl, have gradually grown into the loss of his ability to walk without help from a walker to sturdy himself. The weakened muscles in his feet and calves have also ended his beloved 35-year bicycling activity. But because the disease is so mysterious, he recalls how just getting to an actual diagnosis was literally a roller coaster.

First, in 2010, he went to a doctor who said he had a spinal stenosis, which means a nerve in someone's back, protruding through the vertebrae and irritatingly rubbing on the bone.

The doctor said, "it's pretty simple to fix" by shaving the bone so the rubbing couldn't happen, Clingman recounts.

Attempting to avoid the surgery, he went through a few months of therapy first. But, then he noticed that his left calf was becoming smaller than the right and that his left leg had become weaker.

So, in November 2011, he went ahead and got the back surgery, which healed in a few weeks. But, it was his wife, Sylvia, a nurse, who said "it didn't look like my walk was getting any better...I had back surgery for nothing."

Then, "I did every test known to man. I went to two neurologists who just threw up their hands and said, 'I don't know what this is.'"

Finally, a doctor gave him a battery of tests, "An MRI, cat scans, blood work. He had to rule out everything: Cancer, MS, Parkinson's disease."

Then, on Aug. 23, 2013, he received the devastating news. For a healthy man then 69, an avid cyclist who could ride a hundred miles on his bicycle, the diagnosis literally rocked his world.

"I've never spent a night in the hospital, never had a broken bone, never been sick other than just a cold. When I was a child, I had measles and chicken pox, that kind of thing. But, I never had anything lingering or wrong with me physically. I've always been pretty active, even up to a couple of years ago...So, this was like devastating, you know."

Now, 18 months since the diagnosis, Clingman is beginning to feel the effects in his upper limbs.

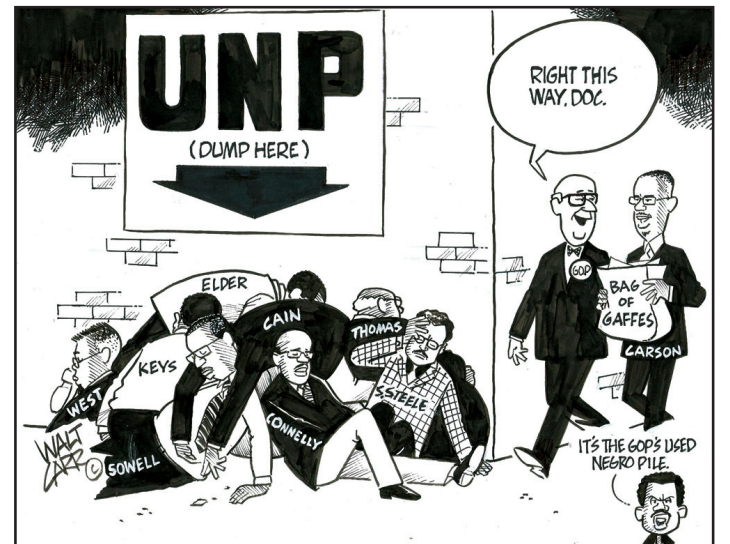
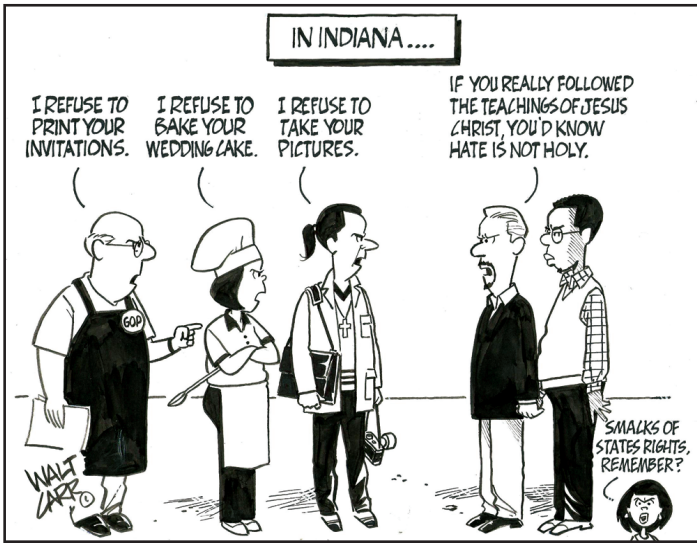
"I can feel a little something in my fingers and arms feeling weaker than normal. As I sit here and write, I sometimes miss the keys, making more mistakes."

And then there's the mind-numbing prognosis. Typically, ALS patients live between two and five years after diagnoses, according to the National Institute of Health.

But Jim Clingman - and his family - are anything but typical. Alongside his wife, Sylvia, a neo-natal intensive care nurse, and his daughter, Kiah, a graduating senior at the Howard University School of Communications, this family is standing on their spiritual faith in God while doing all they can in the natural to fight.

"It's a day to day thing. I have to put it like that. I try to look at the positives like the fact that it started in my foot instead of in

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Visual Voice

Your Voice

Open letter to Mayor Saffo

Hello. I am Justin LaNasa, a downtown business and property owner; and I attended a meeting at Coastline Convention Center. I didn't get to attend the first meeting they had for the MSD, but I heard from a lot of downtown business and property owners what it entailed. What I was told was that there were a lot of mad property/business owners who didn't want any more taxes. So tonight's meeting seemed like the MSD task force, and a WDI was very much for proceeding

with this MSD project, not listening to what the people nor the survey had to say. The mail survey was in favor of no taxes. This was told to us by the president of the WDI. Several times at tonight's meeting, a lot of people asked a lot of good questions, and there were no real answers other than that we are going forward and getting this done. However, my main concern for you, City Council and mayor; is that the members on the MSD task force are not impartial. My question for the nine members of the MSD Task force that were in attendance is

how many of you Task Force members are 100% behind this MSD program, and to my knowledge I saw all. Tom Harris and Clark Hipp raised their hands quite fast and high. This meeting was filmed, so I'm asking you, City Council, to please remove these two individuals because they are not impartial to the job that needs to be done on this task force.

I would mention one other thing while I have your attention. I looked up WDI in non-profit articles of incorporation, and I found there were downtown area revitalization efforts

incorporated and in their charter; and it states that the purpose for which the corporation is organized shall be limited exclusively to charitable scientific and educational purposes!! So please, Mr. Mayor and council, enlighten me on any changes because what I have read in their charter when it was first adopted makes no sense on the position they play in the city.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
 Justin LaNasa
 Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

Time to end mass incarceration

Mass incarceration in the United States is counterproductive and disproportionately causes a long-term injury to Black Americans and others who remain trapped in poverty and disillusionment. How is it that the richest nation on earth and the most technologically advanced society now has the largest prison population in the world?

Michelle Alexander's brilliant best-selling book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, provides a classic analysis of the twin problems of race and injustice. Alexander revealed how the so-called criminal justice system reinforces racial discrimination and bigotry aimed particularly against Black Americans and other people of color. Whether it is an "old" or "new" Jim Crow, the impact of decades of massive unjust imprisonment on the Black American community continues to be devastating.

The "war on drugs" launched by the Reagan administration in the 1980s devolved into a "war on Black America" where the courts and prisons

became institutions to expand the racial oppression of more than 1 million Black Americans. Incarceration rates in the U.S. quadrupled over this period.

According to Alexander, mass incarceration in America targeted Black Americans and maintained by a "racial caste" system of laws, policies and institutions. Alexander explained, "The term mass incarceration refers not only to the criminal justice system, but also to a larger web of laws, rules, policies and customs that control those labeled criminals both in and out of prison. Once released, former prisoners enter a hidden underworld of legalized discrimination and permanent social exclusion. They are members of America's new undercaste."

I agree with Michelle Alexander that this caste system needs to be successfully challenged. The challenge is how to end the mass incarceration caste phenomenon. What strategies will be effective to end this injustice? This is an important question today. Yet, there appears to be some reluctance in the current public discourse to address this issue forthrightly.

There are some who state correctly that we have made considerable progress in America toward a more just and equitable society over the past 60 years. However, that's

only half the story. The reality in 2015 is that the issue of over-incarceration and the lingering debilitating impact of the system of injustice that continues to negatively impact millions of Black American families should be a national priority. But it isn't.

Even as many of our national civil rights organizations add mass incarceration to a long list of other issues of serious consequence, there is not yet a national consensus that it should rank at the top of that list. The truth is that poverty, unemployment, intercaste violence within our communities, poor health care, economic inequity, and inadequate education can all be traced to the short- and long-term suffering that mass incarceration continues to have on Black American families.

Now is the time to make move this issue to the top of the agenda. In the wake of the recent report by the U.S. Department of Justice about the systematic racial injustice in Ferguson, Mo., we should understand that what is happening there in St. Louis County is not limited to Missouri. The "caste" reality of judicial and correctional injustice is a national issue. Every state, especially where Black Americans are concentrated, you will find the largest manifestation of mass incarceration.

The Justice Department

report found that the consequences of mass incarceration in Ferguson went beyond just arrests; they also involved extracting large sums of money from those unjustly charged and jailed. Emails from police officers and court officials further exposed how commonplace racial prejudice was in Ferguson. Police Captain Richard Henke sent in an email, "We shouldn't worry about [Obama] being president very long because what black man holds a steady job for four years?"

There needs to be a stronger and more effective national coalition established to end mass incarceration in America. Ironically, and this is good news, there appears to be a convergence of commitments from both liberals and conservatives to stand together to tackle this social, political and economic contradiction that stands in the way of the U.S. becoming a more perfected union of democracy, freedom, justice and equality. The time to end mass incarceration is now!

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my face. It can start in arms, hands, etc. The doctor told me, 'If there's anything good about this it's where it started in you because it started in your foot and has to work its way up.'"

The ALS Association reports that about 30,000 people in the U. S. are currently diagnosed with ALS. About 5,600 people are diagnosed with it each year.

Meanwhile, there is only one drug for ALS that is approved by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It's called Riluzole. A blue bottle of it sits on Clingman's desk in a den otherwise surrounded by photos of loved ones, books - lots of books - of course his computer, and his walker nearby.

Riluzole "slows progression of ALS but does not cure it," according to NIH. The agency also reports studies that conclude that Riluzole only prolongs life for a range of months.

"It keeps your diaphragm from collapsing, which would

prevent breathing," Clingman explains. But, other, even better medications are being studied.

The New York Times reported in February this year that a new ALS medication called GM6 - still in experimental stages - has now shown to "dramatically slow down the progression" of ALS. The article reports that after using the drug, at least one man "showed small improvements in speech and swallowing, and certain proteins used to signal disease progression actually moved back toward the normal range."

But, the article, written by Angelina Fanous, a 29-year-old who has been diagnosed with ALS, comes to a similar conclusion that Clingman expressed in the interview.

Fanous writes, "Unfortunately, given the length of time it takes to win approval for a new drug, it will be about 12 years, \$4 billion and many more deaths before GM6 makes it into my medicine cabinet. I will be in a wheelchair, using a feeding tube, or dead by then."

Genervon, the maker of GM6, which it calls GM604,

posted a press release on its website March 21 saying it met with the FDA in February and "we have filed a formal request for the Accelerated Approval (AA) Program and are now waiting for a final decision."

Meanwhile Genervon stresses, "In the U.S., it is illegal to access GM604 without FDA approval or outside a clinical trial."

An online petition, already signed by a half million people at www.change.org/p/lisa-murkowski-fda-accelerated-approval-of-genervon-s-gm604-for-use-in-als

The petition appeals to U. S. Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) who chairs the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Sen. Patty Murray, the ranking Democrat on the committee; as well as Janet Woodcock, the doctor who is director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation & Research. About 18 other people, including senators and

FDA administrators are also listed.

ALS notwithstanding, Jim Clingman is up for this fight. He is well aware of the petition and hopeful that millions will sign it and that the powers that be will listen.

"The FDA and the bureaucrats won't allow it to be used...The petition asks them to accelerate the process."

But, as he waits, he and his family are leaning on their faith, which right now, is everything.

"If I didn't have that Hazel, I'd be a wreck. I know it. Doctors give death sentences, but God gives life sentences - eternal life."

He recalls his initial response after receiving the diagnosis, captured in his now daily journal writings. In a nutshell, he says, "First You Cry." Next Week, Part II of 'First You Cry': Jim Clingman - His Family, Their Faith and Their Fight.

Hazel Trice Edney, editor-in-chief of the Trice Edney News Wire and president and CEO of Trice Edney Communications.

BLACKONOMICS

Reviving the spirit of the Million Man March

Having seen how Black people are mistreated in country, not only historically but presently, I thought about that gloriously perfect day on which more than 1 million strong Black men stood on Washington's Mall loving, trusting, and respecting one another. I thought about those I met that day, not having seen them since, and relished the notion of more than 1 million strong, Black men coming to the rescue of our children; I smiled at the thought of us subsequently standing up for Eric Garner and all the others; I beamed at the image of our brothers taking up the mantle



James Clingman

of the legacy left us by the likes of Marcus, Malcolm, and Martin. Where are they now, I wondered. In the nearly 20 years since "The" Million Man March (MMM), we have seen many events that continue to let us know our lives are less valued than the lives of others. We have seen murders, abuse, beat-downs, abandonment, injustice, and intimidation by the authorities and by regular citizens of this country against Black people. We have been put on notice by the courts and the penal system that we count for nothing more than another occupant for an \$80,000 prison cell and \$30,000 annual upkeep. We have been given a reality check, and the point has been made, repeatedly and with emphasis, that we do not count. Even when we returned from the MMM, the media said we were only 425,000 strong. Obviously,

they were still counting each of us as three-fifths of a man. The abuse of Black life is not waning. Rather, it is on the rise, from both outsiders and insiders, those who hate us and those among us who are selling us out and acting just plain foolish and trifling. We are being killed and imprisoned at an alarming rate while we stand idly by in our respective cities and do little or nothing to curtail the violence against ourselves and the violence perpetrated against us by this evil corrupt system under which we live. Where are the million strong? A few years ago, the newest and latest weapon of choice for zealous police officers, which was also a huge money-maker for Rudy Giuliani's boy, Bernard Kerik, was the infamous 50,000-volt "portable electric chair" known as the Taser. It killed Black folks across the country, but we failed to come

out by the millions to protest this cash cow, this so-called less-than-deadly weapon, and now there are actually laws on the books that allow it to be used on 7-year-old children. Tasers are passé; guns and chokeholds are in vogue. Now, in light of all of the dreadful statistics about Black people, if we ever needed a million strong Black men (and women), we definitely need them now. Where are they? If you attended the MMM, if you supported the MMM, if you wanted to go but could not, if you participated in some of the post MMM initiatives, if you were too young and could not go because of school, I want you to do something now. You are 20 years older and, I trust, 20 years wiser, 20 years more experienced, 20 years more

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TO BE EQUAL

The state of Black America- Part 2, Jobs

"The hardest work in the world is being out of work." -Whitney M. Young, National Urban League President 1961-1971

One of the advantages of my position as the president and CEO of the National Urban League is that I have both the opportunity and platform to speak to so many of our nation's young people. I was presented with another opportunity last week as a featured speaker of the Medgar Evers College Global Lecture Series. As I addressed that crowd of future lawyers, IT professionals and perhaps even a president of the National Urban League, it struck me that for a number of these students-our future workforce- they may encounter an America, and a job market, that is hostile to the principles of economic mobility on which our country was founded. Five years after the widely-accepted end of the global economic downturn commonly known as the Great Recession, America's economy inches ever closer to full recovery. In fact, the start of 2015 saw the most sustained period of job



Marc Morial

creation this century. But the dark cloud inside this silver lining is that too many people are still being left behind - particularly in our communities of color, where unemployment remains at a crisis level, even as our economy continues to rebound. For Blacks and Latinos in America, the economic devastation of the Great Recession is as real today as it was when it began in 2007 and what we've found in our newly released 2015 State of Black America® report - "Save our Cities: Education, Jobs + Justice" is a mixed economics bag that reflects a stark tale of two Americas. The U.S. economy added 295,000 jobs in February of this year. For the first time since 1997, we have seen 12 straight months of private-sector job growth above 200,000 and unemployment is down to 5.5 percent - its lowest rate since May 2008. But despite this encouraging news, the Black unemployment is twice that of White unemployment, wages are stagnant and many working people are not earning enough to make ends meet. The Equality Index in the State of Black America® report catalogued Black, Hispanic and White unemployment and income inequality in the nation's largest metropolitan areas. Overall, the Black

unemployment rate was at 11.3 percent and the Latino unemployment rate stood at 7.4 percent versus a White unemployment rate of 5.3 percent. Of the 70 cities ranked for Black-White unemployment, almost half (33 cities) had a Black unemployment rate above 15 percent. In seven of those cities we discovered Great Depression era Black unemployment rates of 20 percent or higher. It is clear that for far too many Blacks and Latinos, our nation's economic recovery is only something they read or hear about. According to our analysis, America's comeback is bypassing large swaths of people in Black and Brown neighborhoods - and that is dangerous - not only to those communities, but to our nation. A recovery that leaves millions of its citizens behind will ultimately threaten America's sustained growth. In a recent report on jobs and unemployment in the Black community, Economic Policy Institute economist Valerie Wilson said, "Even before the Great Recession, black unemployment has consistently been twice as high as white unemployment. To address this problem, we need to look beyond simply returning to the pre-recession status quo and implement policies aimed at ensuring that every-one who is willing and able to

work has a job." A central focus of the National Urban League is workforce development, and being in the business of creating jobs and proposing solutions to our longstanding challenges, our organization has advanced the following public-policy recommendations: Passage of a transportation infrastructure bill with a targeted jobs component. Passage of a targeted, large-scale summer youth/young adult jobs bill. Raising the minimum wage to a living wage. Last week, the U.S. Department of Labor published the March jobs report. While we applaud every stride our country makes in resuscitating our once battered economy, we remain vigilant - and concerned - about the disparity of access to these benefits among our nation's citizens as revealed in the State of Black America® report (for more details and essays from leading figures on the economy, be sure to visit www.stateofblackamerica.org). I am concerned for all Americans, but especially for all the students I meet who live in those communities in crisis and are working so hard in their classrooms now while they dream of a better future. Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

CHILDWATCH

Hunger doesn't get a summer vacation

Many children and families eagerly look forward to the end of the school year and the carefree days of summer, playing outside in the warm sun, splashing and swimming in pools and at beaches, and gathering with family and friends for backyard barbecues. But for more than 17 million children, the end of school can be the end of certainty about where and when their next meal will come. While 21.7 million children received free or reduced price lunches during the 2013-2014 school year, only 2.6 million children - 12.2 percent - participated in the Summer Food Service Program. This huge participation gap suggests that nearly 9 out of 10 of the children who benefit from free or reduced price lunches during the school year may not be receiving the nourishment necessary for proper physical, cognitive, and social development during the long summer months. Hunger has no vacation.

The good news is that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service operates the Summer Food Service Program that is administered by state agencies to serve these hungry children. Although the program is 100 percent federally financed and can create desperately needed summer jobs for cafeteria workers and others, there is still a severe shortage of school and community programs to serve all needy hungry children. And there are other barriers. Summer food programs sometimes tend to be available at odd hours and for short periods of time and in inconvenient places making it challenging for children to get there, a problem exacerbated by lack of safe transportation to the sites.

Over the past few years, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service has been piloting innovative strategies in diverse communities across the country to help overcome many of these barriers. Some programs have had success using mobile vans to provide meals, especially helpful in rural communities.

In other communities without sites, it has allowed the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards - like those used for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) - to transfer money to families so they can purchase extra food for their children in the summer.

Congress has a role to play in ensuring that countless children do not go hungry during the summer. The Summer Meals Act of 2015 (S. 613) was introduced by Senators Kristen Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Arkansas) both this year and last. Their bill would significantly expand summer nutrition programs by lowering the threshold for community eligibility from 50 percent to 40 percent of children in the area eligible for free or reduced price meals. Community eligibility reduces the administrative burden on sites and allows them to serve more children.

There has been progress but it must be increased so children do not suffer hunger. USDA data show that between July 2013 and July 2014, the number of children participating in the Summer Food Service Program increased by more than 220,000 and 11 million more meals were served to hungry children. Our friends at the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) note in their annual report on summer meals that during this same time period, the number of sponsors and sites across the country also increased. However, while improvements have been made to reduce the participation gap, millions of children continue to go hungry during the summer months.

I find it shocking that in 2012-2013, 4.9 million households, including 1.3 million with children, an increase from the previous year, had no cash income and depended only on food stamps (now called SNAP) to stave off hunger. I find it even more shocking that some Republican leaders are trying to cut SNAP when the need is so enormous.

There is a role for all of us in getting food to children during the long food desert of summer months for millions of young children, and right now, we still have time to take action for the coming 2015 summer. Individuals and organizations in communities can help serve the meals, promote the program, provide transportation, volunteer at summer food sites, and help find sponsors.

The USDA has a number of great resources to help sponsors and sites get up and running, including a "Summer Meals Toolkit" that provides information on sponsors, sites, links to state agencies, and much more. And if you know hungry children in your community, you can call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE to find the nearest summer feeding site.

Most importantly, if there are not enough summer feeding sites, ask why not. Urge your schools, congregations and other local programs to continue serving children during the summer months and take advantage of the opportunity to use federal dollars to do it.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

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committed, and tired of the 20-year-old rhetoric about "what we need to do." Whether you know it, or even believe it, you are part of the group that will take Black people to a higher level of responsibility, respect, and commensurate action vis-à-vis those alarming statistics found in all the reports and most recently in the Urban League's State of Black America report. I want you to go www.iameoneofthemillion.com and add your name to the list if you are conscious and committed. Let's begin the process of recapturing the strength and resolve of 1 million Black men who were so intimidating that the federal government virtually shut down the day we came to town. This time, however, I want us to demonstrate that same strength by turning it into real power. How? Sign up, and then

follow through on the simple but vital criteria for membership in this growing and august body of Black people. Please recommit, not only to the spirit of what we did in D.C. 20 years ago, but also to the charge given us that day: to leave that place and do something to help our people. We must reconnect, stay connected, and aggregate our resources in support of one another. We must share information, work cooperatively, take control of our destiny, stand against unrighteousness, and not only say "enough is enough," but do the work that will give substance and real meaning to our words. Where are the one million strong? Where are you?

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.

Jailing educators for 'cheating to the test'

Eleven Atlanta teachers have been convicted of altering student test scores on standardized tests. They are charged with racketeering and conspiracy. The much-celebrated Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools Beverly L. Hall was among the indicted but was too ill to stand trial. She died March 2.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Another group of teachers, principals and administrators took plea bargains. A total of 178 people were accused of taking part in the cheating "scam" and in 2011 Hall reminded observers that "we have over 3,000 teachers in Atlanta," and just a few were part of the cheating scandal. She also denied having any knowledge of the cheating. Until her illness, she insisted that she wanted to stand trial and clear her name. In what was described as the largest cheating scandal in the nation's history, District Attorney Paul L. Howard Jr. prosecuted the educators under a law originally designed to snare organized crime figures. Of the 12 defendants, 11 were convicted of racketeering, a felony punishable up to 20 years. One defendant, Dessa Curb, a former elementary school teacher, was acquitted. Those 11 convicted were

taken straight from the courtroom to jail. Sentencing should take place this week. On top of the 20 years maximum sentence for racketeering, they could be convicted on other charges including making false statements. It is interesting to note that most of these teachers are African American. You can serve as few as 15 years for second-degree murder in Georgia, and as little as a year for involuntary manslaughter. Further, most convicted offenders get a day or even months to go home and straighten out their affairs before reporting to prison. But not this group of educators. These Atlanta teachers aren't the only teachers involved in similar cheating scams. A year ago, 130 Philadelphia educators were accused of cheating. In September, several were ordered to stand trial. Why have those who chose a low-paid and little-regarded profession stoop to cheating on standardized tests? Are they judged by the number of students who pass these flawed tests, and the number who fail? Is there a culture of cheating in too many of our nation's schools? Is there a culture of "teaching to the test"? There is no excuse for the cheating in Atlanta, or Philadelphia, or in El Paso, where the school superintendent was imprisoned for reporting faulty test scores. While there is no excuse, it would be foolhardy to ignore the pressure that many face when federal laws mandate the use of standardized tests to

"prove" that teachers and schools are doing their jobs. In some districts, including Atlanta, teachers are given bonuses when their students do well on tests, and may be terminated when students do not. Even now, after revisions in teacher evaluation, half of teacher performance is based on standardized tests. Teachers can be reassigned, or schools can be closed if there are too many poor-performing students enrolled. It makes sense to look at the many ways that the system encourages teachers to manipulate, if not outright cheat, when they administer standardized tests. Some schools spend days preparing students to take the tests. They aren't spending days teaching the material students must learn, just the rote material needed to pass standardized tests. Passing a test in English and grammar may prove some proficiency, but does it prove that a student can write a paragraph or an essay, or engage in critical thinking? When teachers spend too much time focused on standardized testing and not enough on course content, are they cheating students? In teaching to the test, are they cheating to the test? I'm not referring to the multiple erasures that investigators found on some of the Atlanta tests, or schemes that excluded poor-performing students from testing so average grades could be higher. I'm referring to teachers who choose to teach content that they know will show up on the test, or those who spend tens of hours in "prac-

tice sessions" with old copies of tests used as drills. From my perspective students are being cheated when there is too much emphasis placed on standardized testing. One might ask how teachers and students can be evaluated without standardized tests, but there is an extensive body of research that suggests other methods of evaluating teachers, including classroom observation and curriculum review. Interestingly, an increasing number of colleges do not use standardized tests to evaluate students for admissions because they recognize such tests are flawed. Obviously, there must be some way to measure progress among students, and proficiency among teachers. Still, standardized test results should not be tied to teacher compensation, or to threats of school closings. If standardized tests are one way to measure results, they must be combined with other measures to ensure fairness. It makes sense, though, to ask if there is a racial dynamic to leading nearly a dozen teachers, mostly African American, out of a courtroom in handcuffs. And it makes sense to wonder if the charge of racketeering is being applied too harshly for what is clearly illegal misconduct. While teaching to the test is not against the law, isn't it cheating our students nearly as much as the scams? Julianne Malveaux is an economist, writer, and President Emerita of Bennett College. She can be reached at julian-nemalveaux.com.

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(Rebuilt)
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WILLISTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (WAA) 2015

"CELEBRATING AND COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF WILLISTON AND THE WILLISTON LEGACY: 1915 - 2015"

WILLISTON NEWS

Last week's edition carried the original letter sent in January to over 1600 Willistonians. They have provided their addresses or their classes have submitted their information. We thank *The Journal* for giving those who are not officially connected with the Williston Alumni Association the opportunity to receive the information via the paper. There are a few items the organization has changed since the original letter. All the forms you will need to register, pay dues, purchase teeshirts and make contributions can be found below this message.

The Banquet and Dance has moved from the Hampton Inn to the gymnasium at Williston on Saturday evening. Because of our responses, we quickly outgrew that space. More complete details will follow as soon as they are finalized. The rooms are still being held at the Hampton Inn for \$139 a night until 30 days before the reunion.

We met recently and decided we will have a limited number of additional teeshirts to be sold, but it is advised that you use the form in this paper or in your letter to return with your \$15 check to be assured of getting a commemorative teeshirt.

The cost of setting up a table at the Mix is \$25 and will need to be paid by April 30th. You must provide your own setup and competing items will not be allowed. Everything will be approved on a first-come basis.

The service on Sunday morning will be held at 11:00 instead of 10:00 and will last until 1:00. Our speaker, Presiding Elder Conrad Pridgen, will be highlighted in a coming issue of *The Journal*.

Because of the addition of a class joining us on Saturday night, the available slots are ¾ full. If you are planning on participating in the 100th Celebration of Williston, the Williston Alumni Association must receive your \$50 fee per person no later than April 30th as we have contracts for which we have to provide deposits. Again,, please find forms below.

Scholarship applications are being accepted from anyone who is a descendant of a Willistonian. The applicant may live outside the immediate area. For more information, call Sonya Bull Green, '64, at (910)763-5291. Local applicants, please be aware the Counselors in all the local high schools have the applications, so please ask for them if you have not been aware they are available. Proceeds from our celebration will be applied to our scholarship funds as we try to provide financial assistance to our children. Recipients will be presented at the service on Sunday morning.

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Number of Tickets: _____
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Legal Aid of North Carolina has federally certified Healthcare Navigators to assist consumers with the Affordable Care Act Tax Special Enrollment period until April 30th. If you did not enroll in health coverage prior to February 15th are subject to a penalty for not having health coverage in 2014 or you have had a life changing event and can possibly avoid the penalty with a qualifying exemption please call 1-855-733-3711 to schedule an appointment or go online to www.healthcare.gov.

Community Briefs

Port City Golf Association John Frison Golf Tournament will be from Saturday, April 18th- Sunday, April 19th at Castle Bay, 107 Links Ct., Hampstead, NC. For more information contact Ernie Faison at 910-620-3580.

The New Hanover County Democratic Women-Progressives with a Cause will meet on Thursday, April 9th at McAlisters Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Dinner and social time begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 6:45 p.m. The guest speaker will be from Democracy NC. For more information call 910-395-4502.

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

Bladen County

The Brown Marsh Democratic Precinct is seeking the support of registered Democrats in that precinct to become active members. The Brown Marsh Precinct will be having a meeting of interest to all registered voters (Democrats) on Thursday April 9th at 6:00 pm at the Clarkton Town Hall. If you are concerned about the upcoming election in 2016 and the lack of support for our Democratic candidates, please make plans to attend this very important meeting.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brunswick County

The rating of Brunswick County is not acceptable by all citizens. They have their rights to speak up and give an honest opinion of our schools and how the money is spent. It should be used in the classrooms to purchase more computers and other badly needed items and school supplies.

Verniece Stanley

The strength and success of our schools are the close relations of parents and leaders who are productive and positive. We know that changes will come. No matter how organized and committed you are, the plan

will have to change as you go along. We must understand the needs, wishes, and dreams of our children. We can help ensure a meaningful and caring future for our children. This would include all children in the community.

When preparing to discuss a difficult problem follow these rules to ensure that everyone's feelings are respected. The color of one's skin should not be the number one issue. We need to approach the conversation with an attitude of listening and not telling. A teller could be in the wrong place.

Our children know that they are not alone at home and in the classroom. Many times they want, and need, special attention. This special attention may be the best way

to help them gain new skills in reading. There should never be an overcrowded classroom. This will make it difficult to meet the basic needs daily.

We love our children in Brunswick County and want the best education for them like that of those in counties in North Carolina. The time is now to be very straight forward with the facts. Trying to hide the truth about millions of dollars used for personal enjoyment is now open, and taxpayers citizens are free to speak out on such issues and be heard.

It's time for new leadership in Brunswick County. The truth will stand. Do not hide negative information. Be sure to acknowledge and build on more strength. The right leader

ers will use their power for positive change, and the color of one's skin will not matter.

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.

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We did hear your last farewell, not your final sigh. We only knew you slipped away, with a last good-bye. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Sadly missed by
Your son, Alexander
Murphy; daughters,
Deloris M. Devane,
and Celeste R. Murphy,
grandchildren and great
grandchildren

**BY VELMA HEYER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

It all started with thoughts on a piece of paper. Now it's a reality. Permission 2 Dream, LLC is a youth powered philanthropist group comprised of youth ages 4-17, encourages the youth to give back to the community. Placing God first and paying it forward encourages, great self esteem, confidence, and a time of social and community response.

Not only does Permission 2 dream focus on Community but also the needs of the youth involved whether academic, spiritual or emotional. One of Permission 2 Dream's motto is, "No child is left behind". Permission 2 Dream welcomes youth to

join us as long as they understand we help others and have fun doing so. Currently 78 youth are signed up and committed to the mission.

The first philanthropy project took place on Easter Saturday in which fifty area senior citizens and the sick shut in and just because food baskets were delivered. The youth and the seniors enjoyed it so much. So much love was poured in the youth they were ready to do more. A special thank you to Good news Ministry, Mustard Seed Ministry, AM PM Bail Bonding and area residents for your support for this project.

This was the first of many projects Permission 2 Dream will be sponsoring. The Senior Citizen 65 Plus Prom

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Brunswick County Solid Waste
Spring Free Week 2015

Free Dump Week
April 13 through 18, 2015

Brunswick County property owners and residents may dispose of all materials, except for regular household trash and new construction debris, at the Brunswick County Landfill free of charge. Metal, tires, electronics, latex paint, and yard debris can be disposed of during free week but they must be placed in their designated area.

Commercial vehicles will be charged normal tipping fees.
Must show proof of Brunswick County property ownership or residency.
Brunswick County Landfill
172 Landfill Rd NE, Bolivia, NC 28422
Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 8am until 4pm.

**Household Hazardous
Waste & Clothing Collection**
April 18, 2015

The Brunswick County Solid Waste Department will be at Shallotte Middle School, 225 Village Road SW, Shallotte, from 9 am to 2 pm to collect household hazardous waste. Items will be taken free of charge from Brunswick County property owners and residents.

Must show proof of Brunswick County property ownership or residency.

Some items that are accepted at the HHW collection are various paints, stains, insecticides, herbicides, household cleaners, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, and clothing. All clothing will be donated to the Salvation Army.

For items not mentioned please contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste Department at (910)253-2524.

All items brought to the event must be labeled.

The staff onsite reserves the right to refuse any item brought to the event.

Electronics, latex paints, fluorescent bulbs, automotive fluids, and batteries are not included in the HHW collection. However, they are recycled at the Brunswick County Landfill year round. There is no charge for this service.

This event is sponsored by Brunswick County Solid Waste & Recycling Department, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, The Salvation Army and Keep Brunswick County Beautiful.

will be held in October. For more information about Permission 2 Dream, LLC or to join please contact Velma Heyer, Founder and Visionary at 910-616-4948, Aretha Session, Director of Philanthropy Campaigns, or Ronda King McCullough, Director of Missions and Membership. Visit us on Facebook and also at <https://permission2dreamvh.wix.com/p2dvh>.

The Wilmington Journal
will publish a special edition
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in celebration of its 88th Anniversary.
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

Lula Wright

Lula Wright died Thursday, March 26, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina. Funeral services were held on Thursday April 2, 2015 at Freedom's Way Ministries. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Lula Ann was born on December 9, 1943. She was the middle daughter of the late Fred and Lula Wright, Sr. Preceding her in death are her brothers, Sgt. Major Fred Wright, Jr., Albert Wright, Lester Wright, and George Wright and grandson, Ronald N. Conyers, Jr. Lula attended Williston Senior High School where she committed herself to the NAACP Annual Staff and business stenographer. Lula was a cheerleader and a Vikette. Lula was known for being one of the best dancers of her time. She won the WECT Dance Party in 1961 and received a trophy. When you ask anyone about Lula Wright, they would say, "light on her feet, love to dance." Lula graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1962. She furthered her studies at Miller Motte Business College in Wilmington, North Carolina. She earned two Associate Degrees in Business Administration and Paralegal. Lula worked for the New Hanover County Social Services, NHC Public Library, Cape Fear Technical School Library and Woolworth Department Store. She enjoyed working as a volunteer in the After School Program and the Girl Scout Troops at St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church.

Lula leaves to cherish fond memories: one son, Mr. Larry Degrant Wright of Wilmington, NC; two daughters, Mrs. Samantha LaShawn Smith (Terry) of Burgaw, NC and Ms. Charity Matoka Wright of Wilmington, NC; two great-grandchildren, JeRon Devon Conyers of Winnabow, NC and Zakiyyah A'nae Conyers of Wilmington, NC; two sisters, Mrs. Shirley McRant (Johnnie) of Hopkins, SC and Ms. Gloria Jean Wright of Wilmington, NC; two nephews, Fred Wright, III and Jake Logan, III, both of Columbia, SC; one niece, Mrs. Becky Alexander (Stanley) of Charlotte, NC; two special friends, Mrs. Katie Moore and Mr. Cornelius Bryant "Mutt"; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Patrick Desouza

Patrick Desouza died Wednesday, March 25th at NHRMC. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Patrick Desouza, son of the late Angela Allison and Orville Desouza was born on October 13, 1971 in Jamaica. Patrick lived in New York. In New York he was educated in the public school system and attended college concentrating in design. He designed many prom dresses. After moving to Wilmington, North Carolina, he gained employment with WalMart. He loved his family and will be greatly missed. In

addition to his parents, Patrick was preceded in death by his sister, Jay DeSouza and two brothers, Paul and Michael DeSouza.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two sisters, Paula DeSouza and Nadine Williams (Garrett); his youngest brother, Alex Hinds; uncle, Tony Allison (Cherry); aunts, Lois Edgehill (Malcom), Shirley Kerr Stewart and Claudette Brown; nieces, Vanessa Hinds, and Gail Durant (Dante); nephew, Jamar Williams' great niece, Rylee Durant; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Louis Dowe

Louis Dowe died Friday, March 27, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 12 Noon in the Wilmington National Cemetery.

Louis, son of the late David Dowe and Mary Dowe was born June 13, 1933 in Clarendon County, South Carolina. He was a longshoreman and was employed by King Furniture Company at an early age. He also served in the US Army. Louis was educated in Wilmington, North Carolina and was a member of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his son, Travis Dowe; siblings, Ruth Dowe, Gussie Hodges, Carolyn Chapman, Sam Dowe, Tony Dowe, JC Dowe and Roy Dowe.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Eduth Dowe of Wilmington, NC; six Children, Douglas (Inez) Spicer, Robert Dowe, Subrina Dowe, Timothy (Glenda), Twila Dowe and Felicia (Alvin) Thomas; grandchildren: Dea Spicer, Lavar Spicer, Andre Spicer, Ventwaine Eason, Antoinette (Keith) Yeoman, Yolanda Dowe, Serena Prentice, Lamonda Murray, Eyesaya Smith, Othawa (Sparkle) Law, Sparkle (Steven) Smoakes, Iglesias (Jovan) Dowe and Kenyetta Dowe; sisters, Willie Mae McCullough and Dorothy Turner; brothers, Bobby Dowe and Clyde Dowe; sisters-in-law, Betty (Junior) McAllister, Joemann (Gilbert) Bryant, Emma Dowe and Evonne Dowe; brother-in-law, Jimmy "Dukes" Daniels and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

LeKenya Spears

LeKenya Spears died Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Prince George Hospital Center, Cheverly, MD. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 4, 2015 in Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

LeKenya Spears, daughter of the late Rudolph Sidberry and Virginia Spears, was born on December 30, 1974. LeKenya was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. Upon graduating, she was briefly incarcerated, which was a life changing experience. From that point, she empowered herself to earn an

Associate Degree in Accounting, Bachelor's Degree in Science, Master's Degree in Science and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from The University of Maryland. LeKenya then expanded to opening her own business. She was smart, loving and a true friend.

She leaves to cherish her memories: seven brothers and sisters: Susan Sidberry and Rudolph Jackson of Norfolk, VA, Shirelle McKoy of Raleigh, NC, Cornell Sidberry and Deidre Sidberry, of New Orleans, Angela Tatum (Jerontae) of Wilmington, NC and Christie Williams of Lawrenceville, GA; one uncle, Alfonzo Spears of Graceville, FL; three aunts, Dorothy Spears, Harriet Rivers and Debra Spears, all of Wilmington, NC; a very special nephew, Unyque Temoney; a host of cousins, relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Brenda Murray

Brenda Murray died Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Moore's Cemetery, Wrightsboro Community.

Brenda Elaine Kelly Murray, 57 of Wilmington was born October 4, 1957 to the late Susie and Peter Kelly. She was raised by Mrs. Laura Hill. Brenda was a cook for over 30 years; cooking was her joy. She made the best sweet potato pies around! Ms. Benda truly loved her whole family and she never met a stranger. Every place she went she knew somebody. She was a woman with a pure heart, and a great sense of humor. Brenda adored her children and grandchildren.

Leaving to cherish her memories: two daughters, Anita and Felisha Murray; one son, Dimitri Murray (Radiasha); two nieces she raised, Latarshia and Loletta (Temicia) Fennell; step-daughter, Karen Andrews; grandchildren, Raven, Oshey, Zykira, Sytasia, Marcus, Alesha, Jabril, Breasia, Khalil, Indai, Jaquez, Amari, and Evangela; great-grandsons, Christopher and Kayden; sisters, Edith Stokes, Lauraine Robinson, Mittie Freeman (Jimmy), Susie Kelly and Annie Surles (Glen); brothers, Joseph Fennell and George "CC" Kelly; very special friend of 16 years, Raymond Cromartie; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, friends, co-workers, church members and her children's friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Roland Lee Hall

Roland Lee Hall died Monday, March 30, 2015 in Charlotte, NC. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Hoopers Chapel Baptist Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in Hooper Hill Cemetery.

Roland, better known as "Lee" was born December 7, 1942. Was born to the late Joe and Mary Hall; the grandchild of the late Alfred and Josephine Hooper. Roland was

united in holy matrimony to Mary F. Hall for 48 years beginning on April 7, 1966. Roland was a hardworking man; he worked for E. Rams Wholesale and Seafood in New Jersey for over 40 years. He was a loving husband, wonderful dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. He had a very loving and caring heart and he shared that love with all that he came in contact with, leaving a lasting impression. Love is when you look into someone's eyes and see their heart; that was Lee. To know him was to love him. He will truly be missed by all that knew him.

Roland "Lee" leaves behind to cherish his loving memory; his lovely wife, Mary F. Hall; daughters, Valerie Overby (Kevin) of Charlotte, NC and Janeen R. Hall of Newark, NJ; grandchildren, Tyrell Garnett, Nashea Garnett, Shanowah Stewart, Kimphany Ferebee and Jaheim Overby; great-grandchildren, Tyrik Battle, Na'Kyiah Garnett, Sharrod Battle and Lauren Stewart; special nephew he raised, Terry D. Williams of Newark, NJ; special nephews, Greg Hall, Joe Brunson and Jerome Williams; special god-daughter, Rasheeta Mosley; special grandson-in-law, Roderick Battle; siblings, Willie Hall, Sr (Evelyn), Lottie Bryant, Hattie Mosley, Irene Everett (Robert), Maxine Grady (John), Joseph Hall (Cassandra), Marvin Hall and Johnny Grady (Martha), all of Leland, NC, Wilbert Hall of New Jersey and William Hall of Watha, NC; brothers-in-law, James Williams (Viola) of Brooklyn, NY, Edward Williams of South Carolina, Robert Lee Manning (Mary) of Newark, NJ, WC Williams (Alice) of Raleigh, NC, Curtis Manning of Newark, NJ; sisters-in-law, Ruth Daye, Jerlean Manning, Sandra Jenkins, all of Newark, NJ and Christine Clinton (Tommy) of Raleigh, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and family. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Andre' Howard

Andre' Howard died April 1, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lillie Jenkins

Lillie Jenkins died Friday at Brunswick Cove. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 8th at Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in McLaurin-Jenkins Cemetery. John H. Shaw's Son. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Herbert Junior Keaton

Herbert Junior Keaton died Friday, April 3, 2015 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8th at Spring Green MB Church. Burial will follow in Mt Zion Church Cemetery. John H. Shaw's Son. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Denise Carr

Denise Carr died Saturday, March 7, 2015. Funeral arrangements are incomplete

and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

William Polk

William Polk died Friday, April 3, 2015. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Edward "Rip" Lacewell

Edward "Rip" Lacewell died Monday, April 6, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Edward Lee Bragg, III

Edward Lee Bragg, III was born on February 19, 1965 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was the son of Barbara Nixon Bragg and Edward Lee Bragg, Jr. He went to be with our Lord on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Funeral services were held at 12 Noon, Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Pollock Cemetery, Scotts Hill, North Carolina.

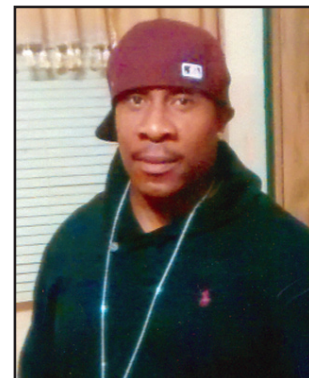
Edward, affectionately called "Man," "Bragg" and "Eddie," was raised in the Scotts Hill area his first five years, then his family moved to Wilmington, North Carolina.

Man attended First Baptist Church, Scotts Hill at an early age where he served as a junior

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Card of Thanks



The family of the late Kiteme DePaul McGoogan extends a sincere thank you and appreciation for your extraordinary kindness shown during our time of bereavement. His death was a shock to all of us but his friends, our friends, and the entire community overwhelmingly came together to support and love his family. The family is so very grateful and wants to say thank you.

Card of Thanks



To the residents of Solomon Towers, retirees and friends The family of Chester Farley Jr. are saying thank you for your love, caring and sharing. Thank you.

The Dixon family and Queen Hardy

In Loving Memory Of



Delonte O'Mar Brunson "Mr. VIP"
Sunrise- October 5th, 1981
Sunset- April 8th, 2010

It has been five long years since you were taken from us, It seems like only yesterday, but seems like an eternity without you. Your beautiful smile, although we see it in pictures, it's truly missed. You gave meaning to every life you touched and you certainly touched many. We love you and miss you "Delonte" with all of our broken hearts, and always will. "Gone but never forgotten"

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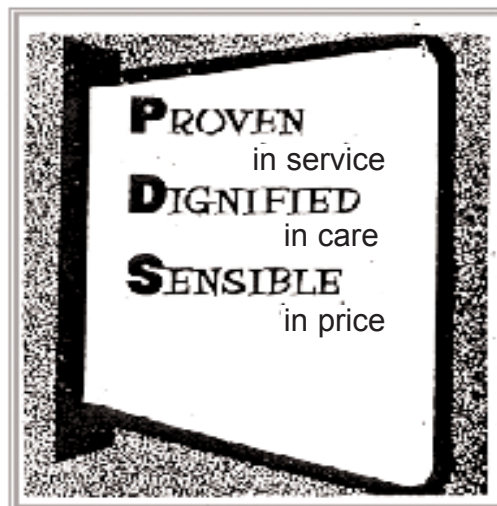
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New Hanover County

Barry Smith & Company will hold an Azalea Festival Musical on Sunday April 12th at 4:00 p.m. at Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church, 711 Taylor St., featuring various choirs and soloist. For more information please call 910-550-7475 or 910-367-3601.

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr. will hold the ordination service for Minister Danielle Glaze will be held Sunday, April 12th at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Colene Kelly of First Baptist Church, Chadbourn, NC.

Ministry of Deliverance, 2162 Wrightsville Ave. will hold the initial sermon of Ernestine M. Washington on Sunday, April 19th at 4:00 p.m. For more contact E. Washington at 910-274-7067.

New Jerusalem MBC, 504 S. 16th St., will hold their annual Daughters of Zion Program on Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. Reverend Robinson and 1st Baptist Deep Bottom will be the guest.

Praise and Deliverance AME Church, 3601 Princess Place Dr., will hold their Pastor's Appreciation Service for Reverend Sabrenia S. Moore on Sunday, April 19th. The 11:00 a.m. service speaker will be Reverend Beverly Harris of Raleigh. The 3:00 p.m. service will be under the leadership of Reverend Wayne Johnson of St. Stephens AME Church accompanied with choir and congregation.

St. Luke AME Zion Church, 709 Church St., will celebrate 150 years on Sunday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker at 10:00 a.m. will be Reverend Joseph C. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Dunn Lillington District. Bishop Dennis V. Procter of the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District will be the speaker at 4:00 p.m. Also the church is holding their free Enrichment Academy After School Tutoring Program i on Tuesdays until May. Elementary School students, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Middle and High School students, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Healthy snacks are served. For more information contact Dr. Diane Emerson at demerson609@icloud.com or the church office at 910-463-7876.

St. Matthew AME Church, 6809 Wrightsville Ave., will be held on Men's Day Celebration on Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. The guests will be Reverend Artie Odom, Jr., choir and congregation of St. James AME Church, Castle Hayne. Dinner will be served. For further information and or directions please call Reverend R.E. Davis at 910-352-4794.

St. Phillip AME Zion Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will hold their Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Robert Jacobs will be the special guest along with the choir and congregation of St. John #3, Bolton, NC.

St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St., will present Port City Gospel Explosion featuring NC A & T Fellowship Gospel Choir on Saturday, April 11th at 5:00 p.m.

The Gertrude Daniels "Crowns Fit For Royalty" Hats on Parade and Tea on April 12th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrew AME Zion Church, 1201 South 9th Street, Wilmington, NC. Please wear your most beautiful, or largest, or smallest, or most unique hat Join our Parade of Hats. Please contact Johnnie Davis for questions or at Msjddavis@aol.com.

The Usher Ministry of Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 4404 Holly Shelter Road, Castle Hayne, NC, will be celebrating their 73rd Anniversary, on the 2nd Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC will render the service. Asking all Ushers present to wear their Church uniforms and badges. A light meal will be served after our Morning Service.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Male Chorus will be celebrating their 44th anniversary on Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Andy Anderson of Cedar Branch Missionary Baptist Church; Loris SC is the master of ceremony. Several male choruses and individuals will be expressing the gospel message through songs. Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their pastor's sixteenth anniversary on Sunday, April 12th at 11:30 a.m. Reverend Michael Jackson and Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Family, Navassa, NC will be the special guest to render service. A celebration dinner will be served immediately following the service.

Graham Chapel AME Zion Church, 458 East Arcadia Rd., will celebrate their 141st anniversary on Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be the Reverend Maria Lacey of Price Cathedral AME Zion Church, Wilmington. Dinner will follow morning worship.

Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church will hold their revival services from Tuesday, April 14th- Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m. nightly. Rendering services will be Reverend Dr. Terry Henry of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Wednesday, April 15th will be youth night.

Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church will present "Seasons" on Saturday, April 18th at 4:00 p.m. Contact Janice Waddell at 910-655-4664.

Pender County

Bethel AME Church, 71 Bethel Church Rd., Currie, NC, will hold their Annual Family and Friends Day Celebration on Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. The guests will be Reverend Arthur Jenkins, choir and congregation of Rockfish AME Church, Teachey, NC. Dinner will be served after service. For further information and or directions please call Reverend R.E. Davis at 910-352-4794.

Full Gospel Christian Church, 307 S. Vann St., Burgaw, NC will hold their revival from Thursday, April 16th- Sunday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Prophetess Jennifer Long will be ministering.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

Learning keeps our brain active

My Fellow Seniors:

When we were growing up, whatever our parents said was pure gospel. We never thought they could be mistaken about anything. No matter what we were saying, if someone asked "How do you know," the answer was always the same: "Because my daddy told me so." That would end the discussion. However, this is a different world. Our children have more information at their finger tips than we can ever learn. We get tired of asking them to show us which button to push. So we quickly decide not to be bothered with all those gadgets. Who needs it?



Ruth Johnson

Surely, we realize that learning something new helps keep our brains active. That's why we need the church to be a learning place. We could get families with all the gadgets that young people are using. Our teachers would be adults instead of little children who think they are smarter than we.

Even if you are not interested in not pushing buttons, there is much to be learned in a group setting. What will you do if living alone becomes a problem? No one wants to give up his or her freedom because of some minor problem. So why not establish a group home for at-risk seniors.

Of course this would not be an overnight thing, but, down through the years, we have learned to put our trust in things hoped for, while the evidence is yet unseen. If two or three churches would come together and establish a group home for at-risk seniors, the residents would find comfort in knowing they would never be alone. They would get all the support they needed from the surrounding churches and seniors not yet born and would look upon this group home as the place to go if they ever needed a place to stay.

Since this would be their last home, founded by the church, they would probably look upon it as the gateway to heaven, and, as always, the missionaries would pledge to do as much as we can, for long as we can. However, in order to do anything, someone has to make the first move. Could that someone be you?

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

Women's Day at Mt. Olive AME Church

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

On Sunday, April 19th at the 11:00 a.m. service, Mt. Olive will celebrate Women's Day with Reverend Delisha Boykin from Alexandria, Va., where she serves as the Chaplain for Community of Faith.

Reverend Boykin was formally educated at Howard University School of law, Grace Seminary and Towson University. From an early age she has written Christian books, poems and inspira-

tions. She operates an internet prayer ministry. Her last book, Positioned For a Breakthrough, currently ranks on the national best-seller list.

Reverend Boykin served as an overseas evangelist in 2006 for the Republic of South Africa, living there for six months. After returning to the states, she has served congregations as minister to youth, Minister of Christian Education, Ministry Coordinator and Senior Pastor. She has preached all over the

United States and is a community activist. In July, 2011, she received the Sojourner's Award for the Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church for outstanding service in international ministries. Rev. Boykin served as clergyperson in the AME Church for sixteen years until 2013, when she and her family relocated to Northern Virginia. She has a long list of organizations in which she is involved. Rev. Boykin is the granddaughter of Reverend & Mrs. Robert Boykin and the



REV. DELISHA BOYKIN

daughter of Reverend & Mrs. Ronald Boykin.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

The wise old owl and habits of a healthy mind

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a cool and rainy morning, but evidence of spring was in sight, as the dogwoods, azalea's, and other plants were blooming. What a beautiful sight! As usual, we were all glad to be here once again, catching up with the local news.

We were greeted by our President Eloise Purdie. She said that we all sounded so happy. She asked Mr. George Hill to come with the choir. He said that the Lord had given us another day with His blessings. With Dr. Mary Benjamin on the piano, we sang "In Times Like These." A warm and fervent prayer was prayed by Mrs. Catherine Tyson. Our next song was "The Solid Rock."

Minister Doris McQuillan came and said that we had better be on the Solid Rock. With sad hearts, we heard of the death of Mrs. Mary Haywood.

Mrs. Cherry Pearson was our speaker for the day. Her topic was "The Wise Old Owl." The Scripture was Proverbs 10:19. James urged us to be slow to anger. Our words should be few. There is a time to speak and a time to listen. There is a connection between wisdom and limiting what we say. We should be careful about what we say or how much we say in certain situations. It makes sense to guard our words when we are angry. Dear Lord, please grant us wisdom to know when to speak and when to listen. I want to encourage others and to care for them as you have cared for us.

Using habits of a healthy

mind, we should try activities of positive feelings. We need a strong connection on which is healthy. Trust in the Lord and do good. Rest in the Lord. Cease from anger. Because of Jesus comes positive hope. We have hope because of what Jesus has done for us. Our hope and good news are in Jesus.

Mrs. Cherry Pearson was thanked for a great message. Minister McQuillan asked for expressions. All were very encouraging, and we gathered strength from them.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Purdie. There were expressions of sadness about Mrs. Haywood and Mrs. Mamie Wade. Mrs. Purdie thanked everyone for their participation so far in the meeting. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Gladys Taylor, our vice president. She asked Mrs.

Mildred Ellerby to read the minutes from last week. They were read and approved. Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow gave her report.

"Callers" report was given, and there was a three-way tie. All were given a round of applause. The Sick Report was given. Pray for them all. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Janice Gordon and Mrs. Beatrice Roberts, whose birthday is today. Elder Lenzy Benjamin will be celebrating his birthday on April 11, 2015.

"Smiles" were brought by Ms. Cherry Pearson and Mrs. Eloise Purdie. We needed the laughs. Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bing Us Together."

Prayer was brought by Minister Doris McQuillan. There were thirty-nine present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Hidden treasure"

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

Treasure - Something or someone regarded as precious or valuable
Hidden - Put or kept out of sight

Every servant of the Lord must refrain from the lure of self exaltation and self righteousness, and resist the temptation to take the credit for what God is using them to do. The anointing of the Holy Ghost is a hidden treasure that empowers the Believer to do the will of God in the work of the ministry. This treasure is hidden in the heart and mind of the human spirit, which is to be submitted to the will of God and the obedience of Christ. There is something on the inside, that works on the outside and brings about a great change in the lives of people.

We must remember to Give God the Glory!

We serve a perfect God, who works through imperfect vessels, to do His perfect will! Though greatly used of God, all must confess, we are not the source of greatness. God Is! "For in him we live, and move, and have our being;" Acts 17:28a Apostle Paul was greatly used of God, but kept himself grounded with such a spirit of humility. He said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live, in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20 He gave God all the glory for the great things that he used him to do!

In reading a biography of Fra Bartolomeo, a great Italian painter, who was also a Dominican Friar; it was said that he refused to sign his name to his work which was beautiful and inspiring. He decided to give God the glory for his work by scratching on each painting, "Pray for the picture, or pray for the painter. For the painter that he may do his work in a better way, for the picture that it more clearly show the Lord; and let the name of the artist be forgotten." This man knew he was operating on the power of hid-

den treasure!

We also find the Word of God to be an unending source of "hidden treasure". The bible is not just a good book! It is a storehouse (treasury) of information that's precious and valuable to the entire human race. Some people refer to the bible as a roadmap, because it can lead from earth to glory! The bible is also like a treasure map that gives us directions to finding answers to life's pertinent questions.

Question: Is prosperity the will of God?
Answer: 3 John 2
Question: Who gives us power to get wealth?
Answer: Deuteronomy 8:18
Question: Where do we go to find healing?
Answer: Exodus 15:26, Psalm 103:3, Matthew 4:23
Question: What is life's Greatest Principle?
Answer: Proverbs 4:7
Question: Where can I go to get love and not be rejected?
Answer: John 3:16; John 6:37
Question: What is the way to Eternal Life?
Answer: John 14:6; I John 5:11-13
Question: What must I do to see the Kingdom of God?
Answer: St. John 3:3
Question: How does Jesus feel

about sinners?

Answer: Matthew 9:10; Matthew 9:12 & 13 Romans 5:8
Question; What must I do to be Saved?
Answer: Romans 10:10-14

We hope you find or unearth the hidden treasure of God in your life today...

My Prayer: Search me O God, and try me. Please reveal any hidden treasure in my life that will give you glory and honor. In Jesus' name. Amen. Tell Somebody!

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

OBITUARIES

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usher. Later years, Bragg attended many other churches. He studied and he understood his Bible. He loved his Father in Heaven and loved people as well as his family. Bragg was kind, loving, caring and sharing to everyone that he encountered along his life's journey. He finally decided to accept Jesus

Christ as his Savior and joined Union Missionary Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Bragg loved sports, he played Pop Warner ball all through his school years. He played Varsity and Jr. Varsity football at New Hanover High School, while there; he was in the concert band and the marching band. He graduated from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1983. He attended East Carolina

University for two years.

Bragg was employed with various trucking companies in Greenville, North Carolina. Later he became an entrepreneur by establishing Bragg Trucking Company, a dump truck business that lasted several years. Afterwards, he moved back to Wilmington, North Carolina. At the time of his death, he was still an entrepreneur with his pickup truck business, picking up debris and

collecting metal to be sold.

During his last few days, Eddie had a very difficult time with his health, but he still had joy. So many people have said they just saw Eddie yesterday or the other day and he was full of laughter and smiles, hollering and waving. Bragg could carry on because he knew Jesus loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memories: five daughters, Tehran Tyson, Anthonia,

Gabriella, and Hannah Bragg and Mia Blount; his devoted mother, Barbara Nixon Bragg; his father Edward Lee Bragg, Jr. (Sara); granddaughter, Naomi Tyson, who was his heart; two loving, caring sisters, Anita Nesbitt (Kalik), and their five children and six grandchildren; and Shelila Nixon and her son; two adopted brothers, Brandon and Patrick Bragg; a step-sister, Sara Hester; two step-brothers, Leon and

Obediah Hester, III; four paternal aunts, four paternal uncles, three maternal aunts and three maternal uncles; a very special aunt, Barbara Foy Nixon and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, John A. Jenks, Jr., having qualified on the **18th day of March, 2015**, as Executor of the Estate of Sarah Hatfield Jenks, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **1st day of July, 2015**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 18th day of March, 2014.

John A. Jenks, Jr., Executor
Estate of Sarah Hatfield Jenks
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James C. Dougall, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina 15-E-0369, 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 & Goss, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, 1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC 28403 on or before the **19th day of June, 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 22nd day of January, 2015.

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

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lloyd Franklin Herring, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Bennie Louise Sharpless, Executor
4310 Bona Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27604

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **James Lawrence Greene**, 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 **26th day of June, 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 26th day of March, 2015

Ursula Denise Whitfield,
Administratrix
4503 Greentree Rd. Apt. A
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Joyce D. Barnes**, 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 **26th day of June, 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 26th day of March, 2015

Mary Ann Huffman, Executor
3727-2nd St. NW
Rochester, NY 55901

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Donnie Earl Spivey**, 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 **12th day of June, 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 19th day of March, 2015

Barbara M. Spivey, Executrix
5101 Lord Tennyson Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Millie Botesky**, late of 201 Victoria Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401 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 PO Box 641, Wilmington, NC 28402, on or before the **9th day of July, 2014**, 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 undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2014.

John B. West, Jr.
Executor of the Estate of Millie Botesky
James D. Smith, Attorney at Law
PO Box 641
Wilmington, NC 28402

April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Martha Ann Colie**, late of 4537 West Cascade Road, Wilmington, NC 28412, 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 PO Box 641, Wilmington, NC 28402, on or before the **9th day of July, 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 undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015.

Jerry L. Hankins
Executor of the Estate of Martha Ann Colie
James D. Smith, Attorney at Law
PO Box 641
Wilmington, NC 28402

April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Louise E. McCoy, AKA Eleanor Louise McCoy**, 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 **9th day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of April, 2015

Denise McCoy Williams,
Administratrix
6140 Carolina Beach Rd. #48
Wilmington, NC 28412

April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015

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

Having qualified as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of **Mabel Bass Halterman**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Barbara H. Wilson, Co- Executrix
1908 Hawthorne Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403
Jenny Halterman Fritz, Co-Executrix
2305 Cowden Court
Raleigh, NC 27612

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **James Walter Clark, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify that all persons having claims against the said estate to present such claims to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of June 2015**, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 19th day of March, 2015.

James Ernest Clark
3425 Marathon Ave
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

Robert C. Kenan, Jr.
MOORE & KENAN Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 957
Burgaw, NC 28425
910) 259-9800

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Charles N. Spencer**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Charles R. Spencer, Executor
32 Burton Rd.
Southport, NC 28461

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Doris F. Yarborough Rogers**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Michael Francis Yarborough,
Executor
3102 Eton Road
Raleigh, NC 27608

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **George W. Jones, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of June, 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 9th day of April, 2015

Elizabeth Jones Cole, Executrix of the Estate of George W. Jones, Jr.
320 Bristol Road
Wilmington, NC 28409
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Joseph Donald Henson, Sr.**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this notice is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said decedent, Joseph Donald Henson, Sr., to present any such claims to the undersigned on or before the **June 26, 2015**, at PO Box 464, Hampstead, NC 28443 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 19th day of March, 2015

Charles Wayne Merritt, Executor
Po Box 464
Hampstead, NC 28443

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
15 E 337**

The undersigned having duly qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **DOROTHY BELL SCOTT**, late of Wilmington, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **30th day of June, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of March, 2015.

Auley McRae Crouch, III, Co-Executor
Estate of Dorothy Bell Scott
Dorothy Crouch Benz, Co-Executor
Estate of Dorothy Bell Scott
Jeffrey P. Keeter
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed,
L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Geraldine Cathey Taylor**, 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 **24th day of June, 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 24th day of March, 2015

Scott M. Taylor, Executor
501 Weaver Mine Trail
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Kenneth R. Hutchins, II, Attorney
Costner Law Office, PLLC
1442 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 26
Wilmington, NC 28403
910-239-5914

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Frances Lyons Lefstead**, 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 **26th day of June, 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 26th day of March, 2015

Clifton L. Lefstead, Co- Executor
6117 Cedar Croft Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28226
Sharon L. Spence, Co-Executor
130 Tanbridge Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Ernest 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 **26th day of June, 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 26th day of March, 2015

Valeria H. Davis, Administratrix
1002 North 8th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
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**LESLIE B. LAFOREST,
PLAINTIFF
V.
ANTHONY W. GIBSON,
DEFENDANT**

**TO: ANTHONY W. GIBSON,
DEFENDANTS**

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Plaintiff seeks legal and physical custody of the parties two minor children.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than **May 12, 2015**, which is forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING IN THIS MATTER IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13, 2015 AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, Courtroom 300, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

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**NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
15-SP-136**

**In the Matter of the
Foreclosure of the Deed of
Trust of MW4, LLC, Grantor,
TO: Joseph C. Hearne II,
Substitute Trustee,**

(i) As recorded in Book 5320, Page 332 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (the "Registry"), as modified in Book 5642, Page 1258 of the Registry.

(i) Substitution of Trustee recorded in Book 5867, Page 1396 of the Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that Deed of Trust Securing Future Advances and from the above-named Grantor to the above-named Trustee dated June 2, 2008, and recorded on June 4, 2008, in Book 5320, Page 332 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds, as assigned by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust dated May 7, 2012, and recorded on May 22, 2012, in Book 5642, Page 1258 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (as amended, the "Deed of Trust"), and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will expose for sale at public auction on the 20th day of April, 2015, at 3:00 P.M. at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC, the real property located in New Hanover County, North Carolina more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (including any improvements thereon) (the "Property"). Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.8, the sale may be made by whole or by tract in the discretion of the Substitute Trustee; further, the Substitute Trustee may offer the Property for sale by each method and sell the Property by the method which produces the highest price. The Substitute Trustee may sell any and all personal property located on the Property in which the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has a security interest in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 25-9-604, 25-9-610 and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items, or together with the real property and improvements as the Substitute Trustee in his sole discretion determines is appropriate.

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

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

The buyer shall be responsible for the payment of any excise or transfer stamps required by law. The record owner of the Property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice of Sale was MW4, LLC.

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

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of an amount not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred and fifty dollars

(\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the Property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, the bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided for in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.30(d) and (e).

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

This the 24th day of March, 2015, J.C. Hearne, II N.C. State Bar No. 17875 J.C. Hearne, II Attorney at Law 265 Racine Drive, Suite 104 Wilmington, NC 28403 Telephone: 910-313-3336 Facsimile: 910-798-9294 Email: jch@jchearnelaw.com Substitute Trustee

Exhibit A
The following property commonly known as 4022 Market St., Wilmington, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT ONE: BEGINNING at a concrete stone in the northern right of way line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad track known as the Dummy Line or the City Belt Line at a point in said right of way line 1225 feet westwardly from the point of frog (the intersection of the northern rail of the said Dummy Line track with the southwestern rail of the New Bern Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad) and from said beginning runs North 10 deg. 20 min. East 437 feet to a stone in the southwestern right of way line of the New Bern Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; thence Southeastwardly with the said right of way line of the said New Bern Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad 632 feet to its intersection with the northern right of way line of the said Dummy Line Railroad; thence westwardly with the northern right of way line of the said Dummy Line Railroad 752 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

TRACT TWO: BEGINNING at a concrete stone in the northwest corner of the Pearsall & Co.'s tract as recorded in Book 157 at Page 598 in the Office of the New Hanover County Registry, said beginning point being in the southern right of way line of the A.C.L. Railroad, New Bern Branch, (65.0 feet from its centerline) and located South 63 deg. 07 min. East 106.3 feet from the northeastern intersection of the right of way of the loop (25.0 feet from its centerline) with the southern right of way line of the said A.C.L. Railroad New Bern Branch, said Loop connects the said New Bern Branch with the A.C.L. Railroad Dummy Line; running thence from said beginning point and along the southern right of way line of said A.C.L. Railroad, New Bern Branch North 63 deg. 07 min. West 106.3 feet to a point, the aforementioned intersection of said Loop with the New Bern Branch right of way; running thence Southwardly and along the eastern right of way of said Loop and along a curve to the right to a point in the northern right of way line of the A.C.L. Railroad Dummy Line, said point being South 03 deg. 34 min. West 486.0 feet from the preceding point; thence running Eastwardly and along the northern right of way line of said Dummy Line and along a curve to the right to a point, the centerline of a dirt road, said point being North 63 deg. 20 min. East 48.6 feet from the preceding point; running thence along the centerline of said dirt road South 00 deg. 25 min. West 13.6 feet to a concrete stone, the southwest corner of aforementioned Pearsall & Co. Tract, said stone being in the northern right of way of said Dummy Line and 50.0 feet from its centerline; running thence Northwardly and along the western property line of said Pearsall & Co.'s tract North 10 deg. 46 min. East 437.0 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 0.4 acres, more or less.

TRACT THREE: A tract of land 30 feet in width extending 15 feet each side of its centerline which is described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the southern line of the Old Market Street Road, now State Highway No. 30, located 1092.1 feet Eastwardly from the Western line of the Oscar Pearsall Estate land (when said 1092.1 feet is measured along the southern line of said highway, assuming the width to be 60 feet); and runs thence from said Beginning South 11 deg. 23 min. East, 655.4 feet; thence South 04 deg. 57 min. East 182.4 feet; thence South 02 deg. 55 min. West 175 feet; thence South 18 deg. 50 min. West 330 feet to the main entrance of the Fertilizer Factory. Being the same property described in deed from John F. Crossley, acting as Receiver to Pearsall & Company recorded in the New Hanover County Registry in Book 1218 at Page 1454 of the New Hanover County Registry.

April 9, 16, 2015

ADVICE

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My daddy is having a baby with a young thang

Dear Alma,
My 59-year-old father may have conceived a child with his 28-year-old girlfriend. I say "may" because his girlfriend sleeps around, and everybody in town knows it. My father is raising this child as his own. He asked my siblings and me to accept this baby and his girlfriend in our lives. He wants them invited to family parties, holidays, birthdays, cookouts, etc. I believe that before we welcome this conniving duo into our family, he needs to take a DNA test. How do I suggest this without getting him mad at my sister and me? My brother says it's not our business.

Ok, pull up a seat, let's you and I have a semi-confidential conversation. I've read your email, perused and pondered it and I've got to say, I remain planted at the same conclusion. I understand the circumstance don't sit well with you, so scoot close. Lean in, are you ready? Watch my lips – listen to your brother. Paadow! This ain't your red wagon to pull.

I know that's your daddy and I get the feeling you guys have a close relationship, which is fantastic and more than likely the reason why you're so upset with the big, white 28-year-old elephant in the room. Yes, I agree, she's too young for your daddy and yes, I agree, he's too old to have a baby, but you know what – it is what it is and neither one of them is required to ask for your permission.

Frankly, this is not your state of affairs; you have no control here. Why in the world are you trying to make decisions for a 60-year-old man? Whether he's living long or living wrong, 60 years is enough time for him to follow his own map of directions. Your father can and will decide with whom he wants to share his life. Newsflash: he was making decisions about women and finding his way before you were born, LOL.

Stay in your lane, sweetie. He's a grown man handling his business. If he is raising the baby as his own, then it's his – period. Like my mama use to say, "If you feed 'em long enough, they'll favor you." LOL! He has accepted this responsibility, and so should you. If the tables were turned, would you want your father all up in your business? Probably not. Should you date only the guys he approves and accepts for you? Ahhh, I think not. Your daddy has enough love for all his children. This new baby is not taking your place.

For the last time Missy; mind your business. Truth be told, we all have enough drama going on in our own backyards to keep us busy. Focus on the weeds in your own garden and let your father tend to his. Seems to me, what looks like an overcast cloud to you is bringing much joy and sunshine to your father. Motivate yourself on being a great big sister. Now wouldn't that be the most decent move you could make out of this madness?

Alma
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ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality
TV Talk
By
Marquesa
LaDawn



It's hard to believe the RH franchise was created based on the ABC show "Desperate Housewives." I have to admit, I didn't really tune in until the third or fourth season and when I did, I was hooked.

Why?
The realness, shock factor, over the top living, the "no she didn't moments." The viewers got to see if the grass is greener without leaving their lawn. Since becoming an addicted fan, I realize that there's no perfect life. In fact, life can be complicated for all, even those with unlimited wealth. It's not just about the money and lifestyles, but relationships and temperament.

Nowhere was that more evident than the Atlanta version. The RHOA's girls are loving the Philippines, and my girl Claudia is killin' it as the host of this soirée. From Day 1 of the trip, she felt a need to protect Phaedra, which translated to the best room and private time.

Smart strategy, I have to say. I got Phaedra to open up, which never happens. Heck, before the episode ended, Kenya was granted "let's talk it out" time by Phaedra. I'm thinking we will see a softer side of her. Before I hand out too many compliments, I need to note the "thumbs down" moments:

Nene bailed and didn't go on the trip. No surprise here.

Cynthia tried to mend fences with Phaedra, but was shot down with a deep stare.

We still do not know Demetria – I loved her in the Tyler Perry sitcom, "House of Payne," but she's mostly invisible on the show.

A really amusing moment, from fellow "food lover" Kandi. Trying out yoga for the first time, she fell a sleep and started snoring in the class. Too funny!

Back to no-show Nene, she has her own show again, this time with Kim Zolciak. I did not see this one coming. Still, a brilliant move by Bravo! I think the other housewives can do without NeNe and still keep us hooked.

Speaking of being hooked, the RH Franchise is famous for their reunions. The bombastic Real Housewives of Beverly Hills reunion was no exception.

First things first, Yolanda looked beautiful, but seemed out of sorts and needed to depart early. But, before she left she did her "I'm loyal to Brandi" talk. This bothered me once upon a time, but now I kinda like it. We all need a die-hard friend, no matter how bad we are.

That being said, Lisa V. and Kyle had guns blazing, poised to tell the truth about Brandi. Poor Andy, the flamboyant host was even attacked by lady B. Again, although Brandi is a pain and makes really stupid choices, no one wants to be attacked. Of course, her new BFF Kimberly Richards was eager to defend.

Kim is still flustered and believes the ladies ruined her reputation. The fact that she took pills and acted like she was under the influence on air is not her fault—or so she thinks. You would think she would have engaged in some self-reflection as the season played out, but she didn't. It's the same old, "it's everybody else's fault" Kim.

I'm still happy about the new Kyle this season, she was really into sharing her feelings and telling it like it is. During the reunion she did not disappoint. I totally lost it when Kyle mentioned that Brandi walks around with the string of her tampon showing. Brandi retorted that at least she still has a period, Ms. Menopause. Yes, she did.

The other housewives where not silent bystanders at the reunion. Lisa R., though soft spoken, participated. Of course, Kim was ready to attack. They actually tried to compare Lisa R. being thin (possible Anorexia) with Kim's drug issues. We all know Lisa R. has always been thin – it's her frame. I think, Kim is jealous that Lisa R. has a real TV career. Heck, the woman just earned a high seven-figure check for her depend commercials!

Before I close, I have a news flash on The Real Housewives of New Jersey's Teresa Giudice. Teresa and her family seem to be adjusting to her new life behind bars. But, there's a hole with Teresa away that 6-hour family visits can't fill. Emails to and from her daughters along with nightly phone conversations fill a small part of the void. I'm impressed that the lady that once said, "I refuse to live in a used house," is existing with great focus in the Big House.

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